

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**Notice of Availability  
for the  
San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E)  
Otay Mesa Power Purchase Agreement Transmission Project  
Public Scoping Report**

Pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 1001, the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) General Order (GO) 131-D and the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) submitted an Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for the proposed Otay Mesa Power Purchase Agreement (OMPPA) Transmission Project (Application No. A.04-03-008), filed on March 8, 2004.

The CPUC will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for SDG&E's proposed OMPPA Transmission Project. SDG&E intends to enter into a contract with the Calpine Corporation to purchase 570 megawatts (MW) of power from Calpine's Otay Mesa Power Plant. According to SDG&E, the project is proposed as the primary infrastructure needed to connect Calpine's Otay Mesa Power Plant to SDG&E's transmission system. The proposed project includes a new 230 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission circuit that would connect the Otay Mesa Power Plant with both the existing Sycamore Canyon and Old Town substations. The primary components to be evaluated in the EIR include a new 230 kV electric transmission circuit, a new transition station and modifications to the existing Sycamore Canyon, Miguel and Old Town substations. The new 230 kV transmission circuit to be evaluated in the EIR includes approximately 21 miles of overhead transmission lines to be located within existing SDG&E right-of-way and seven miles of transmission lines to be located underground primarily within City of San Diego roadways. The transmission line to be evaluated in the EIR would cross the cities of San Diego, Chula Vista, National City and unincorporated areas in the eastern portion of San Diego County, as well as military lands. In August 2004, the CPUC conducted public scoping for the OPMA Transmission Project in compliance with CEQA Guidelines by preparing a Notice of Completion and Notice of Preparation, conducting public scoping meetings and receiving written comments. A public scoping report was completed by the CPUC in September 2004, and fulfilled all of the scoping requirements of the CPUC pursuant to CEQA.

Notice is hereby given that copies of the Public Scoping Report are available for review at Dudek & Associates office at 605 Third Street, Encinitas, CA 92024; San Diego Central Library, 820 E Street, San Diego, CA 92101; Mission Hills Library, 925 West Washington Street, San Diego, CA 92103; Eastlake Branch Library, 1120 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, CA 91913; National City Public Library, 200 East 12th Street, National City, CA 91950; Linda Vista Branch Library, 2160 Ulric Street, San Diego, CA 92111; Chula Vista Public Library, Civic Center Branch, 365 F Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910; and the Chula Vista Public Library, South Chula Vista Branch, 389 Orange Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91911.

The Public Scoping Report minus the appendices (Notification and Scoping Meeting Materials; Summary of Scoping Comments; Letters Received in Response to the Notice of Preparation) will be posted on the Internet at: <http://dudek.com/cpuc/sdge-omppa-trans-proj/>. The CPUC has limited copies of the Public Scoping Report available to the public. Requests for additional information should be directed to Billie Blanchard, California Public Utilities Commission, tel. (415) 703-2068.