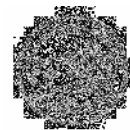


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To : Readers of the Draft Environmental Impact Report

From : Jensen Uchida, CPUC EIR Project Manager

Subject: **Notice of Availability**, Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed San Diego Gas & Electric Company's Silvergate Transmission Substation Project  
CPCN Application No. CA.05-03-024; State Clearinghouse No. 2005081106

Date : March 10, 2006

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E) application to build and operate the Silvergate Transmission Substation Project. If approved, the Proposed Project would replace the aging 139/69 kV Main Street Substation with a new 230/69 kV Substation (Silvergate). The new Silvergate Substation would be located across the street from the existing Main Street Substation on SDG&E owned property and on adjoining property in the Barrio Logan community in the City of San Diego. In addition, SDG&E is proposing two associated projects: installation of a Special Protection System at transmission substations dispatching power from the South Bay Power Plant and 138 kV line undergrounding and removal of lattice steel bridge structures located within SDG&E's right-of-way (ROW) between South Bay Power Plant and the Sweetwater River. According to SDG&E, the project is proposed to upgrade aging and obsolete equipment at Main Street Substation, provide increased substation reliability, provide increased bulk power transmission system reliability, provide expansion capability for load growth and potential generation additions, and work with local governments to achieve long-term land use goals.

The DEIR details the Proposed Project, evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of SDG&E's Proposed Project, identifies those impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures, which, if adopted by the CPUC or other responsible agencies, could avoid or minimize these impacts. The DEIR also evaluates alternatives to the Proposed Project, including the No Project Alternative, as required by CEQA. The DEIR was released for public review on March 10, 2006. Copies of the DEIR are available for review at Dudek's office at 605 Third Street, Encinitas, CA 92024; San Diego Central Library, 820 "E" Street, San Diego, CA 92101; Linda Vista Branch Library, 2160 Ulric Street, San Diego, CA 92111; National City Public Library, 200 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, National City, CA 91950; Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library, 265 "F" Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910; and South Chula Vista Branch Library, 389 Orange Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91911. Copies of the DEIR on CD, or a separately bound Executive Summary, may be requested by mail. The CPUC also has a limited number of copies of the complete DEIR document available to the public upon request at the addresses listed below.

***Written comments on the DEIR must be postmarked and received no later than April 24, 2006; please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number.*** Written comments on the Draft EIR should be sent to:

Jensen Uchida, CPUC  
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In order to help affected communities understand the Proposed Project and the DEIR, and to explain how the public can participate in the CPUC's decision-making process, the CPUC will hold an informational meeting on April 20, 2006. At this informational workshop, the EIR Team and CPUC staff will be available to respond to questions and provide clarification regarding the impact analysis and conclusions presented in the DEIR.

Details on the information meeting is as follows:

<b>CPUC Informational Meeting</b>
April 20, 2006 Chula Vista Civic Library Auditorium 365 "F" Street Chula Vista, CA 91910 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**Sources of Project Information**

Additional information and the electronic version of the DEIR will be available at the project website:

<http://www.dudek.com/cpuc/sdge-silvergate/>.

This site will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce upcoming public meetings.

You may also contact the EIR Team by U.S. mail:

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DEIR comments will be accepted by U.S. Mail at the foregoing listing and must be postmarked by April 24, 2006. Please include your name, address, and telephone number.