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**Notice of Availability
for the
San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E)
Silvergate Transmission Substation 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 Silvergate Transmission Substation (Silvergate) Project (Application No. 05-03-024), filed on March 30, 2005.

The CPUC will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for SDG&E's proposed Silvergate Project. 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. SDG&E is proposing to replace the aging 138/69 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 in the City of Chula Vista. In September 2005, the CPUC conducted public scoping for the proposed Silvergate Transmission Substation 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 October 2005, 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; Logan Heights Branch Library, 811 South 28th Street, San Diego, CA 92113; Linda Vista Branch Library, 2160 Ulric Street, San Diego, CA 92111; National City Public Library, 200 East 12th Street, National City, CA 91950; Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library, 365 "F" Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910; and South Chula Vista Branch Library, 389 Orange Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91911.

The Public Scoping Report minus the Notification and Scoping Meeting Materials will be posted on the Internet at: <http://www.dudek.com/cpuc/sdge-silvergate/>. The CPUC has limited copies of the Public Scoping Report available to the public. Requests for additional information should be directed to Jensen Uchida, California Public Utilities Commission, c/o Dudek & Associates, Inc., 605 Third Street, Encinitas, CA 92024.