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To: Readers of the Draft Environmental Impact Report

From: Andrew Barnsdale, EIR Project Manager

Subject: Notice of Availability
Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Steam Generator Replacement Project

Date: April 15, 2005

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of Southern California Edison's (SCE) application to replace the steam generators at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Units 2 and 3 (SONGS 2 & 3). This Proposed Project would enable SONGS to remain in service until the end of the current term of each of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) licenses. The current licenses authorize SONGS 2 & 3 to operate until 2022. However, the existing steam generators have exhibited degradation and are currently predicted to reach the end of their operating life within the next several years. The original steam generators will eventually reach a state where, under applicable NRC regulations, either the steam generators must be replaced or the units must be shut down.

The DEIR describes SCE's Proposed Project, evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Proposed Project, and identifies those impacts that could be significant. The DEIR also 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 April 15, 2005. The 650+ page DEIR is available at the San Clemente Branch Library and on the project website, as listed on page 2 of this notice. Copies of the DEIR on CD or a separately bound Executive Summary may be requested by phone or fax at (949) 203-6410 or by e-mail at sanonofre@aspenerg.com. The CPUC also has a limited number of copies of the complete DEIR document available to the public upon request at the below addresses/numbers.

Written comments on the Draft EIR must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail no later than May 31, 2005; please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number.
Written comments on the Draft EIR should be sent to:

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In order to help affected communities understand the Proposed Project and the Draft EIR, and to explain how the public can participate in the CPUC's decision-making processes, the CPUC will hold two Public Workshops on May 12, 2005. Both meetings will include an open-house type informational session and a more formal presentation and public comment session. The informal informational sessions are an opportunity to speak with the specialists who wrote the Draft EIR and ask questions about the project or the analysis. Written comments may be submitted during the meetings listed below and oral comments from interested parties will also be received during the meetings. Details on the Public Workshops are as follows:

Public Workshops on Draft EIR
Thursday, May 12, 2005 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. AND 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. San Clemente Community Center Multi-Purpose Room 100 North Calle Seville San Clemente, CA 92672

Sources of Project Information

For additional information or to read the Draft EIR online, visit the project website at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/sanonofre/sanonofre.htm>

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

The DEIR is also available at the San Clemente Branch Library, located at 242 Avenida Del Mar in San Clemente.

You may also contact the EIR team by phone, fax, e-mail, or postal mail:

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