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To: Readers of the Draft Environmental Impact Report

For: Beth Shipley, EIR Project Manager
California Public Utilities Commission - Energy Division

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Tri-Valley 2002 Electric Power Capacity Increase Project

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared the enclosed Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of Pacific Gas & Electric Company's (PG&E Co.) application to build and operate the Tri-Valley 2002 Electric Power Capacity Increase Project. This Proposed Project would increase electric service to the Tri-Valley area by adding substations in North Livermore and Dublin, expanding the Vineyard Substation in Pleasanton, and installing about 23.5 miles of 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines to serve these substations. The Draft EIR evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of PG&E's Proposed Project, identifies those 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 Draft EIR also evaluates alternatives to the Proposed Project, which could eliminate or reduce some of these impacts, including the No Project Alternative, as required by CEQA.

The Draft EIR was released for public review on December 26, 2000. The 800+ page Draft EIR will be available for review at several area libraries and on the project website, as listed on page two of this notice. You may request a separately bound Executive Summary by fax at 925/397-3041 or by email at Tri-Valley@aspenerg.com.

Written comments on the Draft EIR must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail no later than February 19, 2001; 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 three informational meetings on January 23, 24, and 25, 2001. These informal meetings are an opportunity to speak with the specialists who wrote the Draft EIR and ask questions; the specialists will be available at any time between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., on the dates and locations listed below. While written comments may be submitted during these informal meetings, there will be no facilities to record oral comments.

Three Public Participation Hearings will also be held, on February 8, 13, and 15, 2001, to receive oral and written comments from interested parties. A CPUC Administrative Law Judge will conduct the Public Participation Hearings on the Draft EIR, and comments will be entered into the public record.

Details on these informational meetings and Public Participation Hearings are as follows:

Informational Meetings	Public Participation Hearings
January 23, 2001 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Vintage Hills School: Multi-Purpose Room 1125 Concord Street, Pleasanton	February 8, 2001 7:00 p.m. City of Livermore: Council Chambers 3575 Pacific Avenue, Livermore
January 24, 2001 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Dublin High School: Little Theater 8151 Village Parkway, Dublin	February 13, 2001 6:30 p.m. Vintage Hills School: Multi-Purpose Room 1125 Concord Street, Pleasanton
January 25, 2001 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. City of Livermore: Council Chambers 3575 Pacific Avenue, Livermore	February 15, 2001 7:00 p.m. Dublin Elementary School: Multi Purpose Room 7997 Vamac Road, Dublin

Sources of Project Information
<p>For additional information or to read the Draft EIR online, check out the CPUC's "Current Projects" webpage, then click on the Tri-Valley 2002 Capacity Increase Project (A.99-11-025) link: www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/projects.htm</p> <p>You may also contact the EIR team by phone, fax, email or U.S. Mail:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Phone (voice or fax): (925) 397-3041 Email: Tri-valley@aspeneg.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Write to: Beth Shipley, CPUC c/o Aspen Environmental Group 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 800 San Francisco, CA 94104</p> <p>*Draft EIR comments will be accepted by fax, e-mail or postmark at the foregoing listings through February 19, 2001; please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number.</p>

Repositories for Project Documents		
Pleasanton Public Library 400 Old Bernal Ave Pleasanton, CA (925) 931-3400	San Ramon Library 100 Montgomery Street San Ramon, CA (925) 973-2850	CPUC Central Files 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA (415) 703-2045
Livermore Public Library 1000 South Livermore Avenue Livermore, CA (925) 373-5500	Dublin Branch Library 7606 Amador Valley Blvd Dublin, CA (925) 828-1315	