

Proposed

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VIEJO SYSTEM PROJECT

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TO: All Interested Parties

Pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) General Order 131-D, Southern California Edison (SCE) has filed an application with the CPUC for a Permit to Construct power lines and an associated substation known as the Viejo System Project (A.03-03-043).

To improve system reliability and meet projected electrical load requirements in the south Orange County area, SCE proposes to construct the 220/66/12 kilovolt (kV) Viejo Substation on a 12.5-acre site located in the City of Lake Forest, and a 3.1-mile 66 kV subtransmission line along the corridor between the proposed Viejo Substation and the existing Chiquita Substation located in the City of Mission Viejo. In addition, the proposed project would include the replacement of 19 existing double-circuit tubular steel poles with 13 H-frame structures capable of carrying four 66 kV circuits, and the installation of two optical ground wires.

Construction is anticipated to commence in Spring 2004.

Document Available for Review

The Commission has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study describing the project and its potential environmental effects. Based on this document, it has been determined that the proposed project, as modified with mitigation, will not have any significant effects on the environment. The Commission's environmental document and related documents prepared by the Applicant (SCE) may be reviewed at the following locations:

Mission Viejo Library
100 Civic Center
Mission Viejo, CA 92691
(949) 830-7100

Mon.-Thurs.: 10 am-9 pm

Fri.: 1 pm-5 pm, Sat: 10 am-5 pm

Sunday: 12 pm-5 pm

El Toro County Branch Library
24672 Raymond Way
Lake Forest, CA 92630
(949) 855-8173

Mon.-Thurs.: 10 am-9 pm

Fri. and Sat.: 10 am-5 pm

Sunday: 12 pm-5 pm

The Norman P. Murray Community and
Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way
Mission Viejo, CA 92692
(949) 470-3062

Monday-Friday: 8 am-5 pm

Saturday: 8 am-5 pm

Sunday: 12 pm-10 pm

For electronic access to the Mitigated Negative Declaration and other project information or copies of reports, check CPUC's web site at:

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

You may also leave a message on the project hotline at (949) 606-8494, or e-mail us at:

viejosystem@spenec.com

Time for Review

The public review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration commences on March 10, 2004, and ends April 9, 2004. All comments must be received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on April 9, 2004, at the following address:

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