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**SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY  
CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST  
POWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS  
CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION PLAN**

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## 1 – INTRODUCTION

This Construction Notification Plan (Plan) describes San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E's) actions to ensure that all property owners within 1,000 feet of all components of the Cleveland National Forest (CNF) Power Line Replacement Projects (Project) receive prior notice of Project activities. The Project includes a variety of activities in support of the following construction components:

- replacement of approximately 1,400 existing wood poles with fire-resistant, weathered steel poles;
- undergrounding of approximately 26 miles of existing 12 kilovolt (kV) distribution lines;
- removal of approximately 30 miles of existing 12 kV and 19 miles of existing 69 kV overhead facilities; and
- closure of approximately 24 miles of access roads.

This Plan was prepared in accordance with Mitigation Measure (MM) LU-1 and APM-NOI-01, as described in the Project's Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement's Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program and the United States Forest Service (USFS) Record of Decision. In addition, SDG&E may, at its discretion, undertake additional public outreach efforts not outlined within this Plan.

## 2 – OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Plan is to ensure that information about the Project's construction activities is proactively and accurately disseminated on a timely and regular basis to interested parties and residents of the local community in order to avoid or minimize construction disturbances.

## 3 – MITIGATION MEASURES

MM LU-1 requires SDG&E to prepare and submit a Construction Notification Plan to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and USFS for approval 45 days prior to construction of the first segment. The Plan will be updated with additional information, as needed, at least 45 days prior to construction of each additional segment. The Plan identifies the procedures that will be used to inform private landowners, schools, and agencies with authority over recreation areas/facilities of the location and duration of construction; identifies approvals that are needed prior to the posting or publication of construction notices; and includes the text for the proposed public notices and advertisements. The Plan addresses the following construction notification components:

- **Public notice mailer.** A public notice mailer will be prepared and mailed no less than 15 days prior to construction. The notice will identify construction activities that will restrict, block, remove parking, or require a detour to access existing residential properties and other sensitive land uses. The notice will also state the type of construction activities that will be conducted and the location and duration of construction, including all helicopter activities. SDG&E will mail the notice to all

residents or property owners within 1,000 feet of Project components and to all land use agencies with jurisdiction over a recreation area/facility located within 1,000 feet of a project component. If construction delays of more than 30 days occur, an additional notice will be prepared and distributed. To facilitate access to properties obstructed by construction activities, SDG&E will notify property owners and tenants at least 24 hours in advance of construction activities and will provide alternative access if required.

- **Newspaper/website advertisements.** Fifteen days prior to construction of any Project component, notices will be placed in local newspapers and bulletins, including Spanish language newspapers and bulletins, and on the relevant websites of jurisdictional agencies. The Forest Supervisor, District Rangers, and Public Affairs Officer of the CNF will also be notified. The notice will state when and where construction will occur and will provide information about the public liaison and hotline. If construction is delayed for more than seven days, an additional round of newspaper notices will appear describing the status and anticipated schedule of construction.
- **Public venue notices.** At least 30 days prior to construction, a notice of construction will be posted at public venues—such as libraries, community notification boards, post offices, rest stops, community centers, trailheads, informational kiosks, and other public venues applicable to the electrical facility under construction—to inform potentially affected residents and recreationists of the purpose and schedule of construction activities.
- **Public liaison person and toll-free information hotline.** SDG&E will identify and provide a public liaison person before and during construction to respond to concerns from neighboring property owners about noise, dust, and other construction disturbances. Procedures for reaching the public liaison officer via telephone or in person will be included in notices distributed to the public. SDG&E will also establish a toll-free telephone number for questions or complaints during construction and will develop procedures for responding to callers.

APM-NOI-01 states that SDG&E will provide notice of the construction schedule to all property owners within 300 feet of the Project by mail at least one week prior to the start of construction activities. The announcement will include the construction start date, anticipated completion date, and hours of operation, and will also provide a telephone contact number to call with questions or complaints during Plan implementation.

SDG&E intends to comply with MM LU-1 and APM-NOI-01, by implementing the components of these measures as outlined in the following subsections.

### **3.0 PUBLIC NOTICE MAILER**

No less than 15 days prior to construction, SDG&E will prepare and mail a public notice—a sample of which is provided as Attachment A: Public Mailer—to all property owners within 1,000 feet of Project components and to all land use agencies with jurisdiction over a recreation area/facility located within 1,000 feet of a Project component. Attachment B: Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects 1,000-Foot Buffer Notification Overview Map

provides a map of the property owners within 1,000 feet of Project construction activities, and Attachment C: Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects Public Notice Mailer List provides a list of those property owners. The public notices will not be distributed by SDG&E until a Notice to Proceed (NTP) is issued by the CPUC or until the CPUC provides authorization to SDG&E that the public notice is permitted to be distributed prior to issuance of an NTP. The public notice will identify construction activities that will restrict, block, remove parking, or require a detour to access existing residential properties. The notice will identify the type of construction activities that will be conducted, the hours of operation, and the location and duration of construction, including all helicopter activities. If construction is delayed by more than 30 days from the start date identified in the mailer, an additional notice will be prepared and distributed. The notice will be made available in Spanish upon request.

A draft of the public notice template will be provided to the CPUC and USFS for review and comment prior to distribution to property owners within 1,000 feet of all Project components; this template has been included as Attachment A: Notice of Construction to this Plan. The same public notice template will be used for all subsequent mailings. Following completion of the mailing distribution, SDG&E will provide the CPUC and USFS with a final copy of the public notice, as well as verification that the mailing distribution was completed. This mailer will satisfy notification requirements of both MM LU-1 and APM-NOI-01.

### **3.1 NEWSPAPER/WEBSITE ADVERTISEMENTS**

No less than 15 days prior to construction of any Project component, SDG&E will place notices—a sample of which is provided as Attachment D: Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects Newspaper/Website Advertisement—in local newspapers. A draft of the newspaper/website advertisement will be provided to the CPUC and USFS for review and comment prior to publication. A list of local newspapers is provided in Table 1: Local Newspapers Notification List. At this time there is not a Spanish language newspaper that covers the geographic region of the project area. Notices will also be placed on the SDG&E project website. SDG&E will provide the notice to the appropriate agencies such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, CPUC, and USFS CNF, as applicable and depending on the planned construction component, As SDG&E does not have access to agency websites the notice will be provided to each agency with the intent that the individual agencies will post to their own websites. SDG&E will notify the Forest Supervisor, District Rangers, and Public Affairs Officer of the CNF that the advertisement was placed. The notice will state when and where construction will occur and provide information regarding how to contact the public liaison person and hotline. If construction is delayed for more than 7 days, an additional round of newspaper notices will be placed to describe the status and anticipated schedule of construction.

### **3.2 PUBLIC VENUE NOTICES**

Not less than 30 days prior to construction, SDG&E will post a notice of construction at public venues (e.g., libraries, community notification boards, rest stops, community centers, trailheads, and informational kiosks) to inform potentially affected residents and recreationists of the purpose and schedule of construction activities. A sample of this public venue notice is provided in Attachment E: Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects Public Venue Notice. Venues will be selected according to the various Project segments to ensure that notices

are posted in geographically appropriate locations according to the Project’s construction schedule. A sample of a public venue construction notification will be provided to the CPUC and USFS for review and comment prior to posting.

**Table 1: Local Newspapers Notification List<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Newspaper Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
The Alpine Sun	2144 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, CA 91901
Julian News	1453 Hollow Glen Road, Julian, CA 92036
Ramona Sentinel	425 10th Street, Ramona, CA 92065
San Diego Union-Tribune	350 Camino de la Reina, San Diego, CA 92108

**3.3 PUBLIC LIAISON AND TOLL-FREE INFORMATION HOTLINE**

SDG&E identifies Todd Voorhees as the public liaison for the Project prior to and during construction. He will be available to respond to concerns of neighboring property owners and interested stakeholders about noise, dust, and other potential construction disturbances. SDG&E will include contact information for the public liaison in all notices distributed to the public and on the Project’s website. A toll-free number, provided in Section 3.4 Contact Information, has been established and made available to receive inquiries before and during construction of the Project. The toll-free number will be included in all public notices and is available on SDG&E’s Project website.

The following procedures have been developed for handling and responding to calls:

- A Project team member will be available during construction hours to answer the toll-free information hotline. In the event that a team member is not available to answer the phone, or if a call is received after normal business hours, a voicemail service will be set up for callers to leave their inquiries. Team members will monitor the message system throughout the day to ensure that any inquiries are answered in a timely manner.
- Team members’ responsibilities for the toll-free hotline include answering the phone with “SDG&E Major Projects Information Hotline, how may I help you?” Team members will listen to the question and determine the best answer. If the team member does not feel as though he or she is the appropriate person to respond to the inquiry, the team member will forward the request to an alternate SDG&E representative. Meanwhile, the team member will inform the inquirer that his or her request is being routed to the most appropriate team member, and that they should receive a response within 24 hours.

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<sup>1</sup> Notification List for the TL625B and TL629E. Additional newspapers may be utilized for notification of construction of future project components.



### **3.4 CONTACT INFORMATION**

To obtain more Project-related information or to submit questions, interested parties may contact the following SDG&E representative:

Todd Voorhees, Regional Public Affairs Manager  
SDG&E  
Major Projects  
1010 Tavern Road  
Alpine, CA 91901  
Phone: (866)-382-0886  
Email: [tvoorhees@semprautilities.com](mailto:tvoorhees@semprautilities.com)

Additional Project-related information can be found on the following website:

[www.sdge.com/key-initiatives/cleveland-national-forest-power-line-replacement-projects](http://www.sdge.com/key-initiatives/cleveland-national-forest-power-line-replacement-projects)



**ATTACHMENT A: PUBLIC MAILER**





**Todd Voorhees**  
Regional Public Affairs Manager

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San Diego, CA 92123

Tel: 858-650-6123  
[tvoorhees@semprautilities.com](mailto:tvoorhees@semprautilities.com)

August 15, 2016

Name  
Address  
Address

Dear SDG&E Customer:

The Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Project) received two major regulatory approvals when the California Public Utilities Commission approved the Project on May 26, 2016 and the United States Forest Service granted a Record of Decision for this vital electric infrastructure project on March 11, 2016.

SDG&E will commence construction of the Project on or around August 2016/September 2016. You are receiving this letter because you reside and/or own property near SDG&E's planned construction activities associated with this Project, which will consist of the following:

- **Wood to Steel Pole Replacement:** In total, approximately 1,400 existing wood poles will be replaced across the entire project area with fire-resistant, weatherized steel poles along six 69 kilovolt (kV) power lines and six 12 kV distribution lines.
- **Undergrounding:** Approximately 26 miles of existing 12 kV electric lines will be placed underground and their corresponding overhead facilities will be removed.
- **Removal:** Approximately 24 miles of existing 12kV and 19 miles of 69kV overhead facilities will be removed.

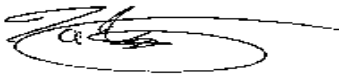
This letter is to advise you of the upcoming commencement of construction activities at Tie Line (TL) 625B and TL 629E. The work for these upgrades includes: site preparation, replacing structure foundations, placement of weatherized steel poles, removal of existing wood poles, stringing conductors and restoration. It is important to note, construction activities often occur intermittently and are often not completed concurrently. Activities, including the use of helicopters, may temporarily increase local noise levels, dust, and other disturbances. As part of this project, temporary construction support sites will be required along project alignments. These sites will serve as temporary storage for materials and equipment and will be utilized for parking during construction hours.

Construction activities in this area are anticipated to be completed in approximately nine months; the overall Project is anticipated to be completed on or near December 2020.

Subject to the issuance of a Notice to Proceed by the California Public Utilities Commission, the work will start on or near August 2016/September 2016 and is anticipated to be completed on or near June 2017. Construction work will generally take place Monday through Saturday between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Limited night work is anticipated. No road closures are anticipated in association with this work.

SDG&E is working closely with local municipalities and community groups to ensure that disruption to neighboring communities from construction is minimal and to keep communities informed during all phases of the Project's construction. We are committed to working with you and local public safety officials to help minimize inconveniences and safeguard a smooth construction process.

Additional construction activities will commence in other areas once the CPUC issues Notices to Proceed for subsequent work. Construction dates are subject to change according to compliance requirements, inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. We will provide additional updates should construction dates change. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience during this time. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (844) 765-6388, or by email at [TVoorhees@Semprautilities.com](mailto:TVoorhees@Semprautilities.com). More information can also be found on our website at [www.sdge.com/key-initiatives/cleveland-national-forest-power-line-replacement-projects](http://www.sdge.com/key-initiatives/cleveland-national-forest-power-line-replacement-projects). Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Voorhees', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Todd Voorhees  
Regional Public Affairs Manager  
San Diego Gas & Electric Company

**ATTACHMENT B: CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST POWER LINE REPLACEMENT  
PROJECTS 1,000-FOOT BUFFER NOTIFICATION OVERVIEW MAP**





**Due to its confidential nature, Attachment B: Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects 1,000-Foot Buffer Notification Overview Map has been removed.**



**ATTACHMENT C: CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST POWER LINE REPLACEMENT  
PROJECTS PUBLIC NOTICE MAILER LIST**



**Due to its confidential nature, Attachment C: Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects Public Notice Mailer List has been removed.**



**ATTACHMENT D: CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST POWER LINE REPLACEMENT  
PROJECTS NEWSPAPER/WEBSITE ADVERTISEMENT**





**San Diego Gas & Electric Company's Cleveland National Forest  
Power Line Replacement Projects  
Notice of Construction  
Tie Line 625 and Tie Line 629  
Alpine, Descanso and Pine Valley Communities**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and US Forest Service (USFS) have approved San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) Company's Power Line Replacement Projects (Project). Construction is scheduled to begin on or near August 2016/September 2016 for approximately 9 months for this portion of the overall Project. Completion of the entire Project is anticipated December 2020.

The Project consists of several components including rebuilding five existing 69-kilovolt (kV) power lines and six 12-kV distribution lines and the removal of service of one 69 kV power line, replacing it with reconstruction of an existing 69 kV line. These activities take place in and adjacent to the Cleveland National Forest (CNF). The projects will increase safety and reliability by replacing the existing electric infrastructure that currently serves the USFS, emergency service facilities, campgrounds, homes, businesses and other customers within the CNF and surrounding areas. The projects will provide heightened safety and reliability by replacing approximately 2,100 existing wood poles with fire-resistant weatherized steel poles.

This portion of the project includes upgrades to TL 625 and TL 629, servicing the communities of Alpine, Descanso and Pine Valley. The work for these upgrades includes: site preparation, replacing structure foundations, placement of weatherized steel poles, removal of existing wood poles, stringing conductors and restoration. It is important to note, construction activities often occur intermittently and are often not completed concurrently. If needed, traffic control measures will be followed in coordination with local jurisdictions. There will also be construction yards utilized for staging of equipment, prepping of materials and other construction-related activities.

**Location:** TL 625 and TL 629 in or near the communities of Alpine, Descanso and Pine Valley  
**Work Days:** Monday – Saturday  
**Hours:** 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
**Duration:** Approximately 9 months for this portion of project

Activities, including the use of helicopters, may temporarily increase local noise levels, dust, and other disturbances. SDG&E will continue to work closely with local communities to ensure construction activities are as least disruptive as possible. SDG&E anticipates that occasional lane reductions, temporary restrictions or access to recreational facilities, parks and trails may be required during construction. SDG&E will provide information on construction activities that impact these recreational facilities and notify the public of any detours or temporary access restrictions.

Additional public notices and mailings will be developed and posted, as needed, announcing future Power Line Replacement Projects construction activities in appropriate areas.

For more information on the project, please visit [www.sdge.com/cnf](http://www.sdge.com/cnf) or contact SDG&E Regional Public Affairs Manager, Todd Voorhees at 1-844-765-6388 or [tvoorhees@semprautilities.com](mailto:tvoorhees@semprautilities.com).

**ATTACHMENT E: CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST POWER LINE REPLACEMENT  
PROJECTS PUBLIC VENUE NOTICE**





# San Diego Gas & Electric Power Line Replacement Projects

## *Enhancing Electric Safety and Reliability*

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and US Forest Service (USFS) have approved San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) Company's Power Line Replacement Projects (Project). Construction is scheduled to begin on or near August 2016/September 2016 for approximately 9 months for this portion of the Project. Additional construction activities will commence in other areas once the CPUC issues Notices to Proceed for subsequent work.

The Project consists of several components including rebuilding five existing 69-kilovolt (kV) power lines and six 12-kV distribution lines and the removal of service of one 69 kV power line, replacing it with reconstruction of an existing 69 kV line. These activities take place in and adjacent to the Cleveland National Forest (CNF). The projects will increase safety and reliability by replacing the existing electric infrastructure that currently serves the USFS, emergency service facilities, campgrounds, homes, businesses and other customers within the CNF and surrounding areas. The projects will provide heightened safety and reliability by replacing approximately 1,400 existing wood poles with fire-resistant weatherized steel poles.

As part of this Project, SDG&E and its contractors will perform upgrades to existing power lines servicing the communities of Alpine, Descanso and Pine Valley. The work for these upgrades includes: site preparation, replacing structure foundations, placement of weatherized steel poles, removal of existing wood poles, stringing conductors and restoration. It is important to note, construction activities often occur intermittently and are often not completed concurrently. If needed, traffic control measures will be followed in coordination with local jurisdictions. There will also be construction yards utilized for staging of equipment, prepping of materials and other construction-related activities.

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**For more information on the Power Line Replacement Projects, please visit [www.sdge.com/cnf](http://www.sdge.com/cnf) or contact SDG&E Regional Public Affairs Manager, Todd Voorhees at 1-844-765-6388 or [tvoorhees@semprautilities.com](mailto:tvoorhees@semprautilities.com).**