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EXTENSION OF DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION REVIEW PERIOD

Central Valley Gas Storage Project

CPCN* APPLICATION NO. A09-08-008
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2010042067

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of Central Valley Gas Storage, LLC's application to convert, construct, and operate the Central Valley Gas Storage Project (proposed project). The original end of the Draft MND review period has been **extended from May 22, 2010, to June 7, 2010**.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would be located in northeastern Colusa County, south/southwest of the town of Princeton. The compressor station and remote well pad site would be located approximately 0.5 mile west of State Route 45, and the Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) line 400/401 connecting pipeline would travel west from the compressor station to the metering station, interconnecting with PG&E line 400/401 several hundred feet south of PG&E's Delevan Compressor Station and west of Delevan Road.

The project includes the following components:

- Princeton Gas Storage Field (natural gas storage reservoir)
- Surface facilities, including
 - 10-acre compressor station site and associated facilities
 - 3.1-acre remote well pad site that includes up to 10 injection/withdrawal wells and a 130,000-gallon saltwater storage tank
 - Saltwater disposal well and observation wells (involves conversion of up to three existing wells, drilling one new well, and re-entry into one plugged well)
 - 1-acre metering station near PG&E Line 400/401
- Natural gas connecting pipelines, including
 - A 1,950-foot-long, dual 16-inch gathering line system to connect the injection/withdrawal wells to the compressor station
 - A 170-foot-long, 8-inch gas pipeline, and use of a meter skid and rental compressor unit for a temporary connection to PG&E Line 172

* Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

- o A 14.7-mile-long, 24-inch diameter gas pipeline, which would connect the compressor station to the metering station, plus a 580-foot interconnection with PG&E Line 400/401.

The project would provide natural gas storage by injecting natural gas into the Princeton Gas Field, a depleted natural gas reservoir located approximately 2,200 feet underground. The natural gas would then be withdrawn according to customer demand. Central Valley proposes to inject into the Princeton Gas Field 9 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas in the first year of service (an ultimate working gas capacity of 11 Bcf will be phased in over 2 years).

Copies of the document are also available for review at the following libraries:

Colusa Library
738 Market Street
Colusa, CA 95932

Princeton Branch
Library
232 Prince Street
Princeton, CA 95970

Maxwell Branch
Library
34 Oak Street
Maxwell, CA 95955

Williams Branch
Library
901 E Street
Williams, CA 95987

Additional information and the electronic version of the MND are available at the project website: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/cvgs/CVGS_Home.htm. This site will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process.

Written comments on the MND must be postmarked and received no later than June 7, 2010; please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number. Written comments on the MND should be sent to: Monisha Gangopadhyay, California Public Utilities Commission, c/o Dudek, 605 Third Street, Encinitas, California 92024.