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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**NextG Networks, Inc. of California Huntington
Beach Distributed Antenna System Project**

CPCN* APPLICATION NO. A09-03-007

NextG Networks, Inc. (NextG) has filed an application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for the Huntington Beach Distributed Antennae System (DAS) Project for the installation of a telecommunications system in the City of Huntington Beach. The project was approved by the CPUC under Categorical Exemption via the Notice to Proceed (NTP) process and a portion of the project was constructed prior to the parties agreeing to prepare a document under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The applicant's proposed objective is to provide added diversity within the existing telecommunication network and enhance competition for telecommunication services. The project would also permit NextG's customers (the wireless carriers) to improve wireless coverage and expand capacity.

The remaining portion of the project will be located within the public right-of-way within the City of Huntington Beach. Once complete, the new system would include a total of 8,696 feet of underground fiber-optic cable, 112,975 feet of aboveground fiber-optic cable, and 15 node antennae.

Under the CPUC's rules, approval of this project must comply with CEQA, including an assessment of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The CPUC proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for this project. This Negative Declaration has been prepared based upon the assessment of potential environmental impacts outlined in the Initial Study prepared for the Huntington Beach DAS Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

NextG is proposing the completion of its DAS within the City Huntington Beach in northwestern Orange County. The DAS communications network is intended to transmit wireless voice and data communications to clients in the City. Once construction is complete, within Huntington Beach the system would consist of 15 nodes, approximately 112,975 feet of aerial fiber cable,

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and approximately 8,696 feet of underground fiber cable. Eight of the 15 nodes, 79,419 feet of aerial fiber, and approximately 1,531 feet of underground fiber have been constructed under previous granted authority. The remaining seven nodes, and the cable to connect them to the network, would complete the project within the City of Huntington Beach. The remaining seven nodes include three new poles, approximately 33,555 feet of aerial fiber, and 7,165 feet of underground fiber.

The project consists of:

- Installation of 7,165 feet (1.36 miles) of underground conduit and fiber-optic cable necessary to connect Nodes HB N08, N12, N14, and N15 to the network
- Installation of 33,556 feet (6.36 miles) of overhead fiber-optic cable necessary to connect Nodes HB N07, and N10 through N15 installed via poles
- Installation of three new poles (two tapered steel poles (HB N12 and N14) and one concrete pole (HB N08))
- Installation of Nodes HB N07, N08, and N10 to N14 repeater enclosures, fiber-optic splice boxes, and electrical splice boxes.

This project description also includes the installation of seven operational nodes for which NextG has completed installation. These seven existing nodes (Nodes HB N01 through N06, and N09) are connected to the network via 79,419 feet of installed aerial fiber-optic cable, and 1,531 feet of underground conduit and cable.

In order to help understand the proposed project and to obtain public comments on the environmental document, the CPUC will hold a public meeting on Thursday, December 3, 2009 in the Community Room B at the Huntington Beach Central Library at 7111 Talbert Avenue in Huntington Beach, California. The public meeting on the proposed project and the CEQA document will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and will end at 9:00 p.m. At the public meeting, the environmental team and CPUC staff will be available to discuss the environmental document and to obtain public comments on the environmental document. In addition, comment cards will be available for the public to write comments. The Negative Declaration, including the Initial Study, is available on the project website:

http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/nextG_huntington_beach/NextG_huntington_beach.htm.

Copies of the document are also available at the Huntington Beach Central Library at the above address.

Written comments on the proposed project will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on December 22, 2009 and should be sent to:

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