

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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**NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC MEETING
San Diego Gas & Electric Company
Proposed South Bay Substation Relocation Project
Permit to Construct Application No. A-10-06-007**

Pursuant to General Order (GO) No. 131-D of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) filed an application with CPUC for a Permit to Construct (PTC) on June 16, 2010, for the purpose of constructing the South Bay Substation Relocation Project (Proposed Project) in Chula Vista, California.

Under the CPUC's rules, approval of this project must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), including an assessment of the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project. The CPUC proposes to prepare a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for this project. The MND will be prepared based upon an assessment of environmental topics as outlined in the CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G, Initial Study Environmental Checklist Form, prepared for the South Bay Substation Relocation Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The South Bay Substation Relocation Project, as proposed by SDG&E, includes the following major components:

- Construction of a 230/69/12-kilovolt (kV) substation (Bay Boulevard Substation) in the City of Chula Vista
- Construction of a 230 kV loop-in, an approximately 1,000-foot-long underground interconnection, and an approximately 300-foot-long overhead interconnection of the existing 230 kV tie-line, located east of the proposed Bay Boulevard Substation
- Relocation of six 69 kV transmission lines and associated communication cables to the proposed Bay Boulevard Substation, requiring the relocation of approximately 7,500 feet of overhead line and the construction of approximately 4,100 feet of underground line
- A 138 kV extension of an approximately 3,800-foot underground and approximately 200-foot overhead span from one new steel cable pole to an existing steel lattice structure
- Demolition of the existing 138/69 kV South Bay Substation.

The Proposed Project would be located in the City of Chula Vista, California, in the southwesterly portion of San Diego County. The existing South Bay Substation would be relocated to the proposed Bay Boulevard Substation site, which is situated approximately 2 miles south of the City of National City, approximately 5 miles northeast of the City of Imperial Beach, and approximately 7 miles southeast of downtown San Diego.

The South Bay Substation is an aging 138/69 kV substation that was originally built to accommodate the adjacent South Bay Power Plant (SBPP) in the City of Chula Vista. The South Bay Substation was constructed in 1961 and consists of equipment that was not built to modern seismic standards. The existing 138 kV bus is undersized for current transmission system conditions. The 69 kV bus is also configured in such a way that overloads of the 69 kV transmission line occur in the South Bay region, caused by 69 kV bus outages at the South Bay Substation.

With the planned retirement of the SBPP, a replacement bulk power source is being proposed to connect to the existing 230 kV transmission lines in the area (Otay Metro Power Loop (OMPL) Project).

In October 2004, SDG&E and the City of Chula Vista entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding several energy issues. One of the objectives of the City of Chula Vista in the MOU was the relocation of the existing South Bay Substation after retirement of the SBPP. SDG&E's projected schedule is to have the South Bay Boulevard Substation energized and transmission line connections completed so that decommissioning and demolition of the existing South Bay Substation can occur after retirement of the SBPP. Construction is scheduled for April 2011 with the intent to complete all construction activities by December 2014.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project has four primary objectives as follows:

- Replace aging and obsolete substation equipment
- Design a flexible transmission system that would accommodate regional energy needs subsequent to retirement of the SBPP
- Facilitate the City's Bayfront redevelopment goals by relocating the South Bay Substation and furthering the goals of the SDG&E–City of Chula Vista MOU
- Provide for future transmission and distribution load growth for the South Bay region.

To help understand the Proposed Project and explain how the public can participate in the CPUC's decision-making process, CPUC will hold a public meeting on:

- Date:** Wednesday, December 15, 2010
- Location:** Chula Vista Civic Center Council Chambers
430 F Street, Chula Vista, California.
- Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At the public meeting, the environmental team and CPUC staff will be available to respond to questions and discuss the environmental document that is under preparation.

Additional project information is available on the CPUC's project website at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/sbsrp/SouthBaySub.htm>.

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