



Notice of Extension of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)
Public Review Period for:
San Diego Gas & Electric Company's South Bay Substation Relocation Project

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD EXTENSION

By this notice, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is announcing the extension of the public comment period from August 2, 2012, to August 31, 2012, for the San Diego Gas & Electric Company's South Bay Substation Relocation Project DEIR. The DEIR was released for public review on June 19, 2012.

To ensure that comments will be considered, the CPUC must receive written comments on the DEIR by the close of the extended public review period (August 31, 2012). Written comments on the DEIR must be postmarked or received no later than August 31, 2012. Written comments on the DEIR can be submitted via:

Mail: Jensen Uchida, CPUC, c/o Dudek, 605 Third Street, Encinitas, California 92024

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

PROJECT ABSTRACT

The Proposed Project consists of 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; 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; and 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 Draft EIR details the Proposed Project; evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of SDG&E's Proposed Project; identifies those impacts that could be significant; and presents mitigation measures, which, if adopted by the CPUC or other responsible agencies, could avoid or minimize these impacts. The Draft EIR also evaluates alternatives to the Proposed Project, including the No Project Alternative, as required by CEQA. The Draft EIR was released for public review on June 19, 2012.

AVAILABILITY OF JOINT DEIR/DEIS

The Draft EIR is available for public review on the CPUC project website: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/sbsrp/SouthBaySub.htm>. Copies are available at the Civic Center Branch Library, located at 365 “F” Street, Chula Vista, California 91910; the South Chula Vista Branch Library, located at 389 Orange Avenue, Chula Vista, California 91911; and the Dudek office, located at 605 Third Street, Encinitas, California 92024. Copies of the Draft EIR on CD, or a separately bound Executive Summary, may be requested by mail. The project website will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce upcoming public meetings.