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**EXTENSION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT REVIEW PERIOD
PROPOSED SACRAMENTO NATURAL GAS STORAGE, LLC'S
SACRAMENTO NATURAL GAS STORAGE PROJECT
CPCN APPLICATION NO. 07-04-013
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2007112089**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of Sacramento Natural Gas Storage, LLC's application to construct and operate the Sacramento Natural Gas Storage Project (Proposed Project). The original end of the DEIR review period has been extended from May 25, 2009, to June 22, 2009. Two unusual circumstances exist to support this extension. First, numerous questions were raised at the April 28, 2009, public meeting concerning the potential for groundwater contamination near the reservoir cap rock in the Florin Gas Field. Second, the State Clearinghouse decided not to distribute the DEIR to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), a potential trustee agency.

PROPOSED PROJECT

The Proposed Project consists of the construction and operation of a natural gas storage field. The Proposed Project includes the underground natural gas storage reservoir; a wellhead site; a compressor station; a buried 16-inch interconnection pipeline between the wellhead and compressor site; and a buried 16-inch interconnection pipeline between the compressor site and Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD) Line 700.

The natural gas field is centered at the corner of Power Inn Road and Wagon Trail Way in the City of Sacramento. About three-fourths of the field is in the City of Sacramento, and one-quarter is in Sacramento County. The wellhead site, compressor station, and associated interconnecting pipelines would be situated within the City of Sacramento. The wellhead site would be located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Junipero Street and Power Inn Road. The compressor station would be located north of the wellhead site on the historic Sacramento Army Depot that is Depot Park.

The DEIR describes the Proposed Project; evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the 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 DEIR also evaluates alternatives to the Proposed Project, including the No Project Alternative, as required by CEQA. The DEIR was released for public review on April 8, 2009.

Copies of the DEIR are available for review at Dudek's office at 11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 200, Auburn, California 95603; City of Sacramento Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814; Southgate Public Library, 6132 66th Avenue, Sacramento, California 95823; and Colonial Heights Library,

4799 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, California 95820. Copies of the DEIR on CD, or a separately bound Executive Summary, may be requested by mail. The CPUC also has a limited number of copies of the complete DEIR document available to the public upon request.

Additional information and the electronic version of the DEIR will be available at the project website: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/sngs/SNGS_Home.htm. This site will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce upcoming public meetings.

Written comments on the DEIR must be postmarked and received no later than June 22, 2009; please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number. Written comments on the DEIR should be sent to:

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