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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY ! PUBLIC SCOPING REPORT
for the
SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY (SDG&E)
VALLEY-RAINBOW 5OO KV INTERCONNECT PROJECT

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Pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 1001, the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) General Order (GO) 131-D and the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) submitted an Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for the proposed Valley-Rainbow 500 kV Interconnect Project (Application No. 01-03-036, filed on March 23, 2001).

The CPUC will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for SDG&E's proposed Valley-Rainbow Interconnect Project in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed project crosses federal lands administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The BLM will serve as the lead federal agency for preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The CPUC and BLM are cooperating to prepare a joint EIR/ EIS. The Valley-Rainbow Interconnect Project will provide an interconnection between SDG&E's existing 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission system at the proposed Rainbow Substation on Rainbow Heights Road near the unincorporated community of Rainbow in San Diego County, and Southern California Edison's (SCE) existing 500 kV transmission system, at the Valley Substation on Menifee Road in the unincorporated community of Romoland in Riverside County. The Project area is in northern San Diego County and southwestern Riverside County.

In compliance with CEQA Guidelines, a Notice of Completion and Notice of Preparation (NOP) was prepared by the CPUC and mailed to recipients on June 27, 2001. The formal CEQA scoping process provides an opportunity for governmental agencies and the public to provide comments on the issues and scope of the EIR/EIS. The review period on the NOP officially extended from June 30 to July 31, 2001, although the CPUC agreed to receive comments up to August 7th if requested. In addition to the formal scoping process, the CPUC and the BLM held three scoping meetings in July 2001 to provide the public and governmental agencies information on the CEQA and NEPA process and to give them opportunities to identify environmental issues and alternatives for consideration in the EIR/EIS. A Public Scoping Report has been prepared that documents the process and findings of the public scoping meetings and written comments received during the formal public scoping process.

Notice is hereby given that copies of the Public Scoping Report are available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs South Coast Field Office, 690 West Garnet Ave, P.O. Box 581260, North Palm Springs, California 92258; Dudek & Associates offices at 605 Third Street, Encinitas, CA 92024; Chula Vista Public Library, 389 Orange Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91911; Escondido Public Library, 239 S. Kalmia Street, Escondido, CA 92025; Fallbrook Branch Library, 124 S. Mission Rd., San Diego County, CA 92028; San Clemente Branch Library, 242 Avenida Del Mar, San Clemente, CA 92672; Sun City Branch Library, 26982 Cherry Hills Blvd., Sun City, CA; and the Temecula Branch Library, 41000County Center Dr., Temecula, CA 92590.

The Public Scoping Report minus the appendices (Notification and Scoping Meeting Materials; Summary of Scoping Comments; Letters Received in Response to NOP/NOI; and Selected Newspaper Articles) will be posted on the Internet at: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/ divisions/energy/Environmental/info/DUDEK/valleyrainbow.htm. The CPUC has limited copies of the Public Scoping Report available to the public. Requests should be directed to Bruce Beauregard, California Public Utilities Commission, tel. (415) 703-1475 or JBB@cpuc.ca.gov.