

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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To: Interested Parties

From: John E. Forsythe, AICP, CPUC Project Manager

Subject: **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** –  
San Diego Gas & Electric Company's TL674A Reconfiguration & TL666D Removal Project  
(Application A.17-06-029)

Date: December 6, 2018

In response to San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E's) application for a Permit to Construct (PTC) the TL674A Reconfiguration & TL666D Removal Project (Application A.17-06-029), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study (IS/MND) in accordance with the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Rule 2.4 and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Draft IS/MND describes the project, evaluates potential environmental impacts, identifies impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures that would avoid or reduce potential impacts to less-than-significant levels.

### **Location, Description, and Purpose of the Proposed Project**

The proposed project is in the northwestern portion of the City of San Diego and in the City of Del Mar, with portions of the proposed project located within the San Dieguito Lagoon, Los Peñasquitos Lagoon, and Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve. Activities would occur along the approximately 6 miles of existing overhead power line between the Del Mar Substation northwest of the intersection of Interstate 5 and Via De La Valle, and an existing steel pole located near the intersection of Vista Sorrento Parkway and Pacific Plaza Drive.

The proposed project would address safety, environmental, and reliability concerns in the Del Mar Substation area. Line TL666D – a 69 kV line extending approximately 6 miles from the Del Mar Substation to the Del Mar Tap – has experienced multiple outages since 2012 and includes segments within environmentally sensitive areas. Project implementation would eliminate the need to access these sensitive areas to perform maintenance and repairs. It would also prevent North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) thermal and voltage deviation violations on the existing line TL674C, and at both the Del Mar and Encinitas Substations, thereby improving operational flexibility to SDG&E's Grid Operation Department.

The proposed project is comprised of the following four components:

- **Reconfiguration of existing overhead powerline TL674A**, which would entail removal of approximately 700 feet of 69-kilovolt (kV) overhead tap; installation of about 1.1 miles of underground duct bank with four vaults to facilitate pulling and splicing during installation, inspection, maintenance and repair; and, a new connection (renamed TL6973 as part of the project) to the Del Mar Substation. Additionally, an existing 70-foot-tall tap pole about 500 feet north of Via De La Valle would be removed; and two poles would be installed within the Del

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Mar Horsepark: one 85-foot-tall 69 kV steel riser pole on a concrete foundation adjacent to Via De La Valle, the other a 65-to-85-foot-tall 69 kV direct-buried steel pole.

- **Removal of approximately 6 miles of 69-kV overhead power line (TL666D)** between the Del Mar Substation and the intersection of Vista Sorrento Parkway and Pacific Plaza Drive.
- **Conversion of approximately 3,900 feet of existing 12-kV overhead distribution line (C510)** to an underground configuration within San Dieguito Lagoon; removal of five poles adjacent to Racetrack View Drive; and installation of several poles to connect existing overhead lines to the proposed new underground configuration.
- **Conversion of approximately 630 feet of existing 12-kV overhead distribution line (C738)** to an underground configuration within the Sorrento Valley multi-use path, with removal of distribution line poles and installation of several new poles and risers.

### **Draft IS/MND Public Review Period**

The circulation of the Draft IS/MND opens a public comment period that will extend from December 6, 2018 through January 7, 2019. Written comments must be postmarked or received by fax or email no later than January 7, 2019. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in correspondence. Send written comments to:

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Following the public comment period, the CPUC will prepare a Final IS/MND that will address comments received on the Draft IS/MND.

### **Availability of Draft IS/MND**

Copies of the Draft IS/MND will be available for review at the San Diego County Public Library locations indicated below.

**San Diego County Public Library,  
Central Library**  
330 Park Blvd.  
San Diego, CA 92101  
(619) 236-5800

**San Diego County Public Library,  
Del Mar Branch**  
1309 Camino Del Mar  
Del Mar, CA 92014  
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For electronic access to the Draft IS/MND and additional project information:

**TL674A Reconfiguration and TL666D Removal Public Website**  
<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/ene/delmar/delmar.html>

If you would like to request a hard copy of the Draft IS/MND, please call: 1 (844) 422-9692, or email: [TL674A.CPUC@ene.com](mailto:TL674A.CPUC@ene.com)