

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners, and All Interested Parties**

**From: John E. Forsythe, AICP, Environmental Project Manager**

**Subject: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION: San Diego Gas & Electric Company's Tie-Line 695 and Tie-Line 6971 Reconductor Project**

**Date: May 1, 2017**

Pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 131-D, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed an application with the CPUC for a Permit to Construct (PTC) the Tie-Line (TL) 695 and TL 6971 Reconductor Project (proposed project; Application No. A.16-04-022).

### Project Background

SDG&E proposes to reinforce the electric transmission system in southern Orange County and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton by replacing the conductor (electrical wire) on a 10.24-mile-long section of TL 695 and TL 6971 between the Talega, Japanese Mesa, and Basilone Substations. The proposed project would involve replacing segments of TL 695 and TL 6971 electrical conductor, replacing existing wood pole structures with new steel pole structures, and installing a new 450-foot-long underground power line.

Construction is estimated to last approximately eight months. SDG&E states that the proposed project would (1) eliminate a NERC Category B violation to increase reliability, (2) increase fire safety and service reliability, and (3) minimize adverse environmental impacts to the extent feasible.

### Information Available

The CPUC prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed project. The Draft IS/MND identifies those impacts that could be significant and presents mitigation measures which, if adopted by the CPUC, would avoid or minimize these impacts.

Copies of the Draft IS/MND may be reviewed at the following locations:

San Clemente Library 242 Avenida Del Mar San Clemente, CA 92672	Seaside Square Library Building 51093 Camp Pendleton, CA 92672
CPUC Energy Division 505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor San Francisco, CA 94102	

The Draft IS/MND is also available on the project website:

[http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/panoramaenv/TL695\\_TL6971/Pendleton.html](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/panoramaenv/TL695_TL6971/Pendleton.html)

This website will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce any upcoming public meetings. Printed copies or CD copies of the Draft IS/MND may be requested by e-mail at [TL695and6971@panoramaenv.com](mailto:TL695and6971@panoramaenv.com) or by telephone at (650) 373-1200.

### **Public Comments on the Draft IS/MND**

The Draft IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day public review period, May 1, 2017 through May 31, 2017. The public may submit comments and concerns regarding the proposed project and the adequacy of the Draft IS/MND. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail **no later than May 31, 2017**.

The CPUC will not consider anonymous comments. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND may be submitted via mail, fax, or email to:

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### **Public Information Meeting**

The CPUC will conduct a public informational meeting on Monday, May 15, 2017 to provide information about the proposed project, the Draft IS/MND. This informal meeting is an opportunity to ask questions about the content of the Draft IS/MND. Written comments may be submitted during the meeting, but there will be no facilities to record oral comments.

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location/Address</b>
Monday May 15, 2017 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Holiday Inn San Clemente Downtown The Del Mar Room 111 S. Avenida de la Estrella San Clemente, CA 92672