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**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

To All Interested Parties:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) announces the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that the CPUC prepared for the Lodi Gas Storage Project. Lodi Gas Storage, LLC, applied to the CPUC for permission to develop a natural gas storage facility near Lodi and construct a 33-mile pipeline in Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties.

Under the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act, the Draft EIR assesses the environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. Because this project involves reopening an existing gas field, the CPUC paid particular attention to noise, air quality, and safety issues associated with the storage field and associated facilities. The EIR also examines the project's compatibility with existing land uses and zoning laws. A 33-mile pipeline will cross levees, roads, and railways. The CPUC considered the effects of pipeline construction on agriculture, habitat, and local levees.

For each issue area, the EIR analyzes the potential environmental effects to determine whether significant impacts might result. The EIR also recommends mitigation measures to minimize or eliminate the project's potential significant effects on the environment. The CPUC will prepare a Final EIR that responds to comments received on the Draft EIR and considers all potential environmental impacts and any measures necessary to mitigate significant environmental effects. The CPUC will use the information included in the Final EIR as part of its decision-making process to determine whether to grant the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

The Draft EIR can be viewed at the locations on the reverse side of this letter.

The CPUC will receive formal, written comments during the public comment period, September 27, 1999 to November 10, 1999. Please send comments to Judith Iklé, CPUC Project Manager, c/o Public Affairs Management, 101 The Embarcadero, Suite 210, San Francisco, CA 94105, Fax: 415-291-8943 or Email: cpuc-gas-lodi@pamsf.com. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the document, please contact the CPUC information line at 415-989-1446, ext. 85.

We welcome your input to this process.

The Draft EIR can be viewed at the following locations:

Lodi Public Library

201 W. Locust Street

Tel: 209-333-8507

Stockton Public Library

605 N. El Dorado Street

Tel: 209-937-8683

Walnut Grove Public Library

14177 Market Street

Tel: 916-776-1412

Sacramento Public Library

828 I Street

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Isleton City Hall

210 Jackson Boulevard

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