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The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has granted San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the Sycamore to Penasquitos 230 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project (Project) on October 13, 2016. Environmental reviews of the project were conducted pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared by the CPUC evaluating the potential impacts associated with the Project. A copy of the Final EIR can be accessed here:

http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/panoramaenv/Sycamore Penasquitos/index.html

The Project will provide heightened reliability and greater flexibility in the integration of renewable energy into our system, while eliminating potential long-term visual impacts by placing the majority of the transmission line underground.

You may have already received notification that activities began earlier this month at several construction yards to be utilized for staging of equipment, prepping of materials and storage. *This notice is to inform you that construction of all three segments of the Project described below are scheduled to begin on or near February 2017/March 2017 and will continue for approximately 16 months.* 

The Project is approximately 15 miles in length and connects SDG&E's existing Sycamore Canyon and Penasquitos substations and consists of the following three segments:

**Segment A** – Construction of approximately 1 mile of new underground and overhead 230 kV transmission line and relocated 138kV power line all within existing SDG&E Right-of-Way located between the existing Sycamore Canyon Substation and a trail originating near Stonebridge Parkway.

**Segment B** – Construction of approximately 12 miles of new 230 kV underground transmission line in existing roads and bridges; Stonebridge Parkway, Pomerado Road, Black Mountain Road, Activity Road, Camino Ruiz; Miralani Drive; Arjons Drive; Trade Place; Trade Street; Camino Santa Fe, Carroll Road; and Carroll Canyon Road. Installation of two new steel cable poles at each end of the underground section.

**Segment C** – Construction of approximately 2 miles of new 230 kV transmission line and new communication cable on existing 230 kV steel poles within existing SDG&E Right-of-Way from Carroll Canyon Road to the Penasquitos Substation, including construction of a new cable pole at the transition point from underground to overhead near the intersection of Carroll Canyon Road and Interstate-805.

SDG&E and its contractors will perform the following construction activities: site preparation, staging yard preparation and mobilization, conductor and structure removal, foundation and structure construction, wire stringing, road excavation and vault installation, trenching, conduit installation, trench backfill, cable pulling and splicing and clean up and restoration.

Construction activities will take place in phases along the approved route. This means that construction activities along the route will often occur intermittently and all construction activities required in a certain area will not be completed concurrently. Also, there will be multiple construction locations and activities taking place simultaneously, with work hours, traffic control measures, and noise restrictions for each area dictated by the City of San Diego Development Services Department. Night work in some locations will be required. Construction for each segment will commence upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed from the CPUC. Construction dates are subject to change according to compliance requirements, inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Additional public notices will be developed and posted, as needed, announcing future construction activities in appropriate areas.

Location: Please see map provided Work Days: Monday – Saturday

Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Night work in some locations will be required)

Duration: Approximately 16 months for the Project

Helicopters will be utilized for construction and support activities along Segments A and C. The use of helicopters may temporarily increase local noise levels, dust, and other disturbances. SDG&E will endeavor to minimize the impact of helicopter operations. However, to reduce possible disturbance during helicopter operations, as well as noise from other construction activities, we advise you to close all doors and windows to homes and buildings and consider playing ambient music or using white noise devices such as fans.

SDG&E will continue to work closely with local communities to ensure construction activities are as least disruptive as possible. SDG&E anticipates that traffic delays may occur due to occasional lane reductions, temporary restrictions or lane closures required during construction.

We too, live and work in the communities where construction is taking place. SDG&E respects your streets and neighborhoods by driving and working safely and with respect to the environment and surrounding communities. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience during this time.

Should you have any questions or have any concerns during construction, please do not hesitate to contact me at (844) 765-6388, or by email at TVoorhees@Semprautilities.com. More information can also be found on our website at <a href="www.sdge.com/sx-pq">www.sdge.com/sx-pq</a>.

Sincerely,

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