

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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To: Readers of the Draft Environmental Impact Report

From: Michael Rosauer, EIR Project Manager

Subject: **Notice of Availability**, Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Miguel-Mission 230 kV #2 Project

Date: April 1, 2004

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E) application to build and operate the Miguel-Mission 230 kV #2 Project. If approved, the Proposed Project would install a single 230 kV transmission circuit within the existing 35-mile SDG&E utility right-of-way (ROW) located between Miguel and Mission Substations in order to improve system reliability, reduce constraints on the existing transmission system, and improve the existing transmission infrastructure. The DEIR details the Proposed Project, evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of SDG&E's Proposed Project, identifies those impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures, which, if adopted by the CPUC or other responsible agencies, could avoid or minimize these impacts. The DEIR also evaluates alternatives to the Proposed Project, including the No Project Alternative, as required by CEQA. The DEIR was released for public review on April 1, 2004. The 1,000+ page DEIR will be available for review at several area libraries and on the project website (address is listed on page two of this notice). Copies of the DEIR on CD, or a separately bound Executive Summary, may be requested by phone or fax at (619) 353-5044 or by e-mail at miguelmission@aspeneg.com. The CPUC also has a limited number of copies of the complete DEIR document available to the public upon request at the addresses/numbers listed below.

Written comments on the DEIR must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail no later than May 17, 2004; please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number. Written comments on the Draft EIR should be sent to:

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In order to help affected communities understand the Proposed Project and the DEIR, and to explain how the public can participate in the CPUC's decision-making process, the CPUC will hold four informational meetings combined with Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) on May 10 and 11, 2004. At these informational workshops, the EIR Team and CPUC staff will be available to respond to questions and provide clarification regarding the impact analysis and conclusions presented in the DEIR.

At the same place and time, there will also be PPHs held by Administrative Law Judge Kim Malcolm for formal verbal comments on the DEIR where the public can speak on the record about any other issues of concern related to SDG&E's CPCN Application. Details on the informational meetings and Public Participation Hearings are as follows:

CPUC Informational Meetings and ALJ Public Participation Hearings
May 10, 2004 4:00 pm and again at 7:00 pm Santee City Hall Council Chamber – Building 2 10601 Magnolia Avenue Santee, CA 92071
May 11, 2004 4:00 pm Spring Valley Branch Library – Community Room 836 Kempton Street Spring Valley, CA 91977
May 11, 2004 7:00 pm El Cajon Community Center – East Room 195 East Douglas Avenue El Cajon, CA 92020

Sources of Project Information

Additional information and the electronic version of the DEIR will be available online shortly, at the project website:

http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/miguel_mission/miguelmission.htm

This site will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce upcoming public meetings.

You may also contact the EIR team by phone, fax, email, or U.S. mail:

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