

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**505 Van Ness Avenue  
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To: All Interested Parties

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for consideration of San Diego Gas and Electric Company's Application (A.02-07-022) for the Proposed Miguel-Mission 230 kV Transmission Line Project. The Final EIR has been prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and incorporates changes resulting from comments submitted during the Draft EIR comment period (April and May 2004).

**Description of the Proposed Project.** SDG&E proposes construction of a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission circuit to address current and future overloads on existing 138 kV and 69 kV transmission lines. The proposed new and relocated transmission circuits for the project would be installed in the existing 35-mile SDG&E right of way between Miguel Substation and Mission Substation. The proposed project consists of the following three principal components: (1) installing a new 230 kV transmission circuit between Miguel and Mission Substations, (2) relocating the existing 138 kV/69 kV circuits on new pole structures between Miguel Substation and Fanita Junction, and (3) modifying Miguel and Mission Substations. The proposed project is located entirely within San Diego County and passes through the Cities of San Diego and Santee, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, and unincorporated areas in the eastern portion of the county.

**Alternatives to the Proposed Project and the Environmentally Superior Alternative.** The Draft EIR evaluated five alternatives, including the No Project Alternative. While Draft EIR text was modified in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the conclusion presented in the Final EIR remains unchanged: the Proposed Project is found to be the Environmentally Superior Alternative for over 30 miles of the 35-mile route, and two short underground route segments are found to be environmentally superior in the City of Santee and the Jamacha Valley.

**Contents of the Final EIR.** The Final EIR consists of one volume, presented in four sections. Section 1 is an Introduction, describing the purpose of the Final EIR and the decisionmaking process. Section 2 summarizes the public involvement milestones related to the Draft and Final EIR. Section 3 presents copies of all comments on the Draft EIR, including transcripts from the May 10-11, 2004 Public Participation Hearings, and responses to each comment. Changes made to the Draft EIR are presented in Section 4; inserted text is underlined and deleted text is shown in ~~strikeout~~. Both types of changes are indicated with a vertical line in the margin.

**CPUC Actions After Final EIR Publication.** There is no comment period following issuance of the Final EIR. The CPUC will determine the adequacy of this Final EIR, and, if adequate, will certify the document as compliant with CEQA. The CPUC will issue a Decision on the proposed Miguel-Mission Project, which will be announced and published concurrent with a scheduled CPUC Meeting. Within 30 days after the Decision is issued by the CPUC, parties can apply for rehearing. For further information on the CPUC's decision-making process, call the CPUC Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074.

If the CPUC approves the project or an alternative, the CPUC will implement a Mitigation Monitoring, Reporting, and Compliance Program as defined in Section G of the Draft EIR. This program will ensure that the approved route is constructed as defined, and that all adopted mitigation measures and Applicant-Proposed Measures are implemented in order that effects on the environment do not exceed those defined in this EIR.

**Miguel-Mission 230 kV #2 Project**  
**Release of Final Environmental Impact Report**

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**Availability of Final EIR.** Copies of the FEIR have also been mailed to parties to the General Proceeding and Federal, State, local government agencies that commented on the Draft EIR, as well as some members of the public. The document is available on the CPUC's project website at:

[http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/asp/miguel\\_mission/miguelmission.htm](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/asp/miguel_mission/miguelmission.htm).

The FEIR is also available at the repository locations below:

<b>Serra Mesa Branch Library</b> 3440 Sandrock Road San Diego, CA 92123-2198	<b>Benjamin Branch Library</b> 5188 Zion Avenue San Diego, CA 92120-2728	<b>Tierrasanta Branch Library</b> 4985 La Cuesta Drive San Diego, CA 92124-2601
<b>Santee Branch Library</b> 9225 Carlton Hills Boulevard #17 Santee, CA 92071	<b>Lakeside Branch Library</b> 9839 Vine Street Lakeside, CA 92040	<b>Cresta Branch Library</b> 105 Juanita Lane El Cajon, CA 92021
<b>El Cajon Branch Library</b> 201 East Douglas El Cajon, CA 92020	<b>Rancho San Diego Branch Library</b> 111555 Via Rancho San Diego El Cajon, CA 92019	<b>Casa De Oro Branch Library</b> 9805 Campo Road Spring Valley, CA 91977
<b>Spring Valley Branch Library</b> 836 Kempton Street Spring Valley, CA 91977	<b>Bonita/Sunnyside Branch Library</b> 5047 Central Avenue Bonita, CA 91902	<b>Eastlake Branch Library</b> 1120 Eastlake Parkway Chula Vista, CA 91913

Copies of the Final EIR on CD may be requested by phone or fax at (619) 353-5044 or by email at [miguelmission@aspeneg.com](mailto:miguelmission@aspeneg.com). The CPUC also has a limited number of copies of the complete Final EIR document available to the public upon request at the above addresses/numbers. Further information about this document is available from Mr. Michael Rosauer, CPUC Project Manager, at (415) 703-2579.