

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

### TO: All Interested Parties

Pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) General Order 131-D, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) has filed an application with the CPUC for a Permit to Construct (PTC) for the Ocean Ranch Substation Project (project). (Application No. A.16-07-016).

**Project Background:** SDG&E is proposing to construct the Ocean Ranch Substation Project, which would include construction of the following components: (1) new Ocean Ranch 69/12 kilovolt (kV) Substation, located on Avenida del Oro north of Avenida de la Plata in the Rancho del Oro Planned Development district in Oceanside, San Diego County; (2) 1,500 feet of underground power line duct bank to loop an existing San Luis Rey to Melrose 69 kV transmission line (TL6966) into the new substation; (3) four underground 12 kV circuits extending from the substation to nearby existing distribution lines; and (4) a 40-foot tubular steel pole and microwave antenna within the substation property for communication with San Luis Rey Substation.

Construction is estimated to last approximately 20 months. SDG&E states that the Ocean Ranch Substation Project is needed to provide additional capacity to serve the existing load and the forecasted customer-driven load growth in the area and to prevent potential long outages or disruption of service to SDG&E customers in the Oceanside area.

**Information Available:** The CPUC Energy Division has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study (IS/MND) describing the project and its potential environmental effects. Based on this document, it has been determined that the Ocean Ranch Substation Project will not have any significant effects on the environment with incorporation of the mitigation identified in the IS/MND. The CPUC's environmental document may be reviewed at the following locations:

CPUC Energy Division  
505 Van Ness Avenue, 3rd Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Mission Branch Library  
3861 Mission Avenue  
Oceanside CA 92058

For electronic access to the MND and other project information/reports, check the CPUC's website at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/oceanranch/oceanranch.htm>

**Public Informational Meeting:** In order to help affected communities understand the Proposed Project and the Proposed IS/MND and to explain how the public can participate in the CPUC's decision-making processes, the CPUC will hold an informational workshop. This informal workshop is an opportunity to ask questions about the content of the Draft IS/MND. While written comments may be submitted during the workshop, there will be no facilities to record oral comments. The date, time, and location of the workshop are:

**Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Residence Inn  
3603 Ocean Ranch Blvd  
Oceanside CA 92056**

**Time for Review:** This IS/MND will undergo a public review period from March 15 through April 14, 2017. Comments must be received in writing or email by 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2017, at the following address:

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