
**Public Meeting
Mitigated Negative Declaration**

**San Diego Gas & Electric Company's
Tie-Line 637 Wood-to-Steel
Replacement Project**

Application No. 13-03-003

California Public Utilities Commission

October 17, 2013



Purpose of Meeting

- **To inform the public and responsible agencies about the proposed Tie-Line (TL) 637 Wood-to-Steel Replacement Project**
- **To inform the public about the environmental document and review process**
- **To explain how the public can participate in the CPUC decision-making process**



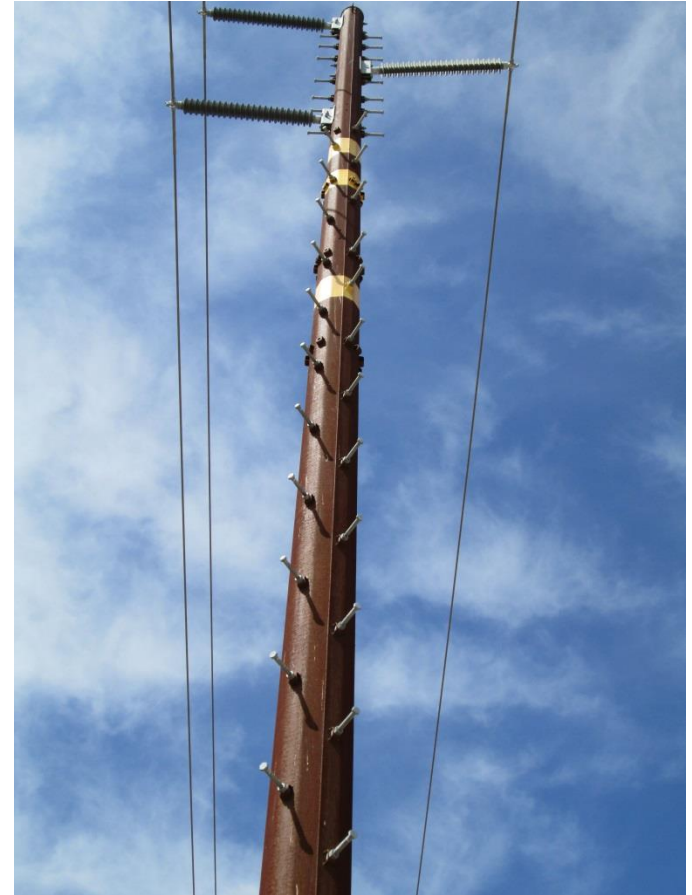
Key Players

- **CPUC**
 - Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- **San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E)**
 - Applicant
- **Dudek**
 - Environmental contractor for CPUC



Overview of Proposed Project

- **Fire-harden approximately 14 miles of TL 637 between Ramona and Santa Ysabel**
 - Replacement of 156 wood poles with steel poles
 - Conductor installation
 - Substation improvements
 - Fiber optic line installation
- **Construction schedule**
 - 9 months



Applicant's Project Objective

- **Replace existing wood structures with steel poles to achieve:**
 - **Fire safety**
 - **Service reliability**



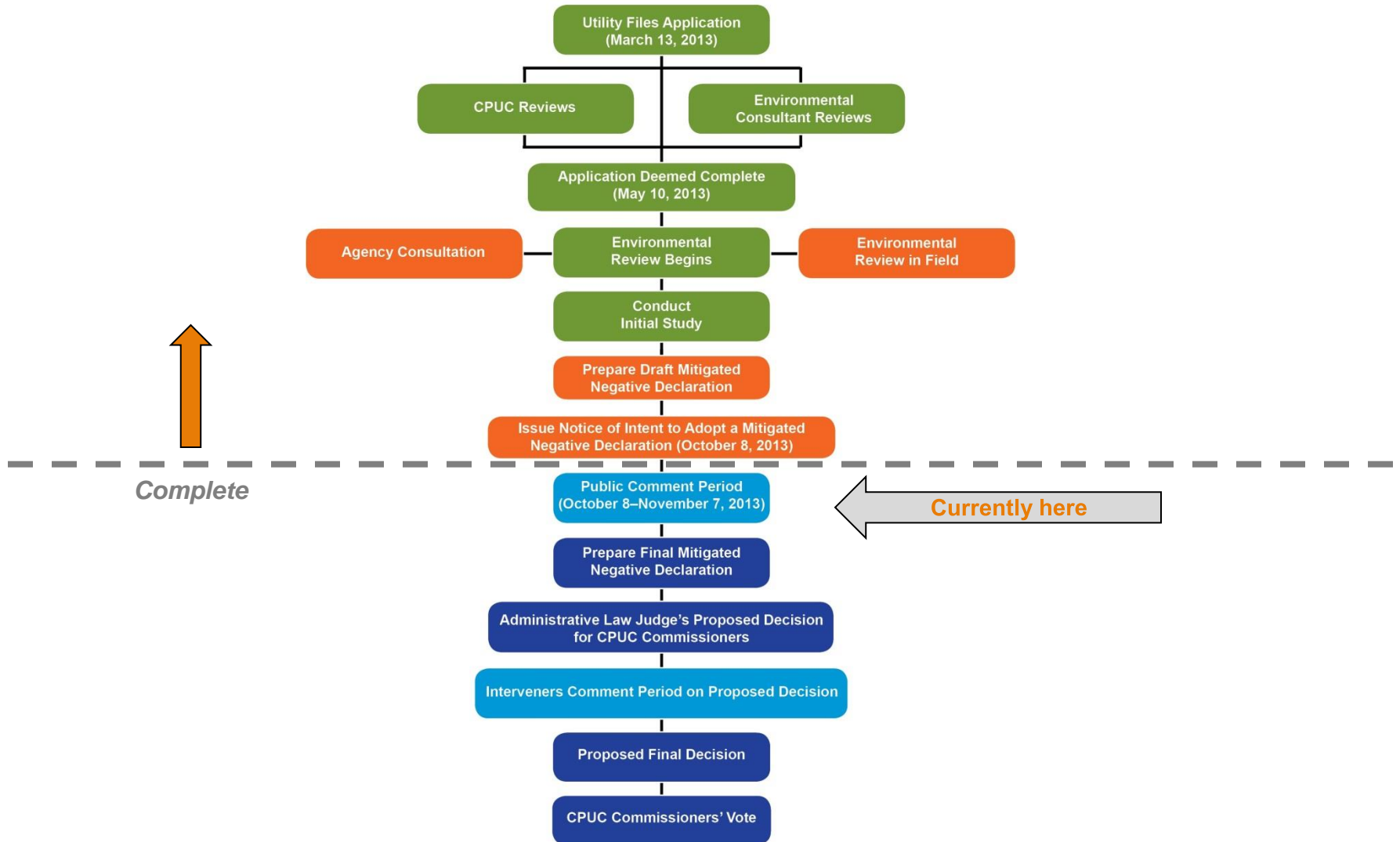
CPUC Review Process

- **CPUC has two parallel review processes for SDG&E's Application for a Permit to Construct:**
 - **General proceeding (Application no. 13-13-003)**
 - **Environmental review (CEQA process)**



CPUC Review Process

Basic Application and Environmental Review



Environmental Review

Topics:

- **Aesthetics**
- **Agriculture and forestry resources**
- **Air quality/greenhouse gas emissions**
- **Biological resources**
- **Cultural resources**
- **Geology and soils**
- **Hazards and hazardous materials**
- **Hydrology and water quality**
- **Land use and planning**
- **Mineral resources**
- **Noise**
- **Population and housing**
- **Public services (fire, police, schools, parks)**
- **Recreation**
- **Transportation and traffic**
- **Utilities and service systems (water, wastewater, solid waste)**



Public Participation during Environmental Review

- **A Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was published and sent out for a 30-day public review on October 8, 2013**
- **The end of the public review is November 7, 2013**
- **Public comments will be incorporated into the Final MND**
- **The CPUC Commissioner's will consider the Final MND in their decision on the project**



Comments on Draft MND

**Please send comments on the environmental document by
November 7, 2013, to:**

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c/o Dudek
605 Third Street
Encinitas, California 92024**

Or via email to:

TL637woodtosteel@dudek.com



For More Information

- **Check website:**
 - <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/WoodtoSteel/WoodtoSteel.htm>

- **Project email:**
 - TL637woodtosteel@dudek.com

- **Project voicemail:**
 - 855.262.8317

- **Information repositories—the following two area libraries have project documents:**
 - **Ramona Branch Library**
1275 Main Street
Ramona, California 92065
 - **Julian Branch Library**
1850 Highway 78
Julian, California 92036

