

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION505 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298**NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT, JOINT PUBLIC MEETING AND CPUC SPONSORED PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION HEARING****PROPOSED SACRAMENTO NATURAL GAS STORAGE, LLC'S
SACRAMENTO NATURAL GAS PROJECT
CPCN APPLICATION NO. 07-04-013
STATE CLEARING HOUSE NO. 2007112089**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of Sacramento Natural Gas, LLC's application to construct and operate the Sacramento Natural Gas Storage Project (Proposed Project).

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 a public meeting followed by the CPUC's Public Participation Hearing (PPH) on April 28, 2009, at the Conference Center at Depot Park, 8215 Ferguson Street, Sacramento, California. The public meeting on the DEIR will start promptly at 6:00 PM and will end at 7:00 PM. At the public meeting, 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. Also, comment cards will be available for the public to write comments in response to the DEIR.

The CPUC's PPH will start promptly at 7:00 PM and will be facilitated by the assigned Administrative Law Judge for this proceeding who will be listening to members of the community provide their public comments on the Proposed Project. Such comments may respond to the DEIR, or be outside the scope of the DEIR. A CPUC Commissioner may also be present. The CPUC will have available its own court reporters who will transcribe public comments at the PPH.

PROPOSED PROJECT

The Proposed Project consists of the construction and operation of a natural gas storage field. The Proposed Project includes the underground natural gas storage reservoir; a wellhead site; a compressor station; a buried 16-inch interconnection pipeline between the wellhead and compressor site; and a buried 16-inch interconnection pipeline between the compressor site and Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD) Line 700.

The natural gas field is centered at the corner of Power Inn Road and Wagon Trail Way in the City of Sacramento. About three-fourths of the field is in the City of Sacramento, and one quarter is in Sacramento County. The wellhead site, compressor station, and associated interconnecting pipelines would be situated within the City of Sacramento. The wellhead site would be located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Junipero Street and Power Inn Road. The compressor station would be

located north of the wellhead site on the historic Sacramento Army Depot that is Depot Park.

The DEIR details the Proposed Project, evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the 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 8, 2009.

Copies of the DEIR are available for review at Dudek's office at 11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 200, Auburn, California 95603; City of Sacramento Public Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814; Southgate Public Library, 6132 66th Avenue, Sacramento, California 95823; and Colonial Heights Library, 4799 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, California 95820. Copies of the DEIR on CD, or a separately bound Executive Summary, may be requested by mail. The CPUC also has a limited number of copies of the complete DEIR document available to the public upon request.

Additional information and the electronic version of the DEIR will be available at the project website: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/sngs/SNGS_Home.htm. This site will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce upcoming public meetings.

Written comments on the DEIR must be postmarked and received no later than May 25, 2009; please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number. Written comments on the DEIR should be sent to:

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