

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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PUBLIC NOTICE
for the
SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY (SDG&E)
VALLEY-RAINBOW 500 KV INTERCONNECT PROJECT

Pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 1001, the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) General Order (GO) 131-D and the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) submitted an Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for the proposed Valley-Rainbow 500 kV Interconnect Project (Application No. 01-03-036, filed on March 23, 2001).

Notice is hereby given that the CPUC will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for SDG&E's proposed Valley-Rainbow Interconnect Project. The proposed project crosses federal lands administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The BLM will serve as the lead federal agency for preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (40 Code of Federal Regulations 1500-1508). The CPUC and BLM are cooperating to prepare a joint EIR/ EIS. The Valley-Rainbow Interconnect Project will provide an interconnection between SDG&E's existing 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission system at the proposed Rainbow Substation on Rainbow Heights Road near the unincorporated community of Rainbow in San Diego County, and Southern California Edison's (SCE) existing 500 kV transmission system, at the Valley Substation on Menifee Road in the unincorporated community of Romoland in Riverside County. The Project area is in northern San Diego County and southwestern Riverside County. A Project vicinity map is shown on the back of this notice.

The six major elements of the Project are described as follows: (1) A new single-circuit 500 kV transmission line; (2) A new SDG&E 500/230/69 kV substation and modifications to SCE's existing Valley Substation; (3) Installation of a second 230 kV circuit on the existing Talega-Escondido 230 kV transmission structures and modification of the existing substations at Talega and Escondido; (4) Rebuild of a 7.7-mile section of the existing 69 kV transmission circuit on new 69 kV wood and steel pole structures adjacent to the existing 230 kV line within the existing Talega-Escondido right-of-way; and (6) Addition of a 230 kV Static Synchronous Compensator (STATCOM) at the existing Mission Substation. Shunt capacitors would be added at the Miguel and Sycamore Canyon substations.

Copies of the Initial Study and Notice of Preparation are available for review at Dudek & Associates offices at 605 Third Street, Encinitas, CA 92024, Chula Vista Public Library, 389 Orange Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91911; Escondido Public Library, 239 S. Kalmia Street, Escondido, CA 92025; Fallbrook Branch Library, 124 S. Mission Rd., San Diego County, CA 92028; San Clemente Branch Library, 242 Avenida Del Mar, San Clemente, CA 92672, Sun City Branch Library, 26982 Cherry Hills Blvd., Sun City, CA; and the Temecula Branch Library, 41000 County Center Dr., Temecula, CA 92590. Three public scoping meetings will be held at the locations and times shown below. Your attendance at one of these meetings will provide you with additional opportunities to learn more about the Project and to comment on the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the Draft EIR:

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| (1) | July 10 | Temecula Community Recreational Center, 6-10 PM, 30875 Rancho Vista Rd, Temecula |
| (2) | July 11 | Winchester Elementary School, 6-10 PM, 28751 Winchester Rd., Winchester |
| (3) | July 12 | Pauma Valley Community Center, 6-10 PM, 16658 Highway 76, Pauma Valley |

Information about the environmental review process will be posted on the Internet at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/divisions/energy/Environmental/info/DUDEK/valleyrainbow.htm>. This site includes a more detailed description of SDG&E's proposed Project than the one included in this Notice of Preparation.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written responses not presented at the public scoping meeting must be sent no later than 30 days after receipt of this notice or no later than July 31, 2001. Please send your comments to: Beth Shipley, California Public Utilities Commission, c/o Dudek & Associates, Inc., 605 Third Street, Encinitas, CA 92024. Within the same time requirements, these written comments should also be addressed to Mr. James G. Kenna - Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs, South Coast Field Office, 690 West Garnet Ave, P.O. Box 1260, North Palm Springs, California 92258-1260.

