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### INTRODUCTION

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) filed an application for a Permit to Construct (PTC) its Tie-Line (TL) 695 and TL 6971 Reconductor Project (proposed project) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on April 25, 2016. The CPUC distributed the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed project for public review between May 1, 2017 and May 31, 2017. A total of six comment letters were received during the public review period.

The Final IS/MND has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.*), and in accordance with the Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA (14 California Code of Regulations 15000 *et seq.*). The Final IS/MND will be used by the CPUC (as the Lead Agency), in conjunction with other information developed in the CPUC's formal record, to determine whether to approve the PTC. Pursuant to CEQA, the CPUC will adopt this Final IS/MND if, based on the whole record, it determines that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment (CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(b)).

### CONTENTS OF THE FINAL IS/MND

This final version of the IS/MND includes changes that were made to the Draft IS/MND based on comments received. Revisions include:

- Editorial changes
- Minor changes to mitigation measures
- Technical clarifications and corrections

These changes and additions to the IS/MND do not raise important new issues related to significant effects on the environment.

The Final IS/MND has been completely reprinted from the Draft IS/MND. Changes made since public review are signified as a replacement, addition, or revision to existing text. Revisions to existing text are signified by red and ~~strikeout~~ text (i.e., ~~strikeout~~) where text is removed and by red and underline text (i.e., underline) where text is added.

All comments received on the Draft IS/MND and responses thereto are contained in Chapter 5 of this Final IS/MND.

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