

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

### Cleveland National Forest (CNF) Power Line Replacement Projects

**Date: October 17, 2012**

**CPUC Application No.: 12-10-009**

#### PROPOSED PROJECT

San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) has filed a permit to construct (PTC) application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to conduct wood-to-steel conversion and other fire hardening activities along five existing 69 kilovolt (kV) power lines within and around the Cleveland National Forest (CNF) (Proposed Project). As proposed by SDG&E and further described in the Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA)-equivalent Preliminary Plan of Development (POD), the Proposed Project includes the following elements:

- Replacement of approximately 1,384 existing wood utility poles with steel poles along five existing 69 kV power lines within and around the CNF;
- Maintenance of approximately 31 miles of existing access roads and ancillary facilities required to operate and maintain the five 69 kV power lines;
- Undergrounding of approximately 792 feet of an existing 69 kV power line and removal of the corresponding existing wood utility poles.

The Proposed Project is needed to increase the fire safety and service reliability of the existing power lines within and around the CNF.

**Environmental Assessment:** SDG&E has prepared a PEA-equivalent document that includes the assessment of potential environmental impacts created by the construction and operation of the Proposed Project. The Preliminary POD serves as the equivalent to a Proponent's Environmental Assessment. The Preliminary POD concludes there are no unmitigable long-term environmental impacts as a result of the Proposed Project. Potentially significant short-term impacts with regards to air quality due to overlapping replacement activities of the five power lines are anticipated.

**Electric Magnetic Field (EMF) Management:** SDG&E will employ measures to reduce public exposure to EMF in accordance with CPUC Decisions 93-11-013 and 06-01-042 and SDG&E's "EMF Design Guidelines for Transmission, Distribution, and Substation Facilities." SDG&E has filed copies of its Magnetic Field Management Plan for this Proposed Project as part of its Application.

**Public Review Process:** SDG&E has applied to the CPUC for a PTC and has asked for approval without hearings. Pursuant to the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, within 30 calendar days of the date of notice that this Application appears in the CPUC calendar, you may protest and request that the CPUC hold hearings on this Application. If the CPUC, as a result of its investigation, determines that public hearings should be held, notice shall be sent to each person or entity who is entitled to notice or who has requested a hearing. Please contact the following people should you require any information regarding this project.

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## **CPUC PROCESS**

If you would like additional information on the CPUC process or would like to attend hearings (if held) and need assistance, you can contact the Public Advisor's Office (PAO). You may also send your comments to the PAO at the following address: Public Advisor's Office, 320 West 4<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 500, Los Angeles CA 90013 or send an e-mail to: [public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov). Any letters received from you will be circulated to each Commissioner and will become part of the formal correspondence file in the application. In your letter, state that your comments are regarding Application No. A.12-10-009.

## **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

You may request additional information or obtain a copy of the application and related exhibits by writing to: Rebecca W. Giles, Regulatory Case Administrator for SDG&E, 8330 Century Park Court, San Diego, CA 92123. SDG&E will provide a copy of the application, including the public testimony, upon request. SDG&E's application and attachments may be inspected at the CPUC's Central Files Office, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102. A copy of the application and any amendments may be inspected at the SDG&E business offices listed below:

436 H St.  
Chula Vista, CA 91910

336 Euclid Ave.,  
San Diego, CA 92102

104 North Johnson Ave.  
El Cajon, CA 92020

440 Beech St.  
San Diego, CA 92101

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Escondido, CA 92025

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