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**To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners
& Interested Parties**

From: Ms. Joyce Steingass, CPUC Project Manager

**Subject: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION (IS/MND)
SDG&E San Marcos to Escondido Tie Line (TL) 6975 69kV Project (A.17-11-010)**

Date: April 1, 2019

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of San Diego Gas and Electric Company's (SDG&E's) application (A.17-11-010) to construct, operate, and maintain the San Marcos to Escondido Tie Line (TL) 6975 69kV Project (Project). The Draft IS/MND provides details regarding the Project; evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the Project's construction, operation, and maintenance; identifies those impacts that could be significant; and presents mitigation measures that, if adopted by the CPUC, would avoid or minimize such impacts.

Description of the Project.

The Project is located in the cities of Carlsbad, Escondido, Vista, and San Marcos, as well as in unincorporated San Diego County. The Project includes a combination of new overhead single-circuit electric power line structures, rebuild of existing structures from single circuit to double circuit, and reconductoring and re-energizing of approximately 12 miles of a 69 kilovolt (kV) overhead electric power line from the existing San Marcos Substation to the existing Escondido Substation in San Diego County, California. The Project would require acquisition of 1.2 acres of new right-of-way (ROW) adjacent to existing ROW.

Public Comment on the Draft IS/MND.

The Draft IS/MND is available for a 45-day public comment period, April 1, 2019 through May 15, 2019. The public may present comments and concerns regarding the Project and the adequacy of the Draft IS/MND. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND must be postmarked, received by e-mail, or received through CPUC's online comment tool (see link below) no later than May 15, 2019 at 5 p.m. Please include your name and mailing address in your correspondence. Note: submitted comments become part of the Project's administrative record, which is public information, subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. However, you may request that CPUC redact personal contact information from your comment prior to publication. Two public meetings will be held on April 30th, 2019: in the afternoon from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at San Elijo Recreation Center, Terrace Hall, at 1105 Elfin Forest Road, San Marcos and in the evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at San Marcos Community Center, Main Hall, at 3 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos.

Written comments on the Draft IS/MND should be sent to:

**California Public Utilities Commission
Attn. San Marcos-Escondido TL6975 Project
c/o Environmental Science Associates/DDD
1425 N. McDowell Blvd. Ste. 200
Petaluma, CA 94954
TL6975SanMarcos@esassoc.com**

[Online comment tool available at: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/esa/TL6975/index.html](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/esa/TL6975/index.html)

Availability of Draft IS/MND.

Copies of the Draft IS/MND will be available for public review at Project area libraries and on the Project website:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/esa/TL6975/index.html>

This website will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process. Printed or electronic (CD or USB) copies of the Draft IS/MND may be requested by telephone at (619) 719-4207, or by e-mail at TL6975San Marcos@esassoc.com.

The Draft IS/MND and associated Project information repositories are available at the following libraries:

San Marcos Library
2 Civic Center Drive
San Marcos, CA 92069
Phone: (760) 891-3000

Escondido Public Library
239 Kalmia Street
Escondido, CA 92025
Phone: (760) 839-4684

Carlsbad City Library
1775 Dove Lane
Carlsbad, CA 92011
Phone: (760) 602-2049

REMINDER: Draft IS/MND comments will be accepted by e-mail, online comment, or mail postmarked through May 15, 2019. Please be sure to include your name and mailing address.