

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**To:** Readers of the Draft Environmental Impact Report

**From:** Andrew Barnsdale, EIR Project Manager

**Subject:** **Notice of Availability**, Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Diablo Canyon Power Plant Steam Generator Replacement Project

**Date:** March 21, 2005

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of Pacific Gas & Electric Company's (PG&E) application to replace the steam generators at Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) Units 1 and 2. This Proposed Project would enable DCPP to remain in service until the end of the current term of each of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) licenses. The current licenses authorize DCPP Unit 1 to operate until 2021 and Unit 2 to operate until 2025. However, the existing steam generators have exhibited degradation and they are currently predicted to reach the end of their operating life within the next several years. The original steam generators will eventually reach a state where, under applicable NRC regulations, either the steam generators must be replaced or the units must be shut down.

The DEIR describes PG&E's Proposed Project, evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the Proposed Project, and identifies those impacts that could be significant. The DEIR also 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 March 21, 2005. The 500+ page DEIR is available for review at three area libraries and on the project website, as listed on page 2 of this notice. Copies of the DEIR on CD or a separately bound Executive Summary may be requested by phone or fax at (805) 888-2750 or by e-mail at [diablocanyon@aspenerg.com](mailto:diablocanyon@aspenerg.com). The CPUC also has a limited number of copies of the complete DEIR document available to the public upon request at the above addresses/numbers.

***Written comments on the Draft EIR must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail no later than May 5, 2005; please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number.***  
Written comments on the Draft EIR should be sent to:

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In order to help affected communities understand the Proposed Project and the Draft EIR, and to explain how the public can participate in the CPUC's decision-making processes, the CPUC will hold two Public Workshops on April 19 and 20, 2005. Both meetings will be held in two parts, starting with an open-house type informational session for approximately the first 1.5 hours, followed by a more formal presentation and public comment session. The informal informational sessions are an opportunity to speak with the specialists who wrote the Draft EIR and ask questions about the project or the analysis. Written comments may be submitted at any time during the meetings times listed below and oral comments from interested parties will be received during the speaker comment session in the second part of the meetings. Details on the Public Workshops are as follows:

Public Workshops on Draft EIR
April 19, 2005 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. AND April 20, 2005 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. San Luis Obispo Library - Community Room 995 Palm Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

### **Sources of Project Information**

For additional information or to read the Draft EIR online, visit the project website at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/diablo canyon/diablo canyon.htm>

This site will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce upcoming public meetings.

The DEIR is also available at the following area libraries:

- San Luis Obispo City-County Library — 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo
- Robert E. Kennedy Library — California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- South County Library — 800 West Branch Street, Arroyo Grande

You may also contact the EIR team by phone, fax, e-mail, or postal mail:

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**Draft EIR comments will be accepted by fax, e-mail, or postmark at the foregoing listings through May 5, 2005. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number.**