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

**From: John E. Forsythe, AICP, Environmental Project Manager**

**Subject: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE  
DECLARATION: San Diego Gas & Electric Company's Tie-Line 649 Wood-to-  
Steel Replacement Project**

**Date: May 15, 2018**

Pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 131-D, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed an application with the CPUC for a Permit to Construct (PTC) the Tie-Line (TL) 649 Wood-to-Steel Replacement Project (proposed project; Application A.15-08-006).

**Project Background**

SDG&E proposed to replace the existing wood poles supporting the power line with steel poles to increase fire safety and service reliability. The portion of the power line in which the existing poles would be replaced is approximately seven miles long and is extends through portions of the City of Chula Vista, the City of San Diego, and unincorporated San Diego County.

Construction is estimated to last approximately 10 months. SDG&E states that the proposed project would (1) increase the fire safety and service reliability of TL 649, and (2) locate proposed facilities within existing corridors to the extent feasible.

**Information Available**

The CPUC prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with construction of the proposed project. The Draft IS/MND identifies those impacts that could be significant and presents mitigation measures which, if adopted by the CPUC, would avoid or minimize these impacts.

Copies of the Draft IS/MND may be reviewed at the following locations:

Chula Vista Public Library  
2015 Birch Road #407  
Chula Vista, CA 91915

CPUC Energy Division  
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102

The Draft IS/MND is also available on the project website:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/horizonh2o/TL649/index.html>

This website will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce any upcoming public meetings. Printed copies or CD copies of the Draft IS/MND may be requested by e-mail at [TL649@horizonh2o.com](mailto:TL649@horizonh2o.com) or by toll-free telephone at (844) 211-7510.


### **Public Comments on the Draft IS/MND**

The Draft IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day public review period, May 16, 2018 through June 15, 2018. The public may submit comments and concerns regarding the proposed project and the adequacy of the Draft IS/MND. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND must be postmarked or received by fax or email no later than June 15, 2018.

The CPUC will not consider anonymous comments. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND may be submitted via mail or email to:

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