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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
PETITION TO EXPAND THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FOR THE PALOMAR ENERGY CENTER (01-AFC-24C)

A petition dated November 20, 2012, was filed with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) by San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E), requesting to modify the Energy Commission Decision for the Palomar Energy Center (PEC). The 500-megawatt project was certified by the Energy Commission on August 6, 2003, and began commercial operation on April 6, 2006. The facility is located in the City of Escondido in San Diego County, California.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

SDG&E is proposing to build a two story addition on the east side of the existing administration building. This addition will add approximately 1500 square feet of available administrative office space. A new building entrance will be located on the south side of the addition. The expansion will also include a new 4-foot sidewalk extension along the new east and north walls and a canopy over the new building entrance. The petition to expand the administration building can be viewed on the Energy Commission website at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palomar/compliance/index.html.

ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW AND DETERMINATION

Pursuant to section 1769(a)(2), Title 20, California Code of Regulations, "(w)here staff determines that there is no possibility that the modifications may have a significant effect on the environment, and if the modifications will not result in a change or deletion of a condition adopted by the commission in the final decision or make changes that would cause the project not to comply with any applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or standards, no commission approval is required…"

The Escondido Union School District (EUSD) has a school development impact fee that is based on the square footage of covered and enclosed space. In accordance with Condition of Certification **SOCIO-1,** the project owner shall pay the statutory school facility development fee as required at the time of filing for the In-Lieu building permit with the City of Escondido Building Department.

Energy Commission staff has determined that approval by the full Commission is not required, and the proposed modifications meet the criteria for approval at the staff level because:

- The modification will not have any significant effect on the environment;

- Existing conditions of certification are sufficient to cover the proposed modification without changes to, or deletions of, any conditions of certification; and
- The project as modified will maintain full compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and standards (LORS).

Any person may file a written objection to staff's determination within 14 days of the date of this notice on the grounds that the project modification does not meet the criteria set forth in Section 1769(a)(2). All objections must be in writing and must be sent to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit. Please include the docket number 01-AFC-24C in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Those submitting comments electronically should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document Format (PDF) to [docket@energy.ca.gov]. Please include your name or organization's name in the file name. Those preparing non-electronic written comments should mail or hand deliver them to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 01-AFC-24C
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If no substantive objection is received in writing by the end of the comment period, the requested project modification will be deemed approved.

For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at publicadviser@energy.ca.gov. News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Dale Rundquist, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-2072, or by fax to (916) 654-3882 or e-mail at Dale.Rundquist@energy.ca.gov.

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