PETITION FOR CHANGE OF THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION IN THE FINAL DECISION TO ERECT AND UTILIZE A FABRICATION/REPAIR SHOP AND WATER LABORATORY BUILDING

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) is filing this petition for a proposed amendment of the project design as described in the Final Decision for the Palomar Energy Center (PEC), Docket 01-AFC-24 pursuant to 20 Cal. Code Regs. Section 1769(a)(1). San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E or "the applicant") is proposing to erect two small buildings that will support more effective management of the facility. The buildings will provide more room to carry out on-site fabrication and repairs and provide separate a separate space for the plant's water laboratory. Space will also be provided in the same building for a rest room for outside contractors outside of the plant's administration building. No changes in Conditions of Certification are necessary.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION (Sec. 1769(a)(1)(A))

Further details of the proposed facilities are as follows:

<u>Fabrication/Repair Building</u>. Fabrication and repair of parts and equipment is currently carried out within a section of the main administration building. PEC management need additional space to carry out these activities. Much of the maintenance activities the plant engages in requires clean work area due to the delicate nature of the equipment being repaired. Fabrication activities such as welding, grinding, and other similar work is incompatible with much of the other maintenance activities that take place in the current shop area. The new building will measure approximately 10x40x16 feet. It will be a metal sided double walled building of similar construction to the administration building.

The building will be located in the middle area of the plant site where previous excavation, backfill and compaction took place during plant construction. It will not be visible from off-site. The building will be painted the plant color (SW 1022 Cubist grey). Plot plans showing the location of the building and visual simulations are attached in Appendix 1.

<u>Laboratory and Restroom Building</u>. Currently the plant's water laboratory is located within the administration building. The plant chemist must make several trips per shift to obtain samples from sample lockers elsewhere on the site. Construction of a small separate laboratory building will eliminate the need for these trips and consolidate more of the sample storage and water analysis functions at one location. The building would measure approximately 30 x 45 x 16 feet. The building would be located just north of the administration and south of the Unit 2 Heat Recovery Steam Generator. The building will be painted the plant color (SW 1022 Cubist grey). It would not be visible from offsite. Plot plans showing the location of the building and visual simulations are attached in Appendix 2.

Outside contractors currently must either be allowed access to the administration in order to use rest room facilities or use portable restrooms on site. PEC management proposes to add a restroom facility to the same building that will house the water laboratory.

3.0 NECESSITY (Sec. 1769(a)(1)(B))

The two buildings will improve safety, efficiency, and convenience of plant operations.

4.0 TIMING (Sec. 1769(a)(1)(C) and (D))

SDG&E assumed ownership of the PEC about three years after issuance of the Final Decision and certification to Palomar Energy, LLC. Since taking ownership of the plant in 2006, SDG&E has continued to review the engineering and design of the plant to in

order to better serve the needs of SDG&E ratepayers. SDG&E has also benefited from experience gained operating the plant since assuming ownership. This "fine tuning" could not have taken place during the licensing proceeding because SDG&E was not the applicant, the plant was not yet operating, and Palomar Energy brought its own objectives to the development of the project for the merchant market. The addition of the fabrication/repair shop and water laboratory buildings does not change or undermine the assumptions, rationale, findings, or other bases of the Final Decision. The change complies with all laws, ordinances, regulations and standards and does not have a significant environmental impact, as further described below.

5.0 ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECT OF THE MODIFICATIONS ON THE ENVIRONMENT (Sec. 1769(a)(1)(E))

The requested equipment change will have no significant effects on any of the technical areas analyzed in the August 2003 Final Commission Decision. Please see Table 1 below.

Table 1
Review of Effects of Installation and Operation of Emergency Engine

| TECHNICAL AREA | SIGNIFICANT | NOTES | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| | ENVIRONMENTAL | | |
| | IMPACT (Y/N)? | | |
| AIR QUALITY | N | no change | |
| CULTURAL | N | Area for construction is prior filled | |
| RESOURCES | | area | |
| | | | |
| EFFICIENCY | N | No impact | |
| GEOLOGICAL | N | No change | |

| TECHNICAL AREA | SIGNIFICANT | | NOTES | |
|-----------------|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| | ENVIRONMENTAL | | | |
| | IMPACT (Y/N)? | | | |
| HAZARDS | | | | |
| | | | | |
| HAZARDOUS | N | | No change | |
| MATERIALS | | | | |
| HANDLING | | | | |
| | | | | |
| LAND USE | N | | No change | |
| | | | | |
| NOISE | N | | No Change | |
| | | | | |
| PALEONTOLOGICAL | N | | Area for construction is prior filled | |
| RESOURCES | | | area | |
| | | | | |
| BIOLOGICAL | N | | Area previously disturbed. | |
| RESOURCES | | | | |
| PUBLIC HEALTH | N | | no change | |
| | | | | |
| RELIABILITY | N | | No change | |
| | | | | |
| SOCIOECONOMICS | N | | No change | |
| | | | | |
| SOILS | N | | No change | |
| | | | | |
| TRAFFIC AND | N | | Construction traffic minimal | |
| TRANSPORTATION | | | | |

| TECHNICAL AREA | SIGNIFICANT | NOTES | | |
|-------------------|---------------|---|--|--|
| | ENVIRONMENTAL | | | |
| | IMPACT (Y/N)? | | | |
| | | | | |
| T-LINE SAFETY AND | N | No change | | |
| NUISANCE | | | | |
| | | | | |
| TRANSMISSION | N | No change | | |
| SYSTEM | | | | |
| ENGINEERING | | | | |
| | | | | |
| VISUAL RESOURCES | N | Structures will meet painting and | | |
| | | visual requirements of Final Decision; | | |
| | | See plot plan and visual simulations in | | |
| | | Appendices 1 and 2. | | |
| WASTE | N | No change | | |
| MANAGEMENT | | | | |
| WATER RESOURCES | N | No change | | |
| | | | | |
| WORKER SAFETY | N | No change | | |
| | | | | |

6.0 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS (LORS) (Sec. 1769(a)(1)(F))

The two new buildings will not affect compliance with any other LORS requirement. Therefore, the proposed modification is not anticipated to impact SDG&E's ability to

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comply with the applicable LORS, as listed in Appendix A of the Commission Final

Decision.

7.0 POTENTIAL EFFECTS ON PUBLIC AND NEARBY PROPERTY

OWNERS (Sec. 1769(a)(1)(G and I))

The requested modification will not have any environmental impacts and will comply

with all applicable LORS. Thus, the proposed equipment change is not anticipated to

affect nearby property owners or parties in the application proceedings or the public

8.0 LIST OF PROPERTY OWNERS (Sec. 1769(a)(1)(H))

A list of property owners 1,000 feet of the plant site has previously been provided to the

Commission CPM.

9.0 SUMMARY OF REQUEST

As demonstrated above, construction and use of the two new buildings will not have an

adverse effect on the public or the environment. The change will not affect compliance

with applicable LORS. Accordingly, SDG&E requests that the Energy Commission Staff

expedite review of this petition, and request Commission approval of the proposed

modified conditions in accordance with Title 20 CCR Section 1769.

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APPENDIX 1

SITE MAP AND VISUAL SIMULATIONS OF PROPOSED FABRICATION BUILDING

APPENDIX 2

SITE MAP AND VISUAL SIMULATIONS OF PROPOSED WATER LABORTORY AND RESTROOM BUILDING















