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NOTICE OF RECEIPT

PETITION FOR POST CERTIFICATION PROJECT CHANGE PALOMAR ENERGY CENTER (01-AFC-24C)

On October 15, 2021, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed a petition for a post-certification project change (TN 240085) with the California Energy Commission (CEC) for the Palomar Energy Center (PEC).

The 588-megawatt combined-cycle, natural gas power plant (which includes two natural gas-fired, combustion turbine generators and a steam turbine generator) was certified by the CEC on August 6, 2003 and began commercial operation on April 1, 2006. The facility is in the city of Escondido, in San Diego County, California.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

The project owner seeks approval to install two nitrogen concentrator systems, one on each of the PEC's heat recovery steam generators. The nitrogen concentrator systems would provide an unlimited source of nitrogen gas, which is required to prevent the introduction of oxygen into plant drum and piping systems and corrosion of susceptible metal components when the power plant steam drums are in a layup condition. Nitrogen is currently supplied in portable gas cylinders by a local vendor.

For additional information, the CEC's webpage for this facility, <https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/combined-cycle/palomar-energy-project>, has a link to the petition accessible through the webpage in the box labeled "Compliance Proceeding." Click on the "Documents for this Proceeding (Docket Log)" option.

CEC REVIEW PROCESS

This petition is reviewed pursuant to Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1769. The review process includes an evaluation of the effect the change could have on the environment; the project's compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or standards; and whether a change to, or deletion of, any condition of certification adopted by the CEC in the final decision or subsequent amendments is required.

After staff has completed its independent review and analysis of this petition, the assessment will be published for public review and comment. Included in the staff analysis, staff will provide written notice of its intent to either process the proposed changes as a staff-approved project change or schedule it for consideration by the CEC at a regularly scheduled business meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This notice of receipt is being mailed to the CEC's facility mailing list of interested agencies, the public, and property owners that requested placement on the mailing list and list serve and to property owners within 1,000 feet of the facility site. The list serve is an automated CEC system by which information about this facility is emailed to parties who have subscribed. To subscribe, go to the CEC's webpage for this facility, cited above, scroll down the right side of the project webpage to the box labeled "Subscribe," and provide the requested contact information.

Any person may comment. The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. To use the CEC's electronic commenting feature, go to the CEC's webpage for this facility, cited above, click on the "Submit e-Comment" link, and follow the instructions in the online form. Be sure to include the facility name in your comments.

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (for example, address, phone number, email address) become part of the viewable public record. This information may also become available via any internet search engine.

Written comments may also be mailed to:

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