

**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**1516 NINTH STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-5512

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT  
PETITION TO AMEND  
TO MODIFY PALOMAR ENERGY CENTER PROJECT  
(01-AFC-24C)**

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| <b>DOCKET</b>     |             |
| <b>01-AFC-24C</b> |             |
| DATE              | MAY 10 2010 |
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On April 9, 2010, the San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) filed a petition with the California Energy Commission requesting to modify the Palomar Energy Center Project. The 550-megawatt project was certified by the Energy Commission on August 6, 2003, and began commercial operation on April 1, 2006. The facility is located in the City of Escondido in San Diego County.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS**

The modification proposed in the petition will allow SDG&E to install three new water treatment storage tanks, upgrade existing containments and three associated pump skid assemblies (two of which are new and one which will utilize an existing pump skid). Upgrades to electrical wiring, instrumentation, and DCS control and indication wiring will also be completed.

**ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW AND DETERMINATION**

Pursuant to section 1769(a)(2), Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Energy Commission approval of the project modification is not required if Energy Commission staff determines that:

- There is no possibility that the modification may have a significant effect on the environment, and
- The modification will not result in a change to or deletion of a condition of certification, or make changes that would cause the project not to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or standards (LORS).

Energy Commission staff has determined that the proposed modification meets the criteria for staff approval 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 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 either by U.S. mail, e-mail, or other document delivery service to Dale Rundquist, Compliance Project Manager, at the address shown below:

California Energy Commission  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street, MS 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comments may be submitted by fax to (916) 654-3882, or by e-mail at [drundqui@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:drundqui@energy.state.ca.us). If no substantive objection is received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on May 24, 2010, the requested project modifications will be deemed approved, and a description of the change will be placed in the project file.

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.state.ca.us](mailto:publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us). News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Dale Rundquist at (916) 651-2072, or by fax or e-mail using the above information.

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**Date**

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