

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION1516 NINTH STREET
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NOTICE OF RECEIPT
PETITION TO AMEND
THE ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION for the
PALOMAR ENERGY CENTER PROJECT (01-AFC-24C)

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DATE	OCT 12 2010
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On April 27, 2010, San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) owner of the Palomar Energy Center (PEC) filed a petition with the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) requesting to modify the PEC. The 500-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 MODIFICATION

SDG&E is proposing to install a 1,945 horsepower, turbocharged and aftercooled, lean burn engine (Cummins Series QSK60G) to drive a 1400 kW generator at the existing PEC site. The engine will be fired exclusively on pipeline quality natural gas fuel and will only be used in an emergency mode when electricity is unavailable from the SDG&E power grid. This engine will be a critical services emergency engine, meant to keep certain plant systems in a ready mode when electricity is unavailable from the SDG&E power grid. Several Air Quality Conditions of Certification may be changed or added in the Air Quality section to address this modification.

ENERGY COMMISSION AMENDMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES

The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality, public health and safety. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's Decision and the project, as modified, will remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (Title 20, Calif. Code of Regulations, section 1769). Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing the request and will publish a revised staff analysis in the near future. A public hearing for the purpose of approving or denying the amendment proposal will be held at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission business meeting.

This Notice of Receipt is being mailed to interested parties and property owners adjacent to the project site who may want to participate in the amendment process.

The petition is available on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/alphabetical.html>. The revised staff analysis, when published, will also be posted on the website. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the petition and/or staff's revised analysis, please complete the enclosed Information Request Form and return it to the address shown.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Dale Rundquist, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 651-2072, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: drundqui@energy.state.ca.us within 14 days of the date of this notice.

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. 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.

Date: _____

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION DECISION TO INSTALL ONE 1945 BRAKE HORSEPOWER EMERGENCY-
USE INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE AT THE EXISTING PALOMAR ENERGY CENTER TO KEEP CERTAIN PLANT
SYSTEMS IN A READY MODE WHEN ELECTRICITY IS UNAVAILABLE FROM THE SDG&E POWER GRID.**

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- PETITION TO AMEND CD OR HARD COPY
 REVISED STAFF ANALYSIS
 COMMISSION ORDER

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