

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
 PETITION TO EXPAND THE EXISTING COOLING TOWER
 SWITCH GEAR ENCLOSURE
 FOR THE PALOMAR ENERGY CENTER
 (01-AFC-24C)**

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DATE	Dec. 28 2011
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A petition dated November 15, 2011, was filed with the California Energy Commission by San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E), requesting to modify the California 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.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

SDG&E is proposing to add two 6-foot by 22-foot expansions (one on each side of the building) to the existing switch gear enclosure. The expansion will improve lighting, access and location of electrical outlets. The expansion will also improve access to equipment housed in the enclosure by way of a 12-foot by 8-foot roll-up door and an additional man-door. The addition of the usable work space will insure a safe working environment when performing maintenance and repairs of the equipment.

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...”

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 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 9th Street, MS 2000
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Comments may be submitted by fax to (916) 654-3882, or by e-mail at drundqui@energy.state.ca.us. If no substantive objection is received in writing, the requested project modifications 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.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.

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.

Date: _____

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