



**NOTICE OF RECEIPT
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
PALOMAR ENERGY PROJECT
Docket No. 01-AFC-24**

On November 28, 2001, Palomar Energy LLC (Palomar) filed an Application for Certification (AFC), for its proposed Palomar Energy Project (PEP) with the California Energy Commission seeking approval to construct and operate a 500 megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired, simple-cycle electric generating facility. The plant will be owned and operated by Palomar.

The proposed project would be located on a vacant 20-acre site within a planned 186-acre industrial park in the City of Escondido, California. The industrial park project is known as the Escondido Research and Technology Center (ERTC). The ERTC project, and a draft Specific Plan for the industrial park project, area are currently undergoing a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, with the City of Escondido as Lead Agency.

Natural gas for the project will be delivered via the San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) gas system and an existing SDG&E natural gas pipeline located immediately adjacent to the project site. The project includes a new 230 kV switchyard connecting with an existing SDG&E electric transmission line also located adjacent to the project site. Reclaimed water for the project will be supplied from the City of Escondido's Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility (HARRF) via a new 1.1 mile, 16-inch supply pipeline extending from an existing reclaimed water main. Brine from the project will be returned to the HARRF via a new 1.1 mile, 8-inch return pipeline routed alongside the reclaimed water supply pipeline and connecting to an existing brine return line.

The project is proposed to be operational in the summer of 2004.

Energy Commission's Facility Certification Process

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all applications for thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The Energy Commission's facility certification process examines public health and safety, environmental impacts and engineering aspects of proposed power plants and all related facilities such as electric transmission lines, natural gas pipelines and water pipelines. The Energy Commission is the lead agency under CEQA.

Over the 12-month licensing phase, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the project should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions. These workshops will provide the public as well as local, state and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about, and provide input on, the proposed project. The

Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings, normally 14 days, but in no case later than 10 days, prior to the meeting.

If you desire information on how to participate in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact Ms. Roberta Mendonca, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228. Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Bob Eller, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 651-8835. The status of the project, an electronic copy of the application for certification, copies of notices, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's web site at www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palomar. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989.

This notice of receipt has been mailed to all parties that have requested to be placed on the mailing list during pre-filing and to property owners located adjacent to the project site and any of the project-related facilities. By being on the mailing list, you will receive notices of all project-related activities and notices when documents related to the project's review are available. If you are not currently receiving these notices and want to be placed on the mailing list or wish to be removed from the mailing list, please contact Mary Dyas, Project Assistant, at (916) 651-8891, or by email at mdyas@energy.state.ca.us.

A copy of the AFC document is available for public inspection at:

Escondido Public Library
239 South Kalmia Street
Escondido, CA 92025

East Valley Branch Library
2245 East Valley Parkway
Escondido, CA 92027

Valley Center Public Library
29115 Valley Center Road
Valley Center, CA 92082

Copies are also available at the Energy Commission's Library in Sacramento, the California State Library in Sacramento, and at public libraries in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Fresno, and Eureka. In addition, copies will be distributed to those public agencies that would normally have jurisdiction except for the Energy Commission's exclusive authority to certify sites and related facilities.

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