

PALOMAR ENERGY PROJECT (01-AFC-24)
CEC STAFF DATA REQUEST NUMBER 72

Technical Area: Visual Resources

Response Date: April 8, 2002

REQUEST:

Please clarify whether or not the SDG&E pipeline upgrade is necessary for the proposed project.

RESPONSE:

The SDG&E gas pipeline upgrade is needed for the proposed project in order to remove a bottleneck in the SDG&E gas system. The upgrade will replace the existing 8-inch high-pressure gas line with a 16-inch line. The current 8-inch line segment (approximately 2,600 feet) connects existing 16-inch gas lines at both ends, and thus is a bottleneck for gas supply to the Palomar facility. With the planned upgrade, this bottleneck will be eliminated.