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ENERGY NOTES

ENERGY-SAVING PROGRAMS support regional reliability

SDG&E's® energy-efficiency and demand response programs for homes and businesses do more than help you save energy, money and natural resources. They also help support energy reliability for the entire region.

“As part of our long-term resource plan for the region’s energy future, we’re committed to offering a variety of energy-saving programs to our customers,” says Ed Guiles, SDG&E chairman and chief executive officer. “By helping customers reduce their energy use, our programs play an important role in moving toward a sustainable energy future for our area’s growing population.”

SDG&E’s long-term energy resource plan calls for a priority ranking of a variety of energy resources. These include energy-efficiency and demand response programs, more renewable energy, additional power generation plants and increasing transmission capacity.

The three-year plan approved by the California Public Utilities Commission calls for SDG&E to provide approximately \$258 million of energy-efficiency funds from 2006 through 2008. Programs offer rebates, incentives, services and information to residential and business customers to make improvements to save energy all the time. For example, SDG&E offers direct rebates on single-family and multi-family home energy improvements, including water heaters, dishwashers, pool pumps, and home insulation. In addition, SDG&E is working with retailers and manufacturers to increase the number of energy-efficient products available at discounted prices.

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Evaluating strategies for energy-efficiency and demand response programs are SDG&E executives Ed Guiles, left, chairman and chief executive officer, Anne Smith, senior vice president of Customer Services, and Don Wiggins, manager of Demand Response Implementation.

PAYMENT ONLINE is easy on you and the ENVIRONMENT

You can take one small step for the environment this Earth Day, April 22, 2006, by paying your bills online. In fact, if all SDG&E customers paid their energy bills electronically, the reduced use of paper and ink for billing could save up to 750 trees and 9 million gallons of water each year.

In addition to eliminating paper bills, SDG&E's electronic bill payment service is convenient, easy and secure. SDG&E adds no extra charge for this service. This payment option gives you a monthly e-mail notice when your bill is ready to be viewed and paid online. There's no need to write a check or pay postage. Plus, you can:

- Set up monthly recurring payments.
- View up to 25 months of billing and payment history.
- Choose the day and amount you would like to pay.
- Link, view and pay bills for multiple SDG&E accounts.

To enroll, visit www.sdge.com/myaccount and have your SDG&E account number and banking information handy. Your information is kept strictly confidential. Online billing is just one example of SDG&E's commitment to providing exceptional customer service.

KEEPING *waterways clean*

To help prevent debris, vehicle oils and other pollutants from reaching local waterways, SDG&E relies on best-management practices during construction, repair and maintenance operations. This helps keep oceans, beaches, lakes and streams clean and safe for people and aquatic life. It's also one of the ways that SDG&E partners with the communities we serve.

You can help protect water quality, too, by preventing automotive fluids, pet waste, trash, pesticides, cleaning solvents, grass clippings and other pollutants from entering storm drains. Saving energy is another way to protect the environment. For tips, visit www.sdge.com.

To avoid the *pitfalls of digging*, make this call

Digging in your yard can be hazardous to your health and wealth if you don't know where underground gas and electric lines are buried. Fortunately, there's an easy way to avoid serious injuries, costly damage and service disruptions.

Just call Underground Service Alert, **1-800-227-2600**, at least two workdays before you break ground for any reason, such as landscaping, sprinkler system repairs or construction projects. SDG&E's locator will mark where underground utility lines are buried – sometimes just inches below the surface – so that you and your contractors can work around them safely.

This service is free. For more information, visit www.digalert.com.



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Celebrating 125 years of service



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In 1881, SDG&E got its start manufacturing gas in this facility. Also shown is the company's first horse and wagon, bought in 1885 to improve transportation capabilities. Downtown San Diego's East Village has since sprung up where the gas plant once stood.

On April 18, 1881, five men incorporated the San Diego Gas Company to serve a budding city with a population of 3,000. That June, the company began supplying manufactured gas to 89 homes and businesses in the downtown San Diego area. Today, that city is the seventh largest in the U.S., and San Diego Gas & Electric Company serves approximately 3.3 million consumers through 1.3 million electric meters and more than 800,000 natural gas meters in San Diego and southern Orange counties. SDG&E honors this 125-year heritage with its commitment to provide safe, reliable energy and exceptional customer service now and in the future.

Energy-saving programs... *(continued from cover)*

Rebates and incentives also are available to make energy-efficient retrofits more affordable for businesses of all types and sizes, and to help upgrade new construction projects to perform better than required under California's energy-efficiency standards.

SDG&E's energy-efficiency goals for 2006 include helping customers save 280 million kilowatt-hours of electricity, or enough energy to serve 560,000 homes for a month, based on a typical residential customer's use of 500 kilowatt-hours per month.

The demand response programs help customers save energy during temporary critical times, such as hot summer days when electricity use is high. These programs offer incentives and assistance to help businesses and homeowners reduce energy use and save money.

For more information about SDG&E's energy-saving programs and commitment to providing safe, reliable energy, visit www.sdge.com.

2006 program innovations

To determine its range of energy-efficiency programs, SDG&E worked with a Program Advisory Group comprised of community leaders, customers, and businesses, who provided feedback during public planning meetings.

Of SDG&E's energy-efficiency funds, 20% will be used by outside companies on programs they develop and implement. These projects, selected through a competitive bid process, are meant to encourage innovative approaches to saving energy.

Additionally, SDG&E is partnering with the City of San Diego, the City of Chula Vista, the County of San Diego, San Diego Regional Energy Office and the County Water Authority to pursue expanded energy-efficiency programs.

LOS PROGRAMAS PARA EL AHORRO DE ENERGÍA apoyan la confiabilidad regional

Los programas para la eficiencia energética y respuesta a la demanda para hogares y negocios de SDG&E® hacen más que ayudarlo a ahorrar energía, dinero y recursos naturales. También ayudan a apoyar la confiabilidad energética de toda la región.

“Como parte de nuestro plan de recursos energéticos a largo plazo para el futuro de la energía en la región, estamos comprometidos a ofrecer a nuestros clientes una variedad de programas para el ahorro de energía,” afirma Ed Guiles, presidente y director general de SDG&E. “Al ayudar a nuestros clientes a reducir su consumo de energía, nuestros programas desempeñan un papel importante en los pasos que se están dando hacia un futuro energético sustentable para la creciente población de la zona en que vivimos.”

El plan de recursos energéticos a largo plazo de SDG&E llama a priorizar una variedad de recursos energéticos. Éstos incluyen: programas de energía energética y respuesta a la demanda, más energía renovable, plantas adicionales para la generación de electricidad y aumento de la capacidad de transmisión.

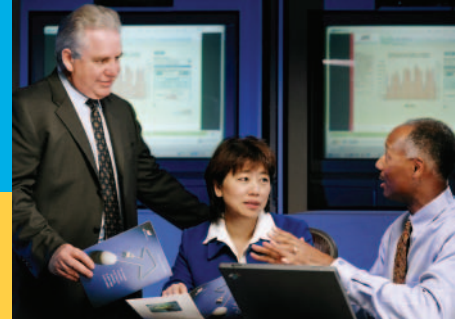
El plan de tres años que aprobó la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de California requiere que SDG&E proporcione aproximadamente \$258 millones de fondos para la eficiencia energética de 2006 a 2008. Los programas ofrecen reembolsos, incentivos, servicios e información a clientes residenciales y comerciales para hacer mejoras que ahorren energía todo el tiempo. Por ejemplo, SDG&E ofrece reembolsos directos por mejoras energéticas a hogares unifamiliares y multifamiliares incluyendo calentadores de agua, lavavajillas, bombas para piscina, y aislamiento para el hogar. Además, SDG&E está trabajando en forma conjunta con distribuidores y fabricantes para aumentar el número de productos eficientes en energía disponibles a precios de descuento.

Innovaciones a los programas de 2006

Para determinar la gama de programas para la eficiencia energética, SDG&E trabajó con un Grupo Asesor de Programas compuesto de líderes de la comunidad, clientes, y empresas, que brindaron sus reacciones durante reuniones públicas de planeación.

De los fondos para la eficiencia energética de SDG&E, 20% será usado por empresas externas en programas que desarrollen y pongan en práctica ellos mismos. Estos proyectos, seleccionados mediante un proceso de licitación competitiva, tienen la intención de alentar enfoques innovadores para el ahorro de energía.

Además, SDG&E está trabajando conjuntamente con las autoridades de la Ciudad de San Diego, Ciudad de Chula Vista, el Condado de San Diego, la Oficina Regional de Energía de San Diego y la entidad suministradora de agua del condado (County Water Authority) para continuar la expansión de programas para la eficiencia energética.



Evaluando estrategias para programas de eficiencia energética y respuesta a la demanda están los ejecutivos de SDG&E Ed Guiles, izquierda, presidente y director general, Anne Smith, vicepresidenta senior de Atención al Cliente, y Don Wiggins, gerente de Implementación de Respuesta a la Demanda.

También se ofrecen reembolsos e incentivos para hacer las reconversiones eficientes en energía más asequibles para empresas de todo tipo y tamaño, y por ayudar a mejorar nuevos proyectos de construcción para que tengan un rendimiento superior al que se requiere conforme a los estándares de eficiencia energética de California.

Las metas de eficiencia energética de SDG&E para 2006 incluyen ayudar a nuestros clientes a ahorrar 280 millones de kilovatios-hora de electricidad, o suficiente energía para dar servicio a 560,000 casas durante un mes, basado en el consumo de un cliente residencial típico de 500 kilovatios-hora mensuales.

Los programas de respuesta a la demanda ayudan a los clientes a ahorrar energía en periodos críticos temporales, como son algunos días calurosos de verano cuando el consumo de electricidad es alto. Estos programas ofrecen incentivos y asistencia para ayudar a empresarios y propietarios de vivienda a reducir el consumo de energía y ahorrar dinero.

Para mayor información acerca de los programas para el ahorro de energía y el compromiso de SDG&E de proveer energía segura y confiable, visite www.sdge.com.