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ENERGY NOTES

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NEW TRANSMISSION LINE *relieves congestion on “electricity freeway”*

Using innovative engineering and construction techniques, SDG&E® energized a major new electric transmission line a year ahead of schedule to help meet this summer’s peak power demand. The 35-mile, 230,000-volt line runs along an existing right-of-way from a substation in southeastern San Diego County to a substation in Mission Valley. Just as adding lanes on a busy freeway improves traffic flow, increasing the transmission capacity of the power grid helps SDG&E move power more efficiently.

“Getting this vital transmission link in service has significantly reduced congestion at the Miguel substation, and will help keep the lights on for customers this summer,” says Ed Guiles, SDG&E chairman and chief executive officer.

Last year, the Miguel substation in the Bonita area was one of the most congested electric transmission hubs in the state. As a result, state officials were concerned that transmission bottlenecks could trigger power outages during hot-weather, peak-use periods this summer. SDG&E made temporary modifications to energize the line to meet summer peak demand and will complete final construction next year.

Transmission system upgrades are part of SDG&E’s long-term resource plan for providing safe, reliable energy. For more information, visit www.sdge.com.



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, left, joins Ed Guiles, SDG&E chairman and chief executive officer, at SDG&E’s dedication ceremony for a major new electric transmission line. SDG&E energized the Miguel-Mission 2 line ahead of schedule to help meet this summer’s peak power demand.

Rebates for HOME IMPROVEMENTS going fast



Qualifying central air conditioners and heat pumps must be purchased and installed by Sept. 30 to be eligible for SDG&E rebates of \$200 to \$500.

SDG&E rebates of \$200 to \$500 for qualifying central air conditioners and heat pumps are scheduled to end on Sept. 30, and rebates for other measures are going fast. Energy-efficient home improvements that may qualify for 2005 rebates through Dec. 31 – or until funds are no longer available – include a whole-house fan (\$100), pool pump and motor replacement (\$125 to \$300), attic and wall insulation (\$0.15 per square foot), and ENERGY STAR® labeled room air conditioner (\$50) and programmable thermostat (\$10).

Be sure to verify rebate availability and eligibility requirements before buying or installing products. Call SDG&E's Energy Information Center at 1-800-644-6133 or visit the "Residential" section of www.sdge.com.

If heat is a health threat, GET THIS ALERT

Is extreme heat a health threat for anyone in your home such that your living space must be kept at a constant temperature? If so, you may receive advance notice in the event of state-directed, rotating power outages. SDG&E offers these automated phone calls to alert customers who are vulnerable to extreme temperatures.

To enroll in this free service, call 1-800-411-SDGE (7343) or visit the "Residential" section of www.sdge.com and check "Assistance Services" for "Temperature Sensitive Program." There's no need to enroll if you already participate in SDG&E's Medical Baseline Program, which also offers advance notice of rotating power outages.



SDG&E offers an outage notification service for customers who are vulnerable to extreme temperatures.

Five energy solutions for small businesses

Cost control is vital to small businesses, and SDG&E can help with energy solutions such as:

1. Rebates and incentives that make it easier to invest in energy-efficient equipment.
2. Online, on-site, mail-in and phone-in options for analyzing business energy use and ways to reduce costs.
3. An online tool for viewing energy use patterns and billing history.
4. Quick tips for improving workplace energy efficiency at little or no cost.
5. Seminars on the latest techniques and technologies for saving energy.

For more information, visit www.sdge.com/business. Small business services are part of SDG&E's commitment to providing energy solutions to help the regional economy.

Discounts offered to *QUALIFIED CUSTOMERS*



You may qualify for one of SDG&E's money-saving rate assistance programs if your household income meets the guidelines shown here.

- The **California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE)** program provides a 20% discount on monthly gas and electric bills to qualifying customers. And because higher income guidelines took effect on June 1, 2005, more customers now qualify for the CARE discount.
- The **Family Electric Rate**

More customers qualify for energy rate discounts now that higher household income guidelines are in effect.

Assistance (FERA) program discounts electricity costs about 2 cents per kilowatt-hour for monthly power use within a certain range. FERA is only for households with three or more persons.

For more information, call SDG&E at **1-800-411-SDGE (7343)**, or look for the CARE and FERA applications at www.sdge.com, in the "Residential" section under "Assistance Services."

Number of persons in household	Total combined annual household income (guidelines effective June 1, 2005, to May 31, 2006)	
	CARE	FERA
1 or 2	Up to \$24,200	Not applicable
3	Up to \$28,400	\$28,401 to \$40,600
4	Up to \$34,200	\$34,201 to \$49,000
5	Up to \$40,000	\$40,001 to \$57,400
6	Up to \$45,800	\$45,801 to \$65,800
Each additional person	Add \$5,800 per person	Add \$8,400 per person

ENERGYGUIDE

labels help you choose best buys

When you're in the market for a major appliance, the purchase price isn't the only cost to keep in mind. Consider the operating costs as well by checking the EnergyGuide labels of the different brands and models you're comparing. The bright yellow-and-black labels show the estimated energy use or energy efficiency of most major appliances compared to similar models. Saving energy saves you money every month over the life of the appliance – 10 to 20 years, depending on the appliance – and helps protect natural resources.



EnergyGuide labels help you compare estimated operating costs of most major appliances compared to similar models.



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NOTICIAS DE ENERGÍA



Se ofrecen descuentos a los **CLIENTES QUE CUMPLAN CON LOS REQUISITOS**

Quizá tenga derecho a uno de los programas de ayuda con tarifas que ahorran dinero si el ingreso de su hogar reúne los siguientes criterios.

- El programa de **Tarifas Alternas de Energía para California (CARE)** provee un 20% de descuento en las facturas mensuales de gas y electricidad a los clientes que cumplan con los requisitos. Y dado que desde el 1 de junio de 2005 entraron en vigor criterios más altos de ingreso, ahora más clientes tienen derecho al descuento CARE.
- El **Programa Familiar de Reducción de Tarifas Eléctricas (FERA)** descuenta aproximadamente 2 centavos por kilovatio/hora al costo correspondiente a la electricidad para cierto nivel de consumo mensual de energía. FERA es únicamente para hogares con tres o más personas.

Para mayor información, llame a SDG&E al **1-800-311-SDGE (7343)**, u obtenga los formularios de solicitud CARE y FERA en www.sdge.com/sp.

Si el calor representa un riesgo para la salud, QUE LE ALERTEN

¿Representa el calor extremo un riesgo para la salud de alguien en su casa de tal manera que su vivienda debe mantenerse a una temperatura constante? Si es así, se le puede avisar con anticipación en caso de que el estado ordene que haya apagones escalonados. SDG&E ofrece estas llamadas telefónicas automatizadas para alertar a los clientes que son vulnerables a temperaturas extremas.

Para inscribirse en este servicio gratuito, llame al **1-800-311-SDGE (7343)**. No necesita inscribirse si ya participa en el programa de Asignaciones Médicas Iniciales de SDG&E, que también ofrece aviso anticipado de apagones escalonados.

SDG&E ofrece un servicio de notificación de apagones para los clientes que son vulnerables a temperaturas extremas.

Cinco soluciones energéticas para pequeñas empresas

El control de costos es vital para las pequeñas empresas, y SDG&E puede ayudar con soluciones energéticas tales como:

1. Reembolsos e incentivos que hacen más fácil invertir en equipo energéticamente eficiente.
2. Opciones en línea, a domicilio, por correo y por teléfono para analizar el consumo de energía en el negocio y formas de reducir los costos.
3. Una herramienta en línea para ver los patrones de consumo de energía y el historial de facturación.
4. Sugerencias para mejorar la eficiencia energética en el lugar de trabajo a un costo bajo o sin costo alguno.
5. Seminarios acerca de las más modernas técnicas y tecnologías para el ahorro de energía.

Para mayor información, visite www.sdge.com. Los servicios para pequeñas empresas son parte del compromiso de SDG&E de proveer soluciones energéticas para ayudar a la economía regional.

Número de personas en el hogar	Ingreso total anual combinado en el hogar (criterios vigentes del 1 de junio de 2005, al 31 de mayo de 2006)	
	CARE	FERA
1 ó 2	Hasta \$24,200	No aplicable
3	Hasta \$28,400	\$28,401 a \$40,600
4	Hasta \$34,200	\$34,201 a \$49,000
5	Hasta \$40,000	\$40,001 a \$57,400
6	Hasta \$45,800	\$45,801 a \$65,800
Cada persona adicional	Añada \$5,800 por persona	Añada \$8,400 por persona