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SOLAR POWER to play a bigger role in region's energy future



This is the fourth article in a series highlighting ways that SDG&E® is bringing you a cleaner, more reliable energy future.

Solar energy will account for a bigger part of the region's electricity supply if state regulators approve a new proposal by SDG&E. The SDG&E Solar Energy Project being filed in July 2008 with the California Public Utilities Commission would focus on partnerships with city governments, entertainment venues and large retail/shopping complexes to build solar facilities that would each generate up to 2 megawatts (MW) of electricity. The new solar generation projects would help meet peak customer demand, and would include land-based solar tracking systems and photovoltaic arrays that double as parking shade structures.

"Our solar initiative fits the clean, green, balanced approach that we've taken in planning for our customers' long-term energy needs," says Debra Reed, SDG&E president and chief executive officer. "Today, 6% of our energy supply comes from solar, wind, biomass, geothermal and other renewable sources. We also have nearly 16% of our future energy supply under contract with planned renewable energy projects, bringing us closer to our goal of 20% renewables by 2010."



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SDG&E has been encouraging the growth of solar energy in other ways as well. SDG&E's Sustainable Communities program, for example, won national awards in 2007 from both the Solar Electric Power Association and the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy for promoting "green" building initiatives. One such participating

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▶ TIP OF THE MONTH

Save money and stay cool this summer. Visit www.sdge.com/summer for tips on managing summer energy bills and information about customer assistance programs, rebates and Cool Zones. You'll also find links to California's summer 2008 power supply outlook.

Alert offered to heat-sensitive customers

Extreme heat poses a health risk for some people. To help customers who have a medical need for moderated temperatures in their living space, SDG&E offers advance notice of state-directed power outages. The alerts come via automated phone calls so that heat-sensitive customers can prepare for a temporary loss of air conditioning.

To apply for this free service, call **1-800-411-SDGE (7343)** or get the Temperature Sensitive Program application online at www.sdge.com/residential/assistServices.shtml. You don't need to enroll if you already participate in SDG&E's Medical Baseline Program, which also provides advance notice of rotating power outages.



If extreme heat poses a health risk for you or someone you know, contact SDG&E about the Temperature Sensitive Program.

Si el calor extremo representa un riesgo a la salud para usted o alguien que usted conoce, llame a SDG&E acerca del programa de sensibilidad a la temperatura.

Se ofrece alertar a clientes sensibles al calor

El calor extremo representa un riesgo a la salud para algunas personas. Para ayudar a los clientes que tienen una necesidad médica de temperaturas moderadas en su espacio habitacional, SDG&E ofrece avisar con anticipación si va a haber un apagón ordenado por el estado. Las alertas llegan vía llamadas telefónicas automatizadas para que los clientes sensibles al calor puedan prepararse para una interrupción temporal del aire acondicionado.

Para solicitar este servicio gratuito, llame al **1-800-311-SDGE (7343)** o llene el formulario de solicitud en www.sdge.com/residential/assistServices_sp.shtml. No necesita inscribirse si ya participa en el Programa de Asignación Médica Inicial de SDG&E, que también proporciona avisos anticipados de apagones escalonados.

Your contribution can help advance renewable energy

If you support renewable energy, the California Energy Commission (CEC) invites you to enclose a separate check payable to "Renewable Resource Trust Fund" along with this article in the same envelope as your SDG&E bill payment. SDG&E will then forward your check to the CEC, which administers the trust fund.

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project, Solara, a 56-unit, solar-powered apartment complex in Poway, was also the first to be completed under the California Energy Commission's Zero Energy New Homes program.

In addition, SDG&E introduced a new electric rate option on May 1, 2008, for residential customers with solar electric generation systems. This new rate may help reduce energy costs by offering a bigger credit for excess electricity put onto the power grid during peak-use hours, especially during the summer. For details about the new solar rate, visit www.sdge.com/solar.