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*SDG&E is a regulated public utility that provides energy service to **3.7 million people** through **1.5 million electric meters** and **900,000 natural gas meters** in San Diego and southern Orange counties. Our service area spans **4,100 square miles.***

Customer Relocation Program - Transmission Relocations



Our commitment to providing safe and reliable energy is at the forefront of everything we do. San Diego Gas and Electric® (SDG&E®) is committed to providing its customers with high-quality service, such as when relocating electric systems.

About the customer relocation program

SDG&E developed the Customer Relocation Program (CRP) to assist developers and private property owners relocate transmission lines on their private property and/or within a municipality's franchise alignments.

What to expect

SDG&E policy states that transmission line relocations may occur only if no practical alternative exists. Relocating high voltage transmission lines is a complex and lengthy process. After submitting a relocation request, it will take around 2½ to 3 years to relocate the transmission lines. System integrity, safety standards, preserving required land rights and complying with regulatory requirements and environmental regulations go into SDG&E's decision whether to relocate and the overall timeline. Please note, SDG&E reserves the right to refuse relocation requests.

A non-refundable processing fee of \$20,000 is required for SDG&E to investigate the potential impact your project would have on the transmission system. This fee covers costs for the initial review of proposed grading and improvement plans, potential impacts to existing rights-of-way, governmental regulations and an initial field scoping meeting.



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SDG&E reserves the right to change project scope, add, enhance, expand and/or improve existing electric facilities, communications infrastructure or other support facilities. Factors SDG&E considers are regional load projections, regulatory requirements, safety enhancements or other needs. This may increase the project cost and impact project schedules.

- The customer pays all engineering, design, relocation and construction costs including regulatory permitting costs and environmental monitoring and mitigation and/or any additional unanticipated associated project costs.
- The proposed new alignment is equal to, or better, than existing alignments.
- The customer has provided all necessary land rights for the relocation.
- New alignments must provide required land rights to SDG&E. If existing facilities are relocated from a private easement into a franchise position, the owner of the private property relocating facilities to franchise shall bear the full cost of the relocation. The property owner bears the full cost of any subsequent relocation within the franchise area for a period of ten years after the facilities are initially relocated to franchise.
- SDG&E reserves the right to inspect, maintain, replace and/or upgrade electric infrastructure within existing or new alignments.
- The proposed alignment will allow development of SDG&E's rights and includes, but is not limited to, 24-hour ingress/egress access via practical means to, from and along SDG&E's facilities and installation of permanent maintenance pads, when necessary.
- The customer is responsible for replacing any existing wood pole with direct bury or engineered steel pole or equivalent, as deemed necessary through the engineering and design process.
- SDG&E and customer teams must collaborate to obtain all required regulatory approvals.
- The customer is responsible for any necessary road repairs, upgrades or municipality-mandated requirements if the alignment is located within existing roadways.

The process

- Relocating or undergrounding transmission facilities can take up to 2 1/2 to 3 years.
- Finalized site development plans, in alignment with SDG&E's Land Standards and Guidelines, greatly minimize schedule and budget impacts to your overall development project.
- SDG&E requires approval from the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) before the construction of requested transmission facilities.
- SDG&E has established a stage-gated process to help your development project achieve success.
- An authorized construction monitor is required for any construction work your team performs close to electric facilities.
- Your team has the opportunity to provide relocation process improvement feedback at any point within the process.

Contact Information

If you have questions, please contact CRP Project Manager, Todd Voorhees, at tvoorhees@sdge.com.

Important links:

Encroachment Request Form:
sdge.com/LandServices

SDG&E's Land Standards and Requirements Guide:
sdge.com/Land-Standards

Land Use Constraints and FAQs document:
sdge.com/Land-Use