

SDG&E Valley-Rainbow Project

Presentation to
Grid Reliability/Operations Committee

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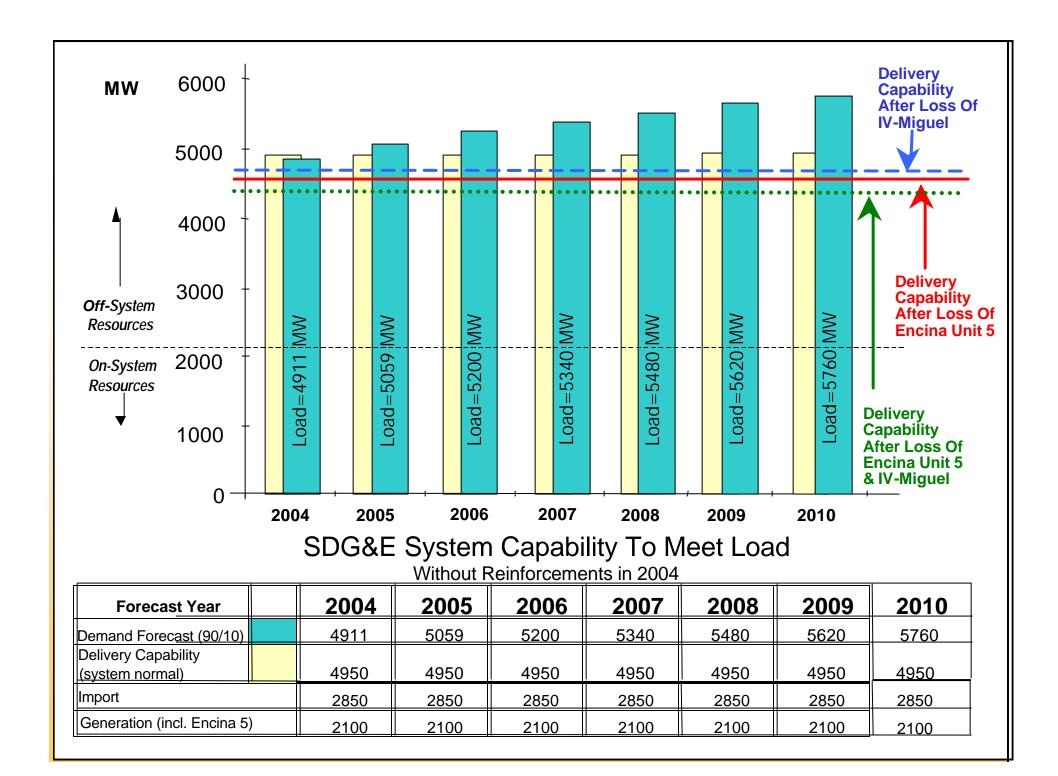
- SDG&E's 1999 Expansion Plan for 2000-2004 indicated multiple criteria violations to the ISO Grid Planning Criteria in 2004.
 - Reinforcements to existing 230 KV system will be exhausted
 - New 500 KV transmission facilities will be needed
 - Separate study was performed to address major reliability need
 - The study was conducted in an open stakeholder process
- As an extension of the 1999 Plan, SDG&E's Northern 500kV Study identified the preferred transmission alternative among 4 alternatives to mitigate the criteria violations.

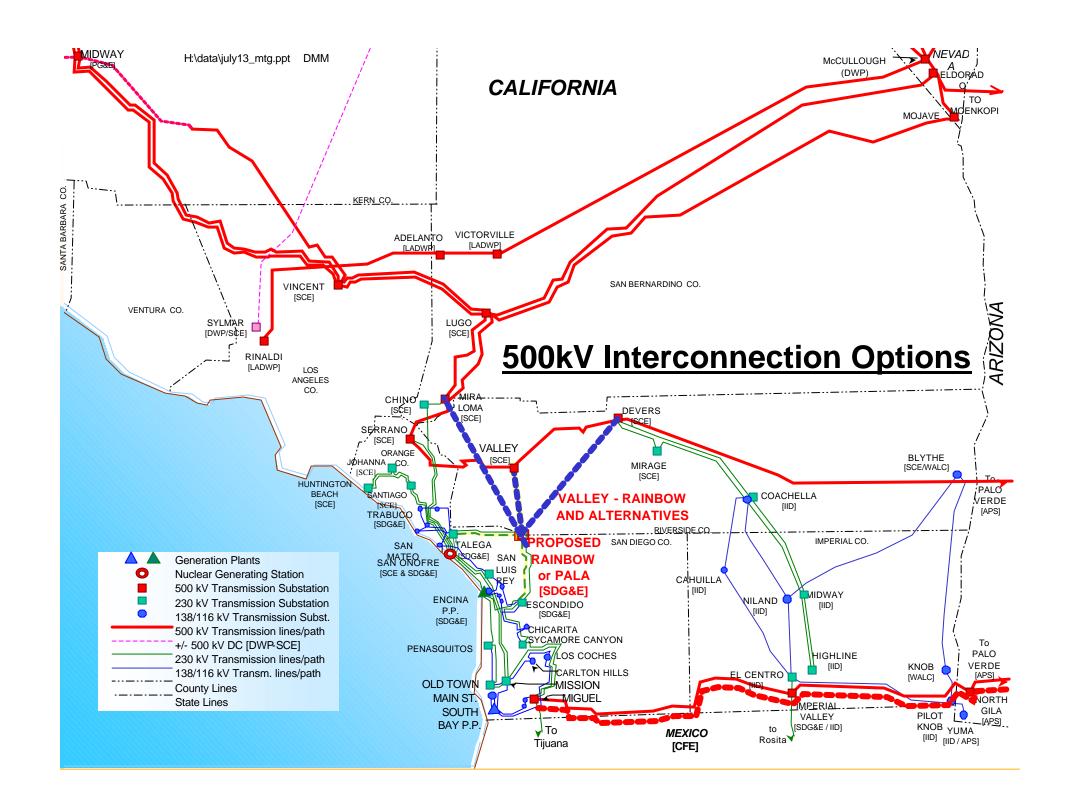


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Seeking Board Action to

- Approve SDG&E's Expansion Plan for 2004.
- Support SDG&E's full recovery of all prudently incurred project development costs.
- Request that SDG&E begin a study to address longterm reliability needs.
- Decide on whether to pursue a competitive solicitation.







Comparison of Alternatives

	Valley - Rainbow	Devers - Rainbow	Mira Loma - Rainbow	Second SWPL
Total Import Capacity into San Diego	3600 MW	3600 MW	3600 MW	4200 MW ²
Increase in Import Capacity	750 MW	750 MW	750 MW	1350 MW ²
Approximate Mileage	40	95	113	280
Construction Difficulties	low/medium	medium/high	high	very high
Timing	2004	2005-6	2006-7	2006-8
Planning Cost Estimate (Per Unit) ¹	1.00 - 1.47	1.48 - 2.05	1.64 - 2.24	2.97 - 3.61
Ranking	1	2	3	4

^{1 -} Project cost is divided by the cost of the lowest-cost project; low to high range of per unit values reflects ROW uncertainties and other variables.

^{2 -} Increase up to 1350 MW based on preliminary analysis with third 500/230 KV bank at Miguel substation.



Stakeholder Positions

- No opposition expressed on need to mitigate reliability requirements beginning in 2004.
- No opposition expressed on Valley-Rainbow Project as preferred transmission alternative.
- Sponsors of non-wires alternatives should have opportunity to bid in a competitive solicitation.



Options

- Option 1
 - Do not approve project
 - Pros: Would reduce capital expenditures Cons: Would negatively impact reliability
- Option 2
 - Approve project with no competitive solicitation
 - Pros: In practice, would avoid the difficulties of comparing transmission and generation absent more thoughtful consideration
 - Cons: Would in theory foreclose opportunity for potential savings of non-wire alternatives
- Option 3
 - Approve project with competitive solicitation
 - Pros: Would in theory help ensure lowest-cost solution is selected
 - Cons: In practice, would face the difficulties of comparing transmission and generation absent more thoughtful consideration
- Option 4
 - Approve project and defer decision on competitive solicitation

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- Pros: Would provide for continued project development while allowing further development of ISO's position on competition between transmission and generation projects
- Cons: None identified