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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**AMENDMENT NO. 1  
TO  
FORM S-3  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**San Diego Gas & Electric Company**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**California**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**95-1184800**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

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(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

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**Approximate Date of Commencement of Proposed Sale to the Public:** From time to time after the registration statement becomes effective, as determined by market and other conditions.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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If this form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "non-accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated Filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Accelerated Filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smaller Reporting Company	<input type="checkbox"/>

**The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, or until this registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

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**The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JUNE 27, 2012**

**PROSPECTUS**

**\$1,200,000,000**

## **SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**

**Senior Unsecured Debt Securities  
First Mortgage Bonds  
Preferred Stock**

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We may offer and sell senior debt securities, first mortgage bonds and preferred stock from time to time in one or more offerings. The senior debt securities, the first mortgage bonds and the preferred stock are collectively referred to in this prospectus as the “offered securities.” This prospectus provides you with a general description of the offered securities.

Each time we sell offered securities we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the offering and the terms of the particular offered securities being offered at that time. The supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement before you invest in any of the offered securities.

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**Investing in the offered securities involves risks. See the information under the heading “[Risk Factors](#)” on page 2 of this prospectus, and any similar section contained in the applicable prospectus supplement concerning factors you should consider before investing in the offered securities.**

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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**The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2012**

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a “shelf” registration statement that we filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or the “SEC.” By using a shelf registration statement, we may sell up to \$1,200,000,000 aggregate offering price of any combination of the offered securities described in this prospectus from time to time and in one or more offerings. This prospectus only provides you with a general description of the offered securities that we may offer. Each time we sell offered securities, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the particular terms of the offered securities being offered at that time. The supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully read both this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement, together with the additional information described under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference.”

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in the accompanying prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We will not make an offer to sell the offered securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement is accurate only as of the dates on their respective covers. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

**SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**

We are a public utility and an indirect subsidiary of Sempra Energy, a California-based Fortune 500 company. For additional information concerning us, you should refer to the information described under the caption “Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference” in this prospectus.

Our offices are located at 8326 Century Park Court, San Diego, California 92123 and our telephone number is (619) 696-2000. Our web site is [www.sdge.com](http://www.sdge.com). This reference to our web site is not an active hyperlink and the information found on our web site does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

The terms “we,” “our” and “us” are used in this document for purposes of convenience and, unless otherwise expressly stated, are intended to refer to San Diego Gas & Electric Company and its consolidated entities, either individually or collectively, as the context may require.

**RISK FACTORS**

Investment in any securities offered pursuant to this prospectus involves risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors incorporated by reference to our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K and all other information contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the risk factors and other information contained in the applicable prospectus supplement before acquiring any of such securities. The occurrence of any of these risks might cause you to lose all or part of your investment in the offered securities.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless stated otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will use the net proceeds from the sale of the offered securities to expand and improve our utility plant, to refund and retire indebtedness, for working capital and other general corporate purposes and to replenish funds previously expended for these purposes.

## RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS

The following table sets forth the ratio of our earnings to fixed charges and to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2011 and for the three months ended March 31, 2012:

	<u>Years Ended December 31,</u>					<u>Three Months Ended March 31, 2012</u>
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	4.56	4.44	5.59	5.06	4.73	4.31
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends	4.40	4.25	5.28	4.75	4.44	4.15

We determine the ratio of earnings to fixed charges by dividing (a) the sum of pretax income from continuing operations (less capitalized interest) and fixed charges by (b) fixed charges consisting of all interest expense (before allowances for borrowed funds used during construction), a portion of rent expenses which approximates the interest component of such expense, and amortization of debt issuance costs.

We determine the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends by dividing (a) the sum of pretax income from continuing operations (less capitalized interest) and fixed charges by (b) the sum of (i) fixed charges consisting of all interest expense (before allowances for borrowed funds used during construction), a portion of rent expenses which approximates the interest component of such expense, and amortization of debt issuance costs and (ii) preferred stock dividends.



## DESCRIPTION OF OFFERED SECURITIES

The following is a general description of the terms and provisions of the offered securities. These summaries are not meant to be a complete description of each offered security. This prospectus and any prospectus supplement will contain the material terms and conditions for each offered security. A prospectus supplement may add, update or change the terms and conditions of the offered securities as described in this prospectus. For more information about the offered securities, please refer to:

- the indenture between us and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee, relating to the issuance of each series of senior debt securities by us (the “senior indenture”);
- the mortgage and deed of trust between us and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee, relating to the issuance of each series of first mortgage bonds by us, as amended by a Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of March 1, 1948; by a Ninth Supplemental Indenture dated as of August 1, 1968; by a Tenth Supplemental Indenture dated as of December 1, 1968; and by a Sixteenth Supplemental Indenture dated as of August 28, 1975 (collectively, the “mortgage bond indenture”); and
- the description of our preferred stock contained in our articles of incorporation.

Forms of these documents are filed as exhibits to the registration statement. The indentures are subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, and may be supplemented or amended from time to time following their execution.

## DESCRIPTION OF SENIOR DEBT SECURITIES

Unless indicated differently in a prospectus supplement, the following is a general description of the terms and provisions of the senior debt securities we may offer and sell by this prospectus. In this section, references to “indenture” mean the senior indenture and references to “we,” “our” and “us” mean, unless otherwise expressly stated or the context otherwise requires, San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

The senior debt securities will be governed by the indenture. The indenture gives us broad authority to set the particular terms of each series of senior debt securities, including the right to modify certain of the terms contained in the indenture. The particular terms of a series of senior debt securities and the extent, if any, to which the particular terms of the issue modify the terms of the indenture will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such series of senior debt securities.

The indenture contains the full legal text of the matters described in this section. Because this section is a summary, it does not describe every aspect of the senior debt securities or the indenture. This summary is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to all the provisions of the indenture, including definitions of terms used in the indenture. We also include references in parentheses to particular sections of the indenture. Whenever we refer to particular sections or defined terms of the indenture in this prospectus or in a prospectus supplement, the sections or defined terms are incorporated by reference into this prospectus or in the prospectus supplement. This summary also is subject to and qualified by reference to the description of the terms of a particular series of senior debt securities described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### General

We may issue an unlimited amount of senior debt securities under the indenture in one or more series. We are not required to issue all senior debt securities of one series at the same time and, unless otherwise provided in a prospectus supplement, we may reopen a series, without the consent of the holders of the senior debt securities of that series, for issuances of additional senior debt securities of that series. The senior debt securities will be our unsecured obligations.

Prior to the issuance of each series of senior debt securities, the terms of the particular securities will be specified in either a supplemental indenture or a board resolution and one or more officers’ certificates. We refer you to the applicable prospectus supplement for a description of the following terms of each series of senior debt securities:

- the title of the senior debt securities;
- any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the senior debt securities;
- the date or dates on which principal will be payable or the method of determining such date or dates;
- the rate or rates or method of determination of interest; the date or dates from which interest will accrue; the dates on which interest will be payable, which we refer to as the “interest payment dates”; the manner (if any) of determination of such interest payment dates; and any record dates for the interest payable on the interest payment dates;
- any obligation or option we have to redeem or purchase senior debt securities, or any option of the registered holder to require us to redeem or repurchase senior debt securities, and the terms and conditions upon which the senior debt securities will be redeemed or purchased;
- the denominations in which the senior debt securities will be issuable, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof;
- whether the senior debt securities are to be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global debt securities and, if so, the identity of the depositary for the global debt securities; and
- any other terms of the senior debt securities that may be different from those described below.

(See Section 301.)

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### **Ranking**

The senior debt securities will be our unsecured and unsubordinated obligations. The indebtedness represented by the senior debt securities will rank equally with all our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt. The senior debt securities are our obligations exclusively, and are not the obligations of our parent. Although the senior debt securities will be our senior unsubordinated obligations, the outstanding first mortgage bonds will have a claim to the assets securing the first mortgage bonds prior to any claim by holders of the senior debt securities.

### **Payment of Senior Debt Securities—Interest**

We will pay interest on the senior debt securities on each interest payment date by check mailed to the person in whose name the senior debt securities are registered as of the close of business on the regular record date relating to the interest payment date.

However, if we default in paying interest on a senior debt security, we will pay defaulted interest in either of the two following ways:

- We will first propose to the trustee a payment date for the defaulted interest. Next, the trustee will choose a special record date for determining which registered holders are entitled to the payment. The special record date will be from 10 to 15 days before the proposed payment date. Finally, we will pay the defaulted interest on the payment date to the registered holder of the senior debt securities as of the close of business on the special record date.
- Alternatively, we can propose to the trustee any other lawful manner of payment that is consistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the senior debt securities are listed for trading. If the trustee thinks the proposal is practicable, payment will be made as proposed.

(See Section 307.)

### **Payment of Senior Debt Securities—Principal**

We will pay principal of and any premium on the senior debt securities at stated maturity, upon redemption or otherwise, upon presentation of the senior debt securities at the office of the trustee, as paying agent. Any other paying agent initially designated for the senior debt securities of a particular series will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. In our discretion, we may appoint one or more additional paying agents and security registrars and designate one or more additional places for payment and for registration of transfer. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, a place for payment and registration of transfer of the senior debt securities will be provided in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, New York. (See Section 1002.)

If any interest payment date, redemption date or the maturity date of the senior debt securities is not a business day at any place of payment, then payment of the principal, premium, if any, and interest may be made on the next business day at that place of payment. In that case, no interest will accrue on the amount payable for the period from and after the applicable interest payment date, redemption date or maturity date, as the case may be.

### **Form; Transfers; Exchanges**

The senior debt securities initially will be issued in book-entry form and represented by one or more global securities deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), as depository, and registered in the name of Cede & Co., its nominee. This means that you will not be entitled to receive a certificate for the senior debt securities that you purchase except under the limited circumstances described below under the caption “Global Securities.” If any of the senior debt securities are issued in certificated form they will be issued only in fully registered form without coupons, in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000.

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So long as the senior debt securities are in book-entry form, you will receive payments and may transfer senior debt securities only through the facilities of DTC and its direct and indirect participants as described below under the caption “Global Securities.” We will maintain an office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York where notices and demands in respect of the senior debt securities and the indenture may be delivered to us and where certificated senior debt securities including the senior debt securities may be surrendered for payment, registration of transfer or exchange. That office or agency will initially be an office of the trustee, which is currently located at 100 Wall Street, Suite 1600, New York, New York 10005.

You may have your senior debt securities divided into senior debt securities of smaller authorized denominations, or combined into senior debt securities of larger authorized denominations, as long as the total principal amount is not changed. This is called an “exchange.” (See Section 305.)

You may exchange or transfer senior debt securities at the office of the trustee. The trustee acts as our agent for registering senior debt securities in the names of holders and transferring senior debt securities. We may appoint another agent or act as our own agent for this purpose. The entity performing the role of maintaining the list of registered holders is called the “security registrar.” It will also perform transfers. (See Section 305.)

In our discretion, we may change the place for registration of transfer of the senior debt securities and may remove and/or appoint one or more additional security registrars. (See Sections 305 and 1002.)

Except as otherwise provided in a prospectus supplement, there will be no service charge for any transfer or exchange of the senior debt securities, but you may be required to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable by us in connection with the transfer or exchange. We may block the transfer or exchange of (a) senior debt securities during a period of 15 days prior to giving any notice of redemption or (b) any senior debt security selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any senior debt security being redeemed in part. (See Section 305.)

### **Optional Redemption**

The redemption provisions, if any, applicable to the senior debt securities will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We will mail notice of any redemption at least 30 days, but not more than 60 days, before the redemption date to each registered holder of the senior debt securities to be redeemed. Once notice of redemption is mailed, the senior debt securities called for redemption will become due and payable on the redemption date and at the applicable redemption price, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. If we elect to redeem all or a portion of the senior debt securities, that redemption will not be conditional upon receipt by the paying agent or the trustee of monies sufficient to pay the redemption price. (See Section 1104.)

Senior debt securities will cease to bear interest on the redemption date. We will pay the redemption price and any accrued interest once the senior debt securities are surrendered for redemption. (See Section 1105.) If only part of a senior debt security is redeemed, the trustee will deliver new senior debt securities of the same series for the remaining portion without charge. (See Section 1106.) Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the redemption date interest will cease to accrue on the senior debt securities or portions thereof called for redemption.

In the event that we elect to redeem only a portion of the senior debt securities, the senior debt securities to be redeemed will be selected in accordance with the procedures of The Depository Trust Company, in the case of senior debt securities represented by a global security, or by the trustee by a method the trustee deems to be fair and appropriate, in the case of senior debt securities that are not represented by a global security.

## Events of Default

An “event of default” occurs with respect to the senior debt securities of any series if:

- we do not pay any interest on any senior debt securities of the applicable series within 30 days of the due date;
- we do not pay any principal of or premium on any senior debt securities of the applicable series on the due date;
- we remain in breach of a covenant or warranty (excluding covenants and warranties solely applicable to another series of debt securities issued under the indenture) in the indenture or the senior debt securities of the applicable series for 60 days after we receive a written notice of default stating we are in breach and requiring remedy of the breach; the notice must be sent by either the trustee or registered holders of at least 25% of the principal amount of the outstanding senior debt securities of the affected series;
- default occurs under any bond, note, debenture or other instrument evidencing any indebtedness for money borrowed by us (including a default with respect to any other series of senior debt securities issued under the indenture), or under any mortgage, indenture or other instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any indebtedness for money borrowed by us, or the payment of which is guaranteed by us, whether such indebtedness or guarantee exists on the date of the indenture or is issued or entered into following the date of the indenture, if:
  - (A) either:
    - (i) such default results from the failure to pay any such indebtedness when due; or
    - (ii) as a result of such default the maturity of such indebtedness has been accelerated prior to its expressed maturity; and
  - (B) the principal amount of such indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such indebtedness in default for failure to pay any such indebtedness when due or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates at least \$25 million;
- we file for bankruptcy or other specified events in bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or reorganization occur; or
- any other event of default specified in the prospectus supplement for such series occurs.

(See Section 501.)

No event of default with respect to a series of senior debt securities necessarily constitutes an event of default with respect to the senior debt securities of any other series issued under the indenture.

## Remedies

### *Acceleration*

If an event of default occurs and is continuing with respect to any series of senior debt securities, then either the trustee or the registered holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding senior debt securities of that series may declare the principal amount of all of the senior debt securities of that series, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon, to be due and payable immediately. (See Section 502.)

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### *Rescission of Acceleration*

After the declaration of acceleration has been made with respect to any series of senior debt securities and before the trustee has obtained a judgment or decree for payment of the money due, the declaration and its consequences will be rescinded and annulled, if:

- (a) we pay or deposit with the trustee a sum sufficient to pay:
- all overdue interest on the senior debt securities of that series, other than interest which has become due by declaration of acceleration;
  - the principal of and any premium on the senior debt securities of that series which have become due, otherwise than by the declaration of acceleration, and overdue interest on these amounts;
  - interest on overdue interest, other than interest which has become due by declaration of acceleration, on the senior debt securities of that series to the extent lawful;
  - all amounts due to the trustee under the indenture; and
- (b) all events of default with respect to the senior debt securities of that series, other than the nonpayment of the principal and interest which has become due solely by the declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in the indenture.

(See Section 502.)

For more information as to waiver of defaults, see “Waiver of Default and of Compliance” below.

### *Control by Registered Holders; Limitations*

If an event of default with respect to the senior debt securities of any series occurs and is continuing, the registered holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding senior debt securities of that series, voting as a single class, without regard to the holders of outstanding senior debt securities of any other series that may also be in default, will have the right to direct the time, method and place of:

- conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee with respect to the senior debt securities of that series; and
- exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee with respect to the senior debt securities of that series.

These rights of registered holders to give directions are subject to the following limitations:

- the registered holders’ directions do not conflict with any law or the indenture; and
- the direction is not unduly prejudicial to the rights of holders of the senior debt securities of that series who do not join in that action.

The trustee may also take any other action it deems proper which is consistent with the registered holders’ direction. (See Sections 512 and 603.)

In addition, the indenture provides that no registered holder of senior debt securities of any series will have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to the indenture or for the appointment of a receiver or for any other remedy under the indenture unless:

- that registered holder has previously given the trustee written notice of a continuing event of default;
- the registered holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding senior debt securities of that series have made written request to the trustee to institute proceedings in respect of that event of default and have offered the trustee reasonable indemnity against costs and liabilities incurred in complying with the request; and

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- for 60 days after receipt of the notice, the trustee has failed to institute a proceeding and no direction inconsistent with the request has been given to the trustee during the 60-day period by the registered holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of outstanding senior debt securities of that series.

Furthermore, no registered holder will be entitled to institute any action if and to the extent that the action would disturb or prejudice the rights of other registered holders of senior debt securities. (See Section 507.)

However, each registered holder has an absolute and unconditional right to receive payment when due and to bring a suit to enforce that right. (See Section 508.)

### *Notice of Default*

The trustee is required to give the registered holders of senior debt securities of the affected series notice of any default under the indenture to the extent required by the Trust Indenture Act; except that in the case of an event of default of the character specified above in the third bullet under the caption “Events of Default,” no notice will be given to such registered holders until at least 30 days after the occurrence of the default. The Trust Indenture Act currently permits the trustee to withhold notices of default (except for certain payment defaults) if the trustee in good faith determines the withholding of the notice to be in the interests of the registered holders. (See Section 602.)

We will furnish the trustee with an annual statement as to our compliance with the conditions and covenants in the indenture. (See Section 1005.)

### *Waiver of Default and of Compliance*

The registered holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding senior debt securities of any series, voting as a single class, without regard to the holders of outstanding senior debt securities of any other series, may waive, on behalf of all registered holders of the senior debt securities of that series, any past default under the indenture, except a default in the payment of principal, premium or interest, or with respect to compliance with certain provisions of the indenture that cannot be amended without the consent of the registered holder of each outstanding senior debt security of that series. (See Section 513.)

Compliance with certain covenants in the indenture or otherwise provided with respect to senior debt securities of any series may be waived by the registered holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the senior debt securities of that series. (See Section 1006.)

## **Consolidation, Merger and Conveyance of Assets as an Entirety; No Financial Covenants**

We have agreed not to consolidate or merge with or into any other entity, or to sell, transfer, lease or otherwise convey any of our property and assets as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to any entity, unless:

- we are the continuing entity (in the case of a merger) or the successor entity formed by such consolidation or into which we are merged or which acquires by sale, transfer, lease or other conveyance our property and assets, as an entirety or substantially as an entirety, is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or any state thereof or the District of Columbia, and expressly assumes, by supplemental indenture, the due and punctual payment of the principal, premium and interest on all the senior debt securities and the performance of all of the covenants under the indenture; and
- immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no event of default, and no event which after notice or lapse of time or both would become an event of default, has or will have occurred and be continuing.

The indenture does not contain any financial or other similar restrictive covenants.

(See Section 801.)

## **Modification of Indenture**

### *Without Registered Holder Consent*

Without the consent of any registered holders of senior debt securities, we and the trustee may enter into one or more supplemental indentures for any of the following purposes:

- to evidence the succession of another entity to us; or
- to add one or more covenants for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of senior debt securities or to surrender any right or power conferred upon us; or
- to add any additional events of default for all or any series of senior debt securities; or to change or eliminate any provision of the indenture so long as the change or elimination does not apply to any senior debt securities entitled to the benefit of such provision; or to add any new provision to the indenture, in addition to the provisions which may otherwise be added to the indenture pursuant to the other clauses of this paragraph, so long as the addition does not apply to any outstanding senior debt securities; or
- to provide security for the senior debt securities of any series; or
- to establish the form or terms of senior debt securities of any series, as permitted by the indenture; or
- to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment of a separate or successor trustee; or
- to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency or to make any other changes with respect to any series of senior debt securities that do not adversely affect the interests of the holders of senior debt securities of that series in any material respect.

(See Section 901.)

### *With Registered Holder Consent*

Subject to the following sentence, we and the trustee may, with some exceptions, amend or modify the indenture with the consent of the registered holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the senior debt securities of each series affected by the amendment or modification. However, no amendment or modification may, without the consent of the registered holder of each outstanding senior debt security affected thereby:

- change the stated maturity of the principal or interest on any senior debt security or reduce the principal amount, interest or premium payable or change any place of payment where or the currency in which any senior debt security is payable, or impair the right to bring suit to enforce any payment;
- reduce the percentages of registered holders whose consent is required for any supplemental indenture or waiver; or
- modify certain of the provisions in the indenture relating to supplemental indentures and waivers of certain covenants and past defaults.

A supplemental indenture which changes or eliminates any provision of the indenture expressly included solely for the benefit of holders of senior debt securities of one or more particular series will be deemed not to affect the interests under the indenture of the holders of senior debt securities of any other series.

(See Section 902.)



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### **Defeasance**

The indenture provides, unless the terms of the particular series of senior debt securities provide otherwise, that we may, upon satisfying several conditions, be discharged from our obligations, with some exceptions, with respect to any series of senior debt securities, which we refer to as “defeasance.”

One condition we must satisfy is the irrevocable deposit with the trustee, in trust, of money and/or government obligations which, through the scheduled payment of principal and interest on those obligations, would provide sufficient funds to pay the principal of and any premium and interest on those senior debt securities on the maturity dates of the payments or upon redemption.

In addition, we will be required to deliver an opinion of counsel to the effect that a holder of senior debt securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of the defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, at the same times and in the same manner as if that defeasance had not occurred. The opinion of counsel must be based upon a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or a change in law after the date of the indenture.

(See Article XIII.)

### **Satisfaction and Discharge**

The indenture will cease to be of further effect with respect to any series of senior debt securities, and we will be deemed to have satisfied and discharged all of our obligations under the indenture, except as noted below, when:

- all outstanding senior debt securities of such series have become due or will become due within one year at their stated maturity or on a redemption date; and
- we deposit with the trustee, in trust, funds that are sufficient to pay and discharge all remaining indebtedness on the outstanding senior debt securities of such series.

We will remain obligated to pay all other amounts due under the indenture and to perform certain ministerial tasks as described in the indenture.

(See Section 401.)

### **Resignation and Removal of the Trustee; Deemed Resignation**

The trustee with respect to any series of senior debt securities may resign at any time by giving us written notice. The trustee may also be removed with respect to the senior debt securities of any series by act of the registered holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding senior debt securities of such series. No resignation or removal of the trustee and no appointment of a successor trustee will become effective until the acceptance of appointment by a successor trustee in accordance with the requirements of the indenture. Under certain circumstances, we may appoint a successor trustee with respect to such series and if the successor trustee accepts, the trustee will be deemed to have resigned. (See Section 610.)

### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

The indenture provides that certain senior debt securities, including those for which payment or redemption money has been deposited or set aside in trust as described under the caption “Satisfaction and Discharge” above, will not be deemed to be “outstanding” in determining whether the registered holders of the requisite principal amount of the outstanding senior debt securities have given or taken any demand, direction, consent or other action under the indenture as of any date, or are present at a meeting of registered holders for quorum purposes. (See Section 101.)

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We will be entitled to set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the registered holders of outstanding senior debt securities of any series entitled to give or take any demand, direction, consent or other action under the indenture, in the manner and subject to the limitations provided in the indenture. In certain circumstances, the trustee also will be entitled to set a record date for action by registered holders of any series. If a record date is set for any action to be taken by registered holders of particular senior debt securities, the action may be taken only by persons who are registered holders of the respective senior debt securities on the record date. (See Section 104.)

### **Governing Law**

The indenture and the related senior debt securities will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. (See Section 112.)

## DESCRIPTION OF FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS

Unless indicated differently in a prospectus supplement, the following is a general description of the terms and provisions of the first mortgage bonds we may offer and sell by this prospectus. In this section, references to the “bonds” mean the first mortgage bonds, references to the “indenture” mean the mortgage bond indenture and references to “we,” “our” and “us” mean, unless otherwise expressly stated or the context otherwise requires, San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

The bonds will be governed by the indenture. The indenture gives us broad authority to set the particular terms of each series of bonds, including the right to modify certain of the terms contained in the indenture. The particular terms of a series of bonds and the extent, if any, to which the particular terms of the issue modify the terms of the indenture will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such series of bonds.

The indenture contains the full legal text of the matters described in this section. Because this section is a summary, it does not describe every aspect of the bonds or the indenture. This summary is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to all the provisions of the indenture, including definitions of terms used in the indenture. We also include references in parentheses to particular sections of the indenture. Whenever we refer to particular sections or defined terms of the indenture in this prospectus or in a prospectus supplement, the sections or defined terms are incorporated by reference into this prospectus or in the prospectus supplement. This summary also is subject to and qualified by reference to the description of the terms of a particular series of bonds described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### General

We may issue an unlimited amount of bonds under the indenture in one or more series. The bonds will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 and only in either definitive form as registered bonds or in book-entry form. Bonds issued in definitive form will be payable, exchangeable for bonds of other authorized denominations and transferable at the office of the trustee in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, New York.

Prior to the issuance of each series of bonds, the terms of the particular series of bonds will be specified in a supplemental indenture. We refer you to the applicable prospectus supplement for a description of the following terms of each series of bonds:

- the title of the bonds;
- any limit upon the principal amount of the bonds;
- the date or dates on which principal will be payable or how to determine the dates;
- the rate or rates or method of determination of interest; the date from which interest will accrue; the dates on which interest will be payable, which we refer to as the “interest payment dates” and any record dates for the interest payable on the interest payment dates;
- any obligation or option we have to redeem, purchase or repay bonds, or any option of the registered holder to require us to redeem or repurchase bonds, and the terms and conditions upon which the bonds will be redeemed, purchased or repaid;
- the denominations in which the bonds will be issuable, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof;
- whether the bonds are to be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities and, if so, the identity of the depository for the global securities; and
- any other terms of the bonds that may be different from those described below.

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### **Security for the Bonds**

The bonds will be secured by the indenture constituting a first lien upon all property and franchises owned by us, except as stated in the following paragraph. All of the bonds issued under the indenture will be secured on a pro rata basis, subject only to permitted liens, non-callable liens, if any, the lien of the trustee for its expenses and advances, and to the provisions relating to any sinking or similar fund for the benefit of any bonds of a particular series.

The following are not subject to the lien contained in the indenture:

- gas, electric energy and steam produced, purchased or otherwise acquired;
- contracts, choses-in-action and securities, other than any of the foregoing which may be required to be deposited with the trustee in accordance with the indenture;
- merchandise and appliances acquired for sale or lease and contracts for the sale of merchandise and appliances;
- motor vehicles;
- timber on land owned by us;
- minerals and mineral rights in land owned by us;
- oil, coal or gas, or related rights, in land owned by us or gas wells or oil wells or related equipment or coal mines or related equipment;
- fuel and other personal property consumable in the operation of our properties;
- receivables;
- cash, other than cash deposited with the trustee in accordance with the indenture; and
- the last day of the term of any leasehold estates.

Subject to such limitations and exceptions, all property acquired by us after the date of the indenture will be further security as described in the indenture. (See the granting clauses contained in the recitals to the indenture.)

### **Ranking**

The bonds will be our secured and unsubordinated obligations and will rank pari passu in right of payment with all other bonds issued under the indenture. The bonds will be senior in right of payment to our other indebtedness from time to time outstanding to the extent of the property subject to the lien of the indenture and will otherwise rank pari passu in right of payment with all of our unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness, including the senior debt securities. The bonds are our obligations exclusively.

### **Payment of Bonds—Principal and Interest**

We will pay principal of the bonds at stated maturity, upon redemption or otherwise, upon presentation of the bonds at the office of the trustee, as our paying agent. So long as the bonds are in book-entry form, we will make payments on the bonds to The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) or its nominee, as the registered owner of the bonds, by wire transfer of immediately available funds.

### **Form; Transfers; Exchanges**

The bonds initially will be issued in book-entry form and represented by one or more global securities deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC, as depository, and registered in the name of Cede & Co., its nominee. This means that you will not be entitled to receive a certificate for the bonds that you purchase except under the

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limited circumstances described below under the caption “Global Securities.” If any of the bonds are issued in certificated form they will be issued only in fully registered form without coupons, in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000.

So long as the bonds are in book-entry form, you will receive payments and may transfer bonds only through the facilities of DTC and its direct and indirect participants as described below under the caption “Global Securities.” We will maintain an office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York where notices and demands in respect of the bonds and the indenture may be delivered to us and where certificated bonds including the bonds may be surrendered for payment, registration of transfer or exchange. That office or agency will initially be an office of the trustee, which is currently located at 100 Wall Street, Suite 1600, New York, New York 10005.

The bonds may be divided into bonds of smaller denominations, of at least \$1,000 multiples, or combined into bonds of larger denominations, so long as the total principal amount is not changed. The bonds may also contain provisions permitting the exchange or interchange of bonds from registered bonds to coupon bonds or coupon bonds to registered bonds. (See Section 10 of Article II.) You may exchange or transfer bonds at the office of the trustee. (See Section 11 of Article II.)

### **Optional Redemption**

The bonds will be redeemable prior to maturity in the event of a sale, release, the taking by eminent domain, or the purchase by public authority of the property constituting or including all or substantially all of our electric distribution system in the City of San Diego. In that event, the entire proceeds of the disposition will be applicable only to the redemption of bonds (prorated, in amount, as between the bonds of all series then outstanding in proportion to the respective total principal amounts of the bonds of each series outstanding) and, upon our request, amounts applicable to any particular series of bonds would be applied to redeem all or a portion of the outstanding bonds of that series at the applicable redemption price for that series. (See Sections 12 and 13 of Article XI.) In the case of a series of bonds offered pursuant to this prospectus, such redemption price will be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 30 days, before the redemption date to each registered holder of the bonds to be redeemed. Once notice of redemption is mailed, the bonds called for redemption will become due and payable on the redemption date and at the applicable redemption price, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, provided that we may rescind any notice of redemption by notice given not less than five days prior to the proposed redemption date. (See Section 3 of Article X.)

Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the redemption date interest will cease to accrue on the bonds or portions thereof called for redemption. (See Section 6 of Article X.) We will pay the redemption price and any accrued interest once the bonds are surrendered for redemption. If only a portion of the bonds are redeemed, the trustee will deliver new bonds of the same series for the remaining portion without charge.

In the event that we elect to redeem only a portion of the bonds, the bonds to be redeemed will be selected as provided in the indenture and in accordance with the procedures of DTC, in the case of bonds represented by a global security, or by the trustee by a method the trustee deems to be fair and appropriate, in the case of bonds that are not represented by a global security.

### **Issuance of Additional Bonds**

Additional bonds secured by the indenture may be issued on the basis of:

- (a) 60% of the lesser of the cost or fair value to us of specified additions to our properties, after deducting the net amount of the property retirements, that have not been previously applied as a credit against maintenance fund payments or applied to the issuance of additional bonds, the release of property from

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- the lien of the indenture, the withdrawal of cash deposited with the trustee or other indenture purposes (See Article V.);
- (b) the principal amount of bonds retired under the indenture and not previously applied as a credit against maintenance fund payments or applied to the issuance of additional bonds, the release of property from the lien of the indenture, the withdrawal of cash deposited with the trustee or other indenture purposes (See Article VI.); and
- (c) the deposit of an equal amount of cash with the trustee. (See Article VII.)

However, no additional bonds (except certain types of refunding bonds) may be issued unless the earnings applicable to bond interest for a consecutive 12-month period within the preceding 15 months are at least equal to the greater of two and one-half times the annual interest requirements on, or 10% of the principal amount of, all outstanding bonds and the bonds to be issued and any debt secured by a non-callable lien (as defined in the indenture). (See Articles V, VI and VII.)

Additional bonds which may be issued may vary from any existing bonds as to maturity, interest rate, redemption prices, sinking fund and in certain other respects. (See Article II.)

In addition, we may, from time to time, without notice to or consent of the holders of the bonds of the applicable series, increase the principal amount of any series of bonds under the indenture and issue such increased principal amount, or any portion thereof. Any additional bonds of any series so issued will have the same form and terms (other than the offering price, date of issuance, under certain circumstances, the date from which interest thereon will begin to accrue and the first payment date) as the bonds of the series previously issued and will form a single series with the previously issued bonds of the series.

### **Maintenance Fund**

We will pay to the trustee annually on May 1, as a maintenance fund, an amount equal to 15% of our gross operating revenues, as defined in the indenture, for the preceding calendar year, less, at our option, credits for the following:

- (a) maintenance expenses,
- (b) the principal amount of bonds retired under the indenture and not previously applied as a credit against maintenance fund payments or applied to the issuance of additional bonds, the withdrawal of cash deposited with the trustee or other indenture purposes,
- (c) the lesser of the cost or fair value to us of specified additions to our properties that have not been previously applied as a credit against maintenance fund payments or applied to the issuance of additional bonds, the withdrawal of cash deposited with the trustee or other indenture purposes, and
- (d) 15% of that portion of our gross operating revenues attributable to rate increases granted to us since July 1, 1973 to offset increases in our cost of fuel for electric generation and natural gas.

Instead of making all or any portion of such a payment, we may deliver outstanding bonds to the Trustee, which will be deemed equivalent to payment of cash in an amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of the bonds so delivered.

Cash deposited in the maintenance fund may be withdrawn on the basis of retirements of bonds and property additions. In addition, cash deposited in the maintenance fund may at our option be applied to the purchase or redemption of bonds or, in certain circumstances, may only be applied to the redemption of outstanding bonds.

(See Article IX.)

## Events of Default

A “completed default” occurs with respect to the bonds under the indenture if:

- we do not pay any principal on any bond on the due date;
- we do not pay any interest on any bond within 30 days of the due date;
- a court holds that we are bankrupt or enters an order approving a petition seeking our reorganization, unless such judgment or order is vacated within 30 days;
- a receiver of all or substantially all of our property is appointed, unless such appointment is vacated within 90 days;
- we file a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, consent to the appointment of a receiver or file a petition or answer seeking reorganization or a petition to take advantage of any insolvency act; or
- we fail to perform any other covenant or agreement contained in the indenture, any supplemental indenture or any bond secured by the indenture for 60 days following the mailing to us by the trustee or registered holders of at least 15% of the principal amount of the outstanding bonds of a written demand that such failure be cured.

(See Section 1 of Article XII.)

## Remedies

### *Acceleration*

If a completed default occurs and is continuing, then the trustee may, and upon the written request of the registered holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding bonds shall, by notice in writing to us, declare the principal amount of all of the outstanding bonds, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon, to be immediately due and payable. (See Section 1 of Article XII.)

### *Rescission of Acceleration*

After the declaration of acceleration has been made with respect to all outstanding bonds, but before the sale of any mortgaged and pledged property, the declaration of acceleration can be rescinded by written notice to us and the trustee from the registered holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding bonds, if:

- (1) we pay or make provision satisfactory to the trustee for the payment of a sum sufficient to pay all overdue installments of interest upon all the outstanding bonds, with interest, to the extent permitted by applicable law, on overdue installments of interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum, together with all sums paid or advanced by the trustee under any provision of the indenture and the reasonable and proper charges, expenses and liabilities of the trustee, its agents, attorneys and counsel, and all other sums payable by us under the indenture, except the principal of, and interest accrued since the next preceding interest date on, the bonds due and payable solely by virtue of such declaration; and
- (2) all completed defaults with respect to the bonds have been remedied. (See Section 1 of Article XII.)

### *Remedies with Respect to Mortgaged Property*

To the extent permitted by law, upon the occurrence of one or more completed defaults, the trustee, upon demand to us, may take actual possession of and enter, hold, operate and manage all of the mortgaged property. The trustee will receive the rents, income, issues and profits from the mortgaged property and may pay the costs and expenses of taking, holding, operating and managing the mortgaged property, including reasonable compensation to the trustee and its agents and counsel, taxes, assessments and expenses for any repairs,

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alterations and improvements. The remainder of the amount received by the trustee will be applied (subject to the provisions of Section 11 of Article XII of the indenture with respect to extended, transferred or pledged claims for interest) as follows:

- if none of the principal of the bonds has become due, to the payment of the interest in default, in the order of the maturity of such installments of interest, with interest on the overdue installments, to the extent permitted by applicable law, at the rate of 6% per annum; or
- if the principal on any of the bonds shall have become due, by declaration of acceleration or otherwise, first to the payment of the interest in default, in the order of the maturity of such installments with interest on overdue installments of interest (other than such accruals of interest on overdue bonds), to the extent permitted by applicable law, at the rate of 6% per annum and then to the payment of the principal of all bonds then due.

(See Section 2 of Article XII.)

Upon the occurrence of one or more completed defaults, the trustee may sell the mortgaged property in its entirety or in such parcels as the holders of a majority in principal amount of the bonds outstanding request in writing, or absent such request, as the trustee may determine, at public auction in San Diego, California, or such other place as may be required by law or by court order. (See Section 3 of Article XII.)

Upon the occurrence of a default by us in the performance of any of the covenants or conditions of the indenture, the trustee will have the right and power to take appropriate judicial proceedings for the enforcement of its rights and the rights of the bondholders. In the case of a completed default, the trustee may, and upon being requested to do so by the registered holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding bonds that are affected by the default and upon being indemnified as provided in the indenture, must proceed to enforce payment of the outstanding bonds and to sell the property subject to the lien of the indenture. (See Section 4 of Article XII.)

The proceeds of any sale of the mortgaged property made under the power of sale given by the indenture or under a judgment or decree shall be applied as follows:

- first, to the payment of all taxes, assessments, liens prior to the lien of the indenture and costs and expenses of such sale, including reasonable compensation of the trustee and its agents and counsel, and all other sums payable to the trustee as compensation for other services and by reason of expenses or liabilities incurred (without negligence or bad faith) or advances made in connection with the management or administration of the trusts created by the indenture;
- second, to the payment of amounts due for principal and interest on the outstanding bonds, with interest on overdue principal and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, overdue installments of interest at the rate of 6% per annum, such payment to be made ratably without preference or priority of principal over interest or interest over principal; provided that if the time for payment of any claim for interest on any bond has been extended or if any claim for interest at or after maturity has been transferred or pledged separate from the bond to which it relates, such claims for interest shall not be entitled in the case of default under the indenture to the benefit or security of the indenture except subject to the prior payment in full of the principal of the outstanding bonds and of all claims for interest thereon which have not been so extended, transferred or pledged; and
- third, any surplus shall be paid to us.

(See Section 11, Article XII.)



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### *Notice Regarding Remedies with Respect to Mortgaged Property*

Any foreclosure on the mortgaged property by the trustee may be limited by applicable law. With respect to mortgage property located in California, Section 726 of the California Code of Civil Procedure provides that any action to recover on a debt or other right secured by a mortgage or a deed of trust on real property or an estate for years therein must comply with the provisions of that section, which provisions relate to and specify the procedures for the sale of encumbered property or an estate for years therein, the application of proceeds, the rendition in certain cases of a deficiency judgment, and other related matters. Judicial decisions interpreting Section 726 have formulated principles requiring that only one action may be brought to enforce an obligation secured by a lien on California real property, that all security for the obligation must be included in one foreclosure action, and that the creditor must exhaust all of its security before a personal judgment or other recovery may be obtained against the debtor for a deficiency. We advise you that failure to comply with Section 726 as it has been interpreted may result in the extinguishment of the liens on the mortgaged property and the loss of your right to a deficiency judgment.

### *Control by Registered Holders; Limitations*

The registered holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding bonds, by written notice to the trustee, will have the right to reasonably direct the method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee with respect to all outstanding bonds. (See Section 5 of Article XII.)

In addition, the indenture provides that no holder of bonds will have any right to institute any suit, action or proceeding, at law or in equity, with respect to the indenture or for the appointment of a receiver or for any other remedy under the indenture unless:

- such holder has previously given the trustee written notice of a continuing default;
- the registered holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the (i) outstanding bonds, or (ii) the bonds then outstanding primarily affected by such default, have so requested the trustee in writing and afforded it reasonable opportunity to exercise its powers under the indenture; and
- the holders have offered the trustee reasonable security satisfactory to the trustee and indemnity against costs and liabilities incurred in complying with the request.

However, the forgoing restrictions will not affect or impair the right of any registered holder, to the extent permitted by law, to enforce the payment of the principal of and interest on such holder's bond at and after the maturity thereof or as accelerated by call for redemption thereof, or our obligation, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest and premium, if any, on each of the bonds to the respective holders thereof at the time and place expressed in the bonds and in the notice of redemption, if any; provided, however, that no bondholder shall be entitled to take any action or institute any such suit to enforce the payment of such holder's bond, whether for principal, interest or premium, if and to the extent that the taking of such action or the institution or prosecution of any such suit or the entry of judgment therein would under applicable law result in a surrender, impairment, waiver or loss of the lien of the indenture upon the mortgaged and pledged property, or any part thereof, as security for bonds held by any other bondholder. (See Section 15 of Article XII.)

The indenture provides that all rights, remedies and powers provided for in Article XII thereof may be exercised only to the extent that such exercise does not violate any applicable provision of law. (See Section 19, Article XII.)

### **Notice of Default**

The trustee is required to give the bondholders notice of any default under the indenture, unless the default has been cured, within 90 days after the occurrence of a default known to the trustee within such period or, if a default is not known to the trustee within such period, within 40 days after the trustee learns of a default; provided however that, except in the case of default in the payment of principal or interest of any bonds, or in the

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payment of any maintenance fund installment, the trustee may withhold notice of default if and so long as the board of directors, the executive committee of the board of directors, or a trust committee of directors or responsible officers (as defined in the indenture) of the trustee in good faith determine that the withholding of notice is in the interest of the bondholders. For purposes of the foregoing provision, the term “default” means the events specified in the bullet points under “— Events of Default” above. (See Section 8 of Article XV.)

### **Consolidation, Merger and Conveyance of Assets as an Entirety, No Financial Covenants**

Nothing in the indenture prevents us from consolidating or merging with or into any corporation having corporate authority to carry on the business of a public utility or any conveyance, transfer or lease of all of our mortgaged and pledged property as an entirety to any corporation lawfully entitled to acquire or lease and operate the same, provided that:

- the terms of the transaction fully preserve and do not impair the lien, efficiency or security of the indenture, or any of the rights or powers of the trustee or the holders of the outstanding bonds under the indenture;
- upon any such consolidation, merger, conveyance or transfer, or upon any such lease where the term of such lease extends beyond the maturity date of any bonds, the due and punctual payment of the principal and interest of all the bonds and the performance of all of our covenants and conditions of the indenture shall be assumed by the corporation formed by such consolidation or into which such merger is made or which acquired the mortgaged property as an entirety, or by the lessee under any such lease; and
- any lease shall be subject to immediate termination at any time during the continuance of a completed default.

If we consolidate with or merge into another corporation or convey or transfer all of the mortgaged and pledged property as an entirety in accordance with the indenture, the successor corporation formed by such consolidation or into which we shall have merged or which has received the conveyance or transfer shall succeed to and be substituted for us under the indenture and the bonds. (See Sections 1 and 2 of Article XIV.)

The indenture does not contain any financial covenants or restrict us from issuing any unsecured indebtedness.

### **Modification of the Indenture**

With our consent, the provisions of the indenture and the rights of holders of outstanding bonds may be changed by the affirmative vote or consent of the registered holders of 66 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% in principal amount of the bonds then outstanding. However, the maturity of any bonds may not be extended, the principal amount and interest rate may not be reduced, the terms of payment of principal or interest may not be changed, no lien ranking prior to or on a parity with the lien of the indenture with respect to the mortgaged and pledged property may be created, and certain other provisions may not be modified, without the consent of the registered holder of any bond affected thereby. (See Section 6 of Article XVII.)

In addition, we and the trustee may, without any action on the part of holders of bonds, enter into supplemental indentures amending the indenture to, among other things:

- correct the description of any mortgaged property or to assign, mortgage or pledge additional property as security for the bonds;
- provide the terms of any series of bonds;
- evidence the succession of another corporation to us under the indenture and the assumption by such successor of the covenants and obligations under the indenture; and
- make other changes not inconsistent with the terms of the indenture or to cure any error or omission or ambiguity or defective provision contained therein or in any supplemental indenture.

(See Section 3, Article XIX.)

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### **Satisfaction and Discharge**

The lien on our property securing the bonds will be cancelled and discharged when the bonds have been paid or when we deposit with the trustee sufficient amounts to repay the outstanding principal and interest and irrevocably instruct the trustee to repay the bonds. (See Article XVI.)

### **Release Provisions**

In the absence of a completed default, we may, free from the lien of the indenture and at any time without any release by the trustee, sell or otherwise dispose of obsolete equipment upon replacing the same with new equipment of at least equal value; sell or otherwise dispose of materials and supplies for cash consideration not less than the fair value thereof (provided that the proceeds of such sale or disposition are applied to purchase other materials and supplies or deposited with the trustee); and sell or dispose of real property with a book value of less than \$2,000 if the proceeds are deposited with the trustee. In the absence of a completed default, we may also surrender, modify or change any franchise or governmental consent or permit, so long as we may still conduct our business in the same or substantially the same territory or an extended territory for the same or substantially the same or an extended or unlimited period of time or until the last maturity date of the outstanding bonds or unless our board of directors determines it is no longer necessary or desirable for us to continue to operate in the territory affected or to comply with the applicable franchise, consent or permit. (See Section 2 of Article XI.)

The indenture also contains provisions for the release of property by the trustee (i) in the absence of a completed default upon a sale, exchange or other disposition so long as, among other things, we deliver to the trustee an engineer's certificate (as defined in the indenture) to the effect that the security afforded by the indenture, taking into consideration the property and purchase money obligations we receive, if any, and the amount of cash, if any, required to be deposited with the trustee, will not be impaired by such release (provided that if the property to be disposed of is of a character which would be included in the definition of "permanent additions" (as defined in the indenture), then the property to be received in exchange therefor shall also consist solely of permanent additions), and (ii) for property taken by eminent domain, provided that the proceeds of taking by eminent domain are deposited with the trustee. (See Sections 3 and 6 of Article XI.)

Any monies received by the trustee upon release of any mortgaged or pledged property shall constitute a release fund to be held in trust for the security of the bonds. Cash deposited in the release fund may be withdrawn on the basis of retirements of bonds and, unless a completed default has occurred and is continuing, property additions. Unless a completed default has occurred and is continuing, monies in the release fund may, at our option, be applied to the redemption or repurchase of outstanding bonds or in certain circumstances may only be applied to the redemption of outstanding bonds. In that regard, in the event of a sale, release, the taking by eminent domain or the purchase by public authority of the property constituting or including all or substantially all of our electric distribution system in the City of San Diego, the entire proceeds of the disposition will be applicable only to the redemption of bonds as described above under "—Optional Redemption." (See Sections 9 through 14 of Article XI.)

### **Evidence of Compliance**

The indenture provides that we will furnish to the trustee treasurer's certificates, engineers' certificates and, in certain cases, independent engineers' certificates and independent accountants' certificates in connection with the authentication of any bonds, the release or release and substitution of property and certain other matters, and opinions of counsel as to the lien of the indenture and certain other matters. (See Articles IV, V, VI, VII, IX and XI.)

**Resignation and Removal of the Trustee**

The trustee may resign at any time by giving at least 30 days written notice to us and by publishing the notice in a daily newspaper of general circulation in San Diego, California and in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, New York. The trustee may also be removed by act of the registered holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding bonds. If the trustee shall have resigned or been removed, shall have become incapable of acting, shall be dissolved or liquidated or shall be adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, or in certain other circumstances, a successor trustee may be appointed by the holders of the majority in principal amount of the outstanding bonds, provided that, until a new trustee shall be appointed by the bondholders, we may appoint a trustee to fill such vacancy. Any new trustee that we appoint shall be superseded by a trustee appointed by the bondholders so long as such appointment by bondholders is made within one year after our appointment of the trustee. (See Sections 19, 20 and 21 of Article XV.)

**Governing Law**

The bonds will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, without regard (to the extent permitted by applicable law) to conflicts of laws principles thereof; provided, that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the creation, perfection and enforcement of any mortgage or lien on real property or improvements thereon or fixtures attached thereto will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State where such real property or improvements thereon or fixtures attached thereto, as the case may be, are located, without regard (to the extent permitted by applicable law) to conflicts of laws principles thereof.

## DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK

Unless indicated differently in a prospectus supplement, this section describes the terms of the preferred stock we may offer and sell by this prospectus. The following description of our preferred stock is only a summary and is qualified in its entirety by reference to our articles of incorporation. Therefore, you should read carefully the more detailed provisions of our articles of incorporation, as amended and restated, a copy of which is incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

### General

We are currently authorized to issue (1) 255,000,000 shares of common stock, without par value, (2) 1,375,000 shares of cumulative preferred stock, par value \$20, (3) 10,000,000 shares of preference stock (cumulative), without par value, and (4) 25,000,000 shares of series preference stock, without par value.

As of the date of this prospectus, we have 1,373,770 shares of cumulative preferred stock outstanding, consisting of (1) 375,000 shares of "Cumulative Preferred Stock, 5% Series," (2) 300,000 shares of "Cumulative Preferred Stock, 4.5% Series," (3) 325,000 shares of "Cumulative Preferred Stock, 4.4% Series," and (4) 373,770 shares of "Cumulative Preferred Stock, 4.6% Series." We also have 2,040,000 shares of preference stock (cumulative) outstanding, consisting of (1) 1,400,000 shares of "Preference Stock (Cumulative), \$1.70 Series" and (2) 640,000 shares of "Preference Stock (Cumulative), \$1.82 Series."

We may in the future amend our articles of incorporation to increase the authorized number of shares of our currently authorized cumulative preferred stock, preference stock (cumulative) or series preference stock or to authorize shares of one or more additional classes of preferred stock or preference stock. Any such amendment would require approval by our board of directors and approval by our shareholders. Any amendment that would increase the authorized number of shares of our currently authorized cumulative preferred stock or preference stock (cumulative) or would authorize additional classes of preferred or preference stock that would be entitled to any preference over, or be on parity with, our currently outstanding cumulative preferred stock or preference stock (cumulative) would also require approval by the registered holders of at least two-thirds of the then outstanding shares of each of our cumulative preferred stock and preference stock (cumulative).

In this section we refer to our cumulative preferred stock and our preference stock (cumulative) as the "senior preferred stock." We refer to our senior preferred stock and our currently authorized series preference stock as the "currently authorized preferred stock." We refer to our currently authorized preferred stock and all additional classes of preferred stock and preference stock that we may authorize as the "preferred stock."

### Preferred Stock

The preferred stock is issuable in series. Before the issuance of shares of any series of preferred stock, our board of directors is required to adopt resolutions and file a certificate of determination with the Secretary of State of the State of California. The certificate of determination fixes the designation and number of shares of the series and their rights, preferences, privileges, and restrictions, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) the title and stated value;
- (b) voting rights, if any;
- (c) any rights and terms of redemption, including sinking fund provisions;
- (d) the dividend rate(s), period(s) and/or payment date(s) or method(s) of calculation, as applicable;
- (e) whether dividends are cumulative or non-cumulative and, if cumulative, the date from which dividends will accumulate;

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- (f) the relative ranking and preferences as to dividend rights and rights upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs;
- (g) the provision for redemption, if applicable;
- (h) liquidation preferences;
- (i) any limitations on issuance of any class or series ranking senior or on a parity as to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs; and
- (j) any other specific terms, preferences, rights, limitations or restrictions.

Our currently authorized preferred stock, including any shares that we may issue in the future, is subject to the terms and conditions set forth below under the caption “Preferred Stock—Additional Terms Applicable to Currently Authorized Preferred Stock.”

In addition to the terms listed above, we will set forth in a prospectus supplement the following terms relating to the series of preferred stock being offered:

- (a) the number of shares being offered and the offering price per share;
- (b) the procedures for any auction and remarketing, if any;
- (c) any listing of the preferred stock on any securities exchange; and
- (d) a discussion of any applicable material and/or special United States federal income tax considerations.

### **Additional Terms Applicable to Currently Authorized Preferred Stock**

Except as otherwise set forth below, the following provisions are applicable to our currently authorized preferred stock, including currently outstanding shares and any additional shares that we may issue.

#### *Ranking*

All shares of senior preferred stock rank equally with one another and senior to our series preference stock and common stock with respect to dividends and rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

Each series of series preference stock will rank as provided in the applicable certificate of determination, but no shares of series preference stock may be subject to any preference over, or rank in parity with, senior preferred stock.

#### *Dividend Rights*

Registered holders of senior preferred stock of each series are entitled to receive, when and as declared by our board of directors, out of our surplus or net profits, cumulative dividends at the full annual rate indicated in the title of each series, payable quarterly at dates fixed by the board of directors. Accumulations of dividends do not bear interest. Dividends on the shares of each series accrue from the date on which we initially issue the shares.

Subject to the preferential dividend rights of holders of senior preferred stock, registered holders of each series of series preferred stock would have such dividend rights as may be provided in the applicable certificate of determination.

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### *Liquidation Rights*

In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, whether voluntary or involuntary, the registered holders of each series of the senior preferred stock are entitled to receive out of our assets available for distribution to shareholders, the liquidation preference established for the shares of the series before any distribution of assets is made to the holders of the series preference stock or the common stock or any other security ranking junior to the senior preferred stock.

The involuntary liquidation preference is \$20 per share for all currently outstanding series of the cumulative preferred stock and \$25 per share for all currently outstanding series of the preference stock (cumulative). The voluntary liquidation preferences are the same as the redemption prices for all senior preferred stock. In addition to such liquidation preferences, in the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of the senior preferred stock are also entitled to receive any accrued and unpaid dividends thereon, whether or not declared, through the date of such liquidation, dissolution or winding up before any distribution of assets is made to the holders of the series preference stock or the common stock or any other security ranking junior to the senior preferred stock.

Subject to the preferential liquidation rights of holders of the senior preferred stock, registered holders of each series of series preference stock would have such rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up as may be provided in the applicable certificate of determination.

### *General Voting Rights*

The holders of the cumulative preferred stock are entitled to two votes per share on all questions upon which the holders of common stock are entitled to vote. The holders of preference stock (cumulative) have no general voting rights, except as required by applicable state law.

The holders of each series of series preference stock would have such voting rights as may be provided in the applicable certificate of determination.

### *Special Voting Rights*

The affirmative consent of the registered holders of at least two-thirds of the aggregate number of shares of senior preferred stock at the time outstanding, voting separately as a class with one vote for each share, are required to:

- (a) increase the authorized number of shares of senior preferred stock or authorize any class of stock with any preference over, or on a parity with, the currently authorized preferred stock, unless the new class has parity or priority as to dividends or assets only and the proceeds from the sale thereof are to be used to redeem the outstanding series with respect to which there will be a priority or parity;
- (b) change any of the provisions relating to the senior preferred stock, or any series thereof, which would change the express terms or provisions thereof in any manner prejudicial to the holders thereof, except that if such change is prejudicial only to the holders of less than all series, only the consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of the series so affected is required; or
- (c) merge with or consolidate into any other corporation or corporations, except a wholly-owned subsidiary.

If unpaid dividends on the outstanding shares of senior preferred stock, or any series thereof, were to equal eight full quarterly dividends, then, until all dividends in default have been paid or declared and set aside, the holders of such shares, voting separately as a class with one vote for each share, would be entitled to elect the smallest number of directors necessary to constitute a majority of the full board of directors, and the holders of the common stock and any other shares of preferred stock entitled to vote with respect to the election of directors would be entitled to elect the remaining directors.

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Registered holders of each series of series preferred stock would have such special voting rights as may be provided in the applicable certificate of determination.

### *Pre-Emptive, Subscription and Conversion Rights, and Non-Assessability*

The currently authorized preferred stock does not have any pre-emptive, subscription or conversion rights, nor are the shares thereof assessable.

### *Redemption*

The senior preferred stock may be redeemed, in whole or from time to time in part, at our option, upon terms, at the times and at the redemption prices established for each series, as applicable, together with the amount of any dividends accrued or unpaid thereon to the date of redemption.

Each series of the series preference stock will be subject to such redemption provisions as may be provided in the applicable certificate of determination.



## GLOBAL SECURITIES

The offered securities initially will be issued in book-entry form and represented by one or more global notes or global securities (collectively, “global securities”). The global securities will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York, as depository, and registered in the name of Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC. Unless and until it is exchanged for individual certificates evidencing offered securities under the limited circumstances described below, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole by the depository to its nominee or by the nominee to the depository, or by the depository or its nominee to a successor depository or to a nominee of the successor depository.

DTC has advised us that it is:

- a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law;
- a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law;
- a member of the Federal Reserve System;
- a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code; and
- a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

DTC holds securities that its participants deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among its participants of securities transactions, including transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in participants’ accounts, which eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. “Direct participants” in DTC include securities brokers and dealers, including underwriters, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and other organizations. DTC is owned by a number of its direct participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange, Inc. and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to others, which we sometimes refer to as “indirect participants,” that clear transactions through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant either directly or indirectly. The rules applicable to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC.

Purchases of offered securities within the DTC system must be made by or through direct participants, which will receive a credit for those offered securities on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of the actual purchaser of an offered security, which we sometimes refer to as a “beneficial owner,” is in turn recorded on the direct and indirect participants’ records. Beneficial owners of offered securities will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchases. However, beneficial owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of their transactions, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participants through which they purchased offered securities. Transfers of ownership interests in global securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the global securities except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the securities is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all global securities deposited with DTC will be registered in the name of DTC’s nominee, Cede & Co. The deposit of offered securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. will not change the beneficial ownership of the offered securities. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the offered securities. DTC’s records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts the securities are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The participants are responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

So long as the securities are in book-entry form, you will receive payments and may transfer offered securities only through the facilities of the Depository and its direct and indirect participants. We will maintain an

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office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, New York where notices and demands in respect of the securities and the indenture may be delivered to us and where certificated securities may be surrendered for payment, registration of transfer or exchange. That office or agency will initially be the office of the trustee, which is currently located at 100 Wall Street, Suite 1600, New York, New York 10005.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants and by direct participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any legal requirements in effect from time to time.

Redemption notices will be sent to DTC. If less than all of the offered securities of a particular series are being redeemed, DTC will determine the amount of the interest of each direct participant in the offered securities of such series to be redeemed in accordance with DTC's procedures.

In any case where a vote may be required with respect to offered securities of a particular series, neither DTC nor Cede & Co. will give consents for or vote the global securities unless authorized by a direct participant in accordance with DTC's procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC will mail an omnibus proxy to us as soon as possible after the record date. The omnibus proxy assigns the consenting or voting rights of Cede & Co. to those direct participants to whose accounts the offered securities of such series are credited on the record date identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy.

So long as offered securities are in book-entry form, we will make payments on those offered securities to the depository or its nominee, as the registered owner of such offered securities, by wire transfer of immediately available funds. If offered securities are issued in definitive certificated form under the limited circumstances described below we will have the option of paying interest by check mailed to the addresses of the persons entitled to payment or by wire transfer to bank accounts in the United States designated in writing to the trustee at least 15 days before the payment date by the persons entitled to payment.

Principal and interest payments on the offered securities will be made to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts on the relevant payment date. Payments by direct and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with offered securities held for the account of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name." Those payments will be the responsibility of participants and not of DTC or us, subject to any legal requirements in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co. is our responsibility, disbursement of payments to direct participants is the responsibility of DTC and disbursement of payments to the beneficial owners is the responsibility of direct and indirect participants.

Except under the limited circumstances described below, purchasers of offered securities will not be entitled to have offered securities registered in their names and will not receive physical delivery of offered securities. Accordingly, each beneficial owner must rely on the procedures of DTC and its participants to exercise any rights under the offered securities and the indenture.

The laws of some jurisdictions may require that some purchasers of offered securities take physical delivery of offered securities in definitive form. Those laws may impair the ability to transfer or pledge beneficial interests in offered securities.

DTC is under no obligation to provide its services as depository for the offered securities and may discontinue providing its services at any time. Neither we nor the trustee will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC or its direct participants or indirect participants under the rules and procedures governing DTC.

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As noted above, beneficial owners of a particular series of offered securities generally will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in those offered securities. However, if:

- DTC notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as a depository for the global security or securities representing such series of offered securities or if DTC ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act at a time when it is required to be registered and a successor depository is not appointed within 90 days of the notification to us or of our becoming aware of DTC's ceasing to be so registered, as the case may be;
- we determine, in our sole discretion, not to have the offered securities of such series represented by one or more global securities of such series; or
- an event of default under the indenture has occurred and is continuing with respect to the offered securities,

we will prepare and deliver certificates for the offered securities of such series in exchange for beneficial interests in the global securities. Any beneficial interest in a global security that is exchangeable under the circumstances described in the preceding sentence will be exchangeable for securities in definitive certificated form registered in the names that the depository directs. It is expected that these directions will be based upon directions received by the depository from its participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in the global securities.

We have obtained the information in this section and elsewhere in this prospectus concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system from sources that are believed to be reliable, but we do not take responsibility for the accuracy of this information.

**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We may sell the offered securities from time to time:

- through underwriters or dealers;
- through agents;
- directly to one or more purchasers; or
- through a combination of any of these methods of sale.

We will identify the specific plan of distribution, including any underwriters, dealers, agents or direct purchasers and their compensation in the applicable prospectus supplement.

## LEGAL MATTERS

Latham & Watkins LLP will pass upon certain legal matters relating to the issuance and sale of the securities offered hereby on our behalf. Sidley Austin LLP will act as counsel for the underwriters.

## EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements incorporated in this prospectus by reference from San Diego Gas & Electric Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, and the effectiveness of San Diego Gas & Electric Company's internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION; INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

### Available Information

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, information statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may also read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms.

Certain of our securities are listed on the NYSE Amex stock exchange, and you may inspect reports, information statements and other information concerning us at the offices of the exchange at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC. The full registration statement may be obtained from the SEC or from us, as indicated below. Forms of the indentures and other documents establishing the terms of the offered securities are filed as exhibits to the registration statement. Statements in this prospectus about these documents are summaries. You should refer to the actual documents for a more complete description of the relevant matters.

This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement incorporate important business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, except for any information superseded by information in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement.

### Incorporation by Reference

The rules of the SEC allow us to “incorporate by reference” information into this prospectus, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede that information. This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents set forth below that have been previously filed with the SEC. These documents contain important information about us.

<u>SEC Filings (File No. 1-3779)</u>	<u>Period</u>
Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended	Year ended December 31, 2011
Current Reports on Form 8-K	Filed on March 23, 2012, April 3, 2012, May 22, 2012 and June 11, 2012
Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q	Quarter ended March 31, 2012

We are also incorporating by reference additional documents that we file with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, after the date of this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement through the completion of the offering. In addition, filings filed by us pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, after the date of the first amendment to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus. We are not, however, incorporating by reference any documents or portions thereof, whether specifically listed above or filed in the future, that are not deemed “filed” with the SEC or any information furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K or related exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 9.01 of Form 8-K.

We will provide without charge to each person to whom a copy of this prospectus has been delivered a copy of any and all of these filings. You may request a copy of these filings by writing or telephoning us at San Diego Gas & Electric Company, 8326 Century Park Court, San Diego, California 92123, Attention: Corporate Secretary, Telephone: (619) 696-2000.

**PART II. INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS****Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.**

Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee	\$137,520
Printing expenses	\$(1)
Trustee fees and expenses	\$(1)
Legal fees and expenses	\$(1)
Accounting fees and expenses	\$(1)
Blue Sky fees and expenses	\$(1)
Rating Agency fees	\$(1)
Miscellaneous	\$(1)
Total	\$(1)

(1) These fees are calculated based on the securities offered and the number of issuances and accordingly cannot be estimated at this time.

**Item 15. Indemnification of Officers and Directors.**

Section 317 of the Corporations Code of the State of California permits a corporation to provide indemnification to its directors and officers under certain circumstances. The San Diego Gas & Electric Company Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws eliminate the liability of directors for monetary damages to the fullest extent permissible under California law and provide that indemnification for liability for monetary damages incurred by directors, officers and other agents of San Diego Gas & Electric Company will be allowed, subject to certain limitations, in excess of the indemnification otherwise permitted by Section 317 of the Corporations Code. In addition, San Diego Gas & Electric Company has indemnification agreements with its officers and directors that provide for indemnification for monetary damages to the fullest extent permissible under California law. San Diego Gas & Electric Company maintains liability insurance and is also insured against loss for which it may be required or permitted by law to indemnify its directors and officers for their related acts.

The directors and officers of San Diego Gas & Electric Company are covered by insurance policies indemnifying them against certain liabilities, including certain liabilities arising under the Securities Act, which might be incurred by them in such capacities and against which they cannot be indemnified by San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

**Item 16. Exhibits.***(a) Exhibits*

A list of exhibits filed with this registration statement on Form S-3 is set forth on the Exhibit Index and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 17. Undertakings.**

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*provided, however*, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) each prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(ii) each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or



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prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned Registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(c) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of Section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act.

(d) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that, in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than for the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, San Diego Gas & Electric Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this amendment to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of San Diego, State of California, on the 27th day of June 2012.

San Diego Gas & Electric Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*  
**Jessie J. Knight, Jr.**  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this amendment has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities indicated on the 27th day of June, 2012.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
_____ * <b>Jessie J. Knight, Jr.</b>	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Director
_____ /s/ Robert M. Schlax <b>Robert M. Schlax</b>	Vice President, Controller, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
_____ * <b>Javade Chaudhri</b>	Director
_____ * <b>Steven D. Davis</b>	Director
_____ * <b>Joseph A. Householder</b>	Director

\*By: \_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ ROBERT M. SCHLAX  
**Robert M. Schlax**  
Attorney-in-fact

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
*1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement (Senior Debt Securities).
*1.2	Form of Underwriting Agreement (First Mortgage Bonds).
*1.3	Form of Underwriting Agreement (Preferred Stock).
3.1	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference from the Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 (Exhibit 3.02)).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws effective June 15, 2010 (incorporated by reference from the Form 8-K filed on June 17, 2010 (Exhibit 3)).
4.1	Form of Indenture (Senior Debt Securities) (incorporated by reference from the Registration Statement No. 333-52150 (Exhibit 4.1)).
4.2	Form of Senior Debt Security (included in Exhibit 4.1).
4.3	Mortgage and Deed of Trust dated as of July 1, 1940 (incorporated by reference from the Registration Statement No. 2-4769 (Exhibit B-3)).
4.4	Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of March 1, 1948 (incorporated by reference from Registration Statement No. 2-7418 (Exhibit B-5B)).
4.5	Ninth Supplemental Indenture dated as of August 1, 1968 (incorporated by reference from Registration Statement No. 333-52150 (Exhibit 4.5)).
4.6	Tenth Supplemental Indenture dated as of December 1, 1968 (incorporated by reference from Registration Statement No. 2-36042 (Exhibit 2-K)).
4.7	Sixteenth Supplemental Indenture dated as of August 28, 1975 (incorporated by reference from Registration Statement No. 33-34017 (Exhibit 4.2)).
4.9	Form of First Mortgage Bond (included in Exhibit 4.3).
*4.10	Form of Preferred Stock Certificate.
***5.1	Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP.
12.1	Statements regarding the computation of ratio of earnings to fixed charges and the computation of ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007 and for the three-months ended March 31, 2012 (incorporated by reference from the Form 10-Q filed on May 4, 2012 (Exhibit 12.2)).
***23.1	Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm's Consent (Deloitte & Touche LLP).
***23.2	Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
24.1	Power of Attorney (incorporated by reference to the signature page hereto).
**25.1	Statement of Eligibility on Form T-1 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee under the Indenture for Senior Debt Securities and Trustee under the Mortgage and Deed of Trust for the First Mortgage Bonds.

\* To be filed by amendment or incorporated by reference in connection with the offering of the offered securities.

\*\* Previously filed.

\*\*\* Filed herewith.

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June 27, 2012

San Diego Gas & Electric Company  
 8326 Century Park Court  
 San Diego, CA 92123

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3 of San Diego Gas & Electric Company

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to San Diego Gas & Electric Company, a California corporation (the "**Company**"), in connection with the issuance of up to \$1,200,000,000 aggregate principal amount of (i) one or more series of senior unsecured debt securities (the "**Notes**") under an indenture between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (in such capacity, together with its successors, the "**Notes Trustee**"), and one or more supplements thereto (collectively, the "**Notes Indenture**"), (ii) one or more series of first mortgage bonds (the "**First Mortgage Bonds**") under a Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated July 1, 1940, between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (in such capacity, together with its successors, the "**Bond Trustee**"), as amended and supplemented to the date hereof, and as further supplemented by one or more supplements thereto (collectively, the "**Bond Indenture**"), and (iii) shares of preferred stock (the "**Preferred Stock**" and together with the Notes and the Mortgage Bonds, the "**Securities**") and pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Act**"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") on May 24, 2012 (as amended, the "**Registration Statement**"). This opinion is being furnished in connection with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Act, and no opinion is expressed herein as to any matter pertaining to the contents of the Registration Statement or related prospectus, other than as expressly stated herein with respect to the issue of the Securities.

As such counsel, we have examined such matters of fact and questions of law as we have considered appropriate for purposes of this letter. You have provided us with a draft of the Registration Statement in the form in which it will be filed, which includes a form of prospectus (the "**Prospectus**"), and which provides that it will be supplemented in the future by one or more supplements to the Prospectus (each, a "**Prospectus Supplement**"). With your consent, we have relied upon certificates and other assurances of officers of the Company and others as to factual matters without having independently verified such factual matters. We are opining herein (i)

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with respect to the Notes, as to the internal laws of the State of New York and (ii) with respect to the First Mortgage Bonds and the Preferred Stock, as to the securities laws and general corporation law of the State of California (which is the law the Company has indicated will govern the First Mortgage Bonds, as will be provided in the applicable supplemental indenture pertaining to the applicable series of First Mortgage Bonds), and we express no opinion with respect to the applicability thereto, or the effect thereon, of the laws of any other jurisdiction or as to any matters of municipal law or the laws of any local agencies within any state.

Subject to the foregoing and the other matters set forth herein, it is our opinion that, as of the date hereof:

1. When the Notes Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Notes Trustee, and when the Notes have been duly executed, issued, and authenticated in accordance with the terms of the Notes Indenture and applicable law (including, without limitation, by the adoption by the Board of Directors of the Company of resolutions duly authorizing the issuance and delivery of the Notes (the "**Note Authorization**")), duly authenticated by the Notes Trustee and duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Company against payment therefor in accordance with the Notes Indenture and as contemplated in the Prospectus and the related Prospectus Supplement(s) and the Notes Authorization, the Notes Indenture and the Notes will be legally valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their respective terms.

2. When the supplemental indenture pertaining to the applicable series of First Mortgage Bonds has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Bond Trustee, and when such First Mortgage Bonds have been duly authorized and duly established in accordance with the Bond Indenture and applicable law (including, without limitation, by the adoption by the Board of Directors of the Company of resolutions duly authorizing the issuance and delivery of such First Mortgage Bonds (the "**First Mortgage Bonds Authorization**")), duly authenticated by the Bond Trustee and duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Company against payment therefor in accordance with the Bond Indenture and as contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the related Prospectus Supplement(s) and the First Mortgage Bonds Authorization, the First Mortgage Bonds of such series will constitute legally valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with the respective terms of such First Mortgage Bonds.

3. When an issuance of Preferred Stock has been duly authorized by all necessary further corporate action by the Company (including, without limitation, by the adoption by the Board of Directors of the Company of resolutions duly authorizing the issuance and delivery of such Preferred Stock (the "**Preferred Stock Authorization**")), upon issuance and delivery of and payment for such shares in the manner contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the applicable Prospectus Supplement(s) and the Preferred Stock Authorization, such shares of Preferred Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

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Our opinions are subject to: (i) the effect of bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, preference, fraudulent transfer, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors; (ii) the effect of general principles of equity, whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law (including the possible unavailability of specific performance or injunctive relief), concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing, and the discretion of the court before which a proceeding is brought; (iii) the invalidity under certain circumstances under law or court decisions of provisions providing for the indemnification of or contribution to a party with respect to a liability where such indemnification or contribution is contrary to public policy; and (iv) we express no opinion as to (a) any provision for liquidated damages, default interest, late charges, monetary penalties, make-whole premiums or other economic remedies to the extent such provisions are deemed to constitute a penalty; (b) consents to, or restrictions upon, governing law, jurisdiction, venue, arbitration, remedies, or judicial relief; (c) any provision for the waiver of rights or defenses relating to the waiver of stay, extension and usury laws; (d) any provision requiring the payment of attorneys' fees, where such payment is contrary to law or public policy; (e) any provision to the extent it requires that a claim with respect to the Securities (or a judgment in respect of such a claim) be converted into U.S. dollars at a rate of exchange at a particular date, to the extent applicable law otherwise provides; (f) provisions purporting to make a guarantor primarily liable rather than as a surety and provisions purporting to waive modifications of any guaranteed obligation to the extent such modification constitutes a novation; (g) advance waivers of claims, defenses, rights granted by law, or notice, opportunity for hearing, evidentiary requirements, statutes of limitation, trial by jury or at law, or other procedural rights; (h) waivers of broadly or vaguely stated rights; (i) covenants not to compete; (j) provisions for exclusivity, election or cumulation of rights or remedies; (k) provisions authorizing or validating conclusive or discretionary determinations; (l) grants of setoff rights; (m) proxies, powers and trusts; (n) provisions prohibiting, restricting, or requiring consent to assignment or transfer of any right or property; (o) whether acceleration of the Notes or the First Mortgage Bonds may affect the collectibility of that portion of the stated principal amount thereof that might be determined to constitute unearned interest thereon; (p) compliance with laws relating to permissible rates of interest; and (q) the severability, if invalid, of provisions to the foregoing effect. In addition, we have not been requested to express and, with your consent, do not render any opinion herein with respect to the creation, validity, perfection or priority of any security interest.

With your consent, we have assumed (a) that the Notes Indenture the Bond Indenture, the Notes and the First Mortgage Bonds (collectively, the "**Documents**") will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the parties thereto, (b) that the Documents will constitute legally valid and binding obligations of the parties thereto other than the Company, enforceable against each of them in accordance with their respective terms and (c) that the status of the Documents as legally valid and binding obligations of the parties will not be affected by any failures to obtain required consents, approvals or authorizations from, or make required registrations, declarations or filings with, governmental authorities.

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This opinion is for your benefit in connection with the Registration Statement and may be relied upon by you and by persons entitled to rely upon it pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. We consent to your filing this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to our firm contained in the Prospectus under the heading "Legal Matters." We further consent to the incorporation by reference of this letter and consent into any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) with respect to any of the Securities. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Latham & Watkins LLP

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our reports dated February 28, 2012, relating to the consolidated financial statements of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (the “Company”), and the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting, incorporated by reference in the Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended, of San Diego Gas & Electric Company for the year ended December 31, 2011, and to the reference to us under the heading “Experts” in the Prospectus, which is part of this Registration Statement.

*/S/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP*

San Diego, California

June 27, 2012