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## **CA Supreme Court Denies PG&E Appeal, Handing Win to SSJID**

District to Advance Its Efforts to Provide Locally Accountable, Affordable and Reliable Electricity to Local Customers

MANTECA, CA – On March 16, the California Supreme Court denied PG&E’s petition for review of a decision by the Third District Court of Appeal, validating the San Joaquin County Local Agency Formation Commission’s determination that South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) has the ability and authority to provide electric utility service to its customers. As a result, the SSJID can pursue acquisition of PG&E’s electrical assets through eminent domain of the PG&E service area in the SSJID district boundaries, which includes the cities of Escalon, Manteca, and Ripon, and surrounding rural areas. As part of this denial, PG&E will be required to pay legal costs to SSJID incurred while appealing this case in court over the past four years.

“This is a solid win for the District, but also for the people in the communities we represent,” noted Peter Rietkerk, General Manager of SSJID. “The December Court of Appeal decision affirmed that the District’s retail electric service commitments toward economical rates, accountability, and safety for future customers in our region are legal and appropriate. We publicly thank these communities for their patience as the SSJID continues this hard-fought journey.

The SSJID expects to resume its eminent domain efforts in San Joaquin County Superior Court within the next year.

For more information on SSJID’s progress, visit: [www.poweredbySSJID.com](http://www.poweredbySSJID.com)

For information on this case, visit the [California Courts](#).

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### **About the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID)**

South San Joaquin Irrigation District was established in 1909 and is headquartered in Manteca, CA. SSJID provides agricultural irrigation water to about 56,000 acres surrounding Escalon, Ripon and Manteca, and wholesale drinking water to over 193,000 residents in Manteca, Lathrop, Tracy, and in the future, Escalon. SSJID, along with Oakdale Irrigation District, owns and operates the Tri-Dam Project, a series of storage reservoirs and electric generation facilities that produce zero-carbon hydropower in the Stanislaus River watershed.

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