

February 3, 2000

ADVICE 1966-E

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC)

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits, in accordance with Section XI.B of General Order (GO) 131-D, notice of the construction of a 115 kilovolt tap line that will serve a customer-owned substation in the County of Kern. The Notice described in GO 131-D Section XI., Paragraph C, is submitted as Attachment I.

PG&E has been requested by the Rio Bravo Tomato Company, LLC to construct a new 115 kilovolt tap line to serve its customer-owned substation, to be located at the southwest corner of Interstate 5 and State Route 58, Buttonwillow area. The new tap line is approximately a quarter mile in length and will begin at PG&E's existing Midway-Kern 115 kilovolt power line. The tap line will be built on wood poles. Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2000, and the new facilities should be in operation by May 2000.

Pursuant to Section III, Paragraph B, Section 1(h) of GO 131-D, the construction of this power line is exempt from a Permit to Construct. Section 1(h) states that a Permit to Construct is not required for "the construction of projects that are statutorily or categorically exempt pursuant to § 15260 et seq. of the Guidelines adopted to implement the CEQA, 14 Code of California Regulations § 15000 et seq. (CEQA Guidelines)" The Kern County Planning Department has filed a Notice of Exemption, No. EA LHO 1-00, with the Kern County Clerk, January 20, 2000, and the State of California, Office of Planning and Research, January 21, 2000, for the project. No significant unavoidable environmental impacts were identified for PG&E's proposed tap line.

Additionally, GO 131-D requires utilities to employ "no cost" and "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs). PG&E will install taller poles than otherwise required in order to reduce EMF strength at ground level.

This filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other rate schedule or rule.

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on **March 14, 2000**, which is 40 days after the date of filing.

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Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter within 20 days after the date of this filing. Protests should be mailed to:

IMC Branch Chief
Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4002
San Francisco, CA 94102
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200

Copies shall also be mailed to Les Guliasi, Manager, Regulatory Relations, 77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, CA 94177, Facsimile: (415) 973-7226, and the PG&E Law Department; Attn.: David Kraska (GO 131-D), P.O. Box 7442, San Francisco, CA 94105. The protest shall set forth the grounds upon which it is based and shall be submitted expeditiously. There is no restriction on whom may file a protest.

In accordance with Section III, Paragraph G, of GO 96-A, PG&E is electronically and postal mailing copies of this advice letter to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list, including the parties listed in GO 131-D, Section XI, Paragraphs B.1. and B.2. Address change requests should be directed to Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529.

Vice President -- Regulatory Relations

Attachments

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