

February 25, 2000

ADVICE 1970-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 reconstruction of a power line in the County of Tulare. The Notice described in GO 131-D Section XI., Paragraph C, is submitted as Attachment I.

PG&E plans to reconstruct approximately 1.4 miles of the existing Quebec Tap 115 kilovolt power line. The reconstruction begins at the existing tap point on the Corcoran-Alpaugh 115 kilovolt lattice pole on Quebec Avenue and runs west along the south side of Quebec Avenue until reaching Highway 43 in Tulare County. PG&E will replace approximately 21 poles and install new conductor and insulators at the distribution level of the power line to serve a new customer located near Highway 43 and Quebec Avenue. Construction of this project is scheduled to begin in March 2000, and the new facilities should be in operation by June 2000.

Pursuant to Section III, Paragraph B, Subsection 1(b) of GO 131-D, the reconstruction of this power line is exempt from a Permit to Construct. Subsection 1(b) states that a Permit to Construct is not required for "the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures."

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 to reduce EMF 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 **April 5, 2000**, which is 40 days after the date of filing.

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by filing a protest by **March 16, 2000**, at the following address:

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, Facsimile (415) 973-0516. 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