

March 8, 2000

ADVICE 1974-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 reconductoring of two powers line in the County of Sonoma. The Notice described in GO 131-D Section XI., Paragraph C, is submitted as Attachment I.

PG&E proposes to reconductor approximately one mile of the Monte Rio-Fulton 60 kilovolt power line and approximately 11.5 miles of the Fulton No. 1 60 kilovolt power line in the County of Sonoma. 1) The Monte Rio-Fulton power line begins at the Fulton Substation heads west along River Road and ends east of Bisordi Lane at power pole 0/22. 2) The Fulton No. 1 power line also begins at Fulton Substation, heads west along River Road before turning northwesterly, paralleling the Northwestern Pacific Railroad right-of-way. At Old Redwood Highway the line continues northwesterly and parallels the highway until it reaches the Healdsburg Tap power line. The next segment of reconductoring occurs along the Fitch Mountain Tap 60 kilovolt portion of the power line. The line begins at the intersection of the Fulton-Hopland 60 kilovolt power line and head west along Bailache Avenue until it reaches Bumpy Road, then heads north to the Fitch Mountain Substation No. 1 60 kilovolt power line. The reconductoring of these power lines is needed to provide safe and reliable electric service to customers in the Healdsburg area. Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2000, and the new facilities should be in operation by June 2001.

Pursuant to Section III, Paragraph B, Subsection 1(b) and (e) of GO 131-D, the reconductoring of these power lines is exempt from a Permit to Construct. Subsections 1(b) and (e) state that a Permit to Construct is not required for "the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures" and "the placing of new or additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on supporting structures already built."

Additionally, GO 131-D requires utilities to employ "no cost" and specified "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 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.

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PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on **April 17, 2000**, which is 40 days after the date of filing.

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by filing a protest with the CPUC and PG&E by **March 28, 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 or 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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