

March 31, 2000

**ADVICE 1984-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 relocation of two power lines in the City of Martinez and Contra Costa County. The Notice described in GO 131-D Section XI., Paragraph C, is submitted as Attachment I.

PG&E has been requested by the State of California, Department of Transportation (CalTrans) to relocate portions of the Christie-Willow Pass 115 kilovolt power line and the Stauffer Tap 60 kilovolt power line in order to accommodate the Benicia-Martinez Bridge Project. Specifically, to accommodate the proposed Interstate Highway 680 toll plaza, PG&E plans to remove one lattice steel pole of the Christie-Willow Pass power line and replace it with two tubular steel poles. In addition, to accommodate construction activities in the toll plaza area, PG&E plans to relocate portions of the Christie-Willow Pass and Stauffer Tap power lines by temporarily installing two wood poles northwest of Mococo Road and three wood poles southeast of Mococo Road. Also, to accommodate the proposed eastern bridge approach in the City of Martinez, PG&E plans to remove 13 wood poles of the Stauffer Tap power line and replace them with 12 wood poles. The poles will be relocated approximately 150 feet east of their current locations. The power line will be extended from the proposed northeasterly tubular steel pole of the Christie-Willow Pass power line to the existing substation on the Rhone Poulenc property. Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2000, and the new facilities should be in operation by December 2001.

Pursuant to Section III, Paragraph B, Subsection 1(f) of GO 131-D, the construction and relocation of these power lines is exempt from a Permit to Construct. Subsection 1(f) states that a Permit to Construct is not required for "power lines or substations to be relocated or constructed which have undergone environmental review pursuant to CEQA as part of a larger project, and for which the final CEQA document (Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration) finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or substation." CalTrans and the Federal Highway Administration have filed a Final EIR/EIS (State Clearinghouse No. 87111007, dated July 30, 1997 and August 7, 1997) for the Benicia-Martinez Bridge Project, which includes the two power line relocations. No significant unavoidable environmental impacts were identified for PG&E's proposed power line relocation.

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 raise poles 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 **May 10, 2000**, which is 40 days after the date of filing. (In accordance with GO 131-D, construction will not begin until 45 days after notice is first published.)

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by filing a protest with the CPUC and PG&E by **April 20, 2000**, at the following address:

Director, Energy Division  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200

Copies shall also be mailed to David T. Kraska, PG&E Law Department; P.O. Box 7442, San Francisco, CA 94105, Facsimile (415) 973-0516 and Les Guliasi, Manager, Regulatory Relations, 77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, CA 94177, Facsimile: (415) 973-7226.

Persons or groups may protest the proposed construction if they believe that Pacific Gas and Electric Company has incorrectly applied for an exemption or that the conditions set out in Section III.B.2 of General Order 131-D exist.

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