

March 31, 2000

**ADVICE 1985-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 a power line in the City of Lodi and the County of San Joaquin. The Notice described in GO 131-D Section XI., Paragraph C, is submitted as Attachment I.

PG&E proposes to reductor approximately four and one-half miles of the Lockeford-Lodi #3 60 kilovolt power line. The project will consist of two segments. The first segment runs from the intersection of Harney Lane and Cherokee Lane north along Cherokee Lane for approximately two and one-half miles to PG&E's Lodi Substation. This segment also has an existing City of Lodi 12 kilovolt distribution line attached to the poles beneath the 60 kilovolt power line, approximately 785 feet. The second segment runs from PG&E's Lockeford Substation south, then west, before heading south again until it reaches Harney Lane, for a total length of approximately two miles. Both segments of the project will remain in their existing alignments. Approximately 58 poles as well as necessary accessories will be replaced as needed. The replacement of wire is needed to provide adequate transmission line capacity for the continued safe and reliable delivery of electric service to the Lodi vicinity. Construction is scheduled to begin in May, 2000, and the new facilities should be in operation by July, 2000.

Pursuant to Section III, Paragraph B, Subsection 1(e) of GO 131-D, the reductoring of this power line is exempt from a Permit to Construct. Subsection 1(e) states that a Permit to Construct is not required for "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). On the first segment, which includes the 12 kilovolt distribution line attached to the poles beneath the 60 kilovolt power line, PG&E will cross-phase the transmission circuits to achieve a magnetic field reduction. (Cross-phasing consists of realigning the transmission power line circuits opposite the distribution power line circuits) On the second segment, PG&E will install poles which are five feet taller to achieve a magnetic field reduction at ground level.

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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 **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

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