

April 21, 2000

ADVICE 1991-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 City of San Jose. The Notice described in GO 131-D Section XI., Paragraph C, is submitted as Attachment I.

PG&E plans to reconstruct approximately 0.6 mile of the existing El Patio-San Jose Station 'A' 115 kilovolt power line along Pedro Street between Lincoln Avenue and Meridian Avenue in the City of San Jose. PG&E will replace seven wood poles and install new insulators. Taller poles will be installed to provide for an optical ground wire in the static wire position above the existing electrical conductors and to maintain required clearances between the conductors of the 115 kilovolt power line and distribution voltage power lines it crosses at various locations on Pedro Street. The power line will continue to follow its existing alignment inside the franchise area of Pedro Street. Construction of this project is scheduled to begin in June 2000, and the new facilities should be in operation by December 2000.

Pursuant to Section III, Paragraph B, Subsections 1(b) and 1(g) of GO 131-D, the reconstruction of this power line is exempt from a Permit to Construct. Subsections 1(b) and 1 (g) 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 "power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement; or in a utility corridor designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies for which a final Negative Declaration or EIR finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts."

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 utilize triangular configuration of insulators 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 31, 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 **May 11, 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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