

May 17, 2000

ADVICE 1995-E

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC)

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the Company) hereby submits, in accordance with Section XI.B of General Order (GO) 131-D, notice of the relocation of a power line in the Cities of Fremont and Milpitas. The Notice described in GO 131-D Section XI., Paragraph C, is submitted as Attachment I.

The Company has been requested by the U.S Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to relocate a portion of the existing Newark-Montague 115 kilovolt power line which is located at the intersection of Highway 880 and Dixon Landing Road in the Cities of Fremont and Milpitas. The relocation is required to accommodate the proposed Highway 880 highway widening and the new Dixon Landing Road/Highway 880 Interchange. Five wood poles will be relocated and replaced with taller poles approximately 145 feet east of their existing locations and the total length of line affected by the relocation is approximately 1,950 feet. Construction is scheduled to begin in late June 2000, and the new facilities should be in operation by September 2000.

Pursuant to Section III, Paragraph B, Subsections 1(c) and (f) of GO 131-D, the relocation of this power line is exempt from a Permit to Construct. Subsections 1(c) and (f) states that a Permit to Construct is not required for "the minor relocation of existing power line facilities up to 2,000 feet in length, or the intersetting of additional support structures between existing support structures" and "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." The FHWA and Caltrans have prepared a joint FEIR/EIR (State Clearing House No. 94013027, dated March 3, 1999) for the Interstate 880 Interchange Improvements at Dixon Landing Road, which includes the proposed power line relocation. No significant unavoidable environmental impacts were identified for the Company'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). The Company will install taller 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.

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **June 26, 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.)

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Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by filing a protest with the CPUC and the Company by **June 6, 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, Pacific Gas and Electric Company 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 the 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, the Company 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