

June 13, 2000

ADVICE 2009-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 construction of a 115 kilovolt tap line that will serve a customer-owned substation in the County of San Mateo. The Notice described in GO 131-D Section XI., Paragraph C, is submitted as Attachment I.

The Company has been requested by the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) to construct a new 115 kilovolt tap line to serve its customer-owned substation, to be located along Shaw Road in the cities of South San Francisco and San Bruno. The project is required for BART's San Francisco International Airport Extension. The new tap line will be approximately 700 feet in length and will begin at the Company's North Terminal Substation, from the existing San Mateo-Martin No. 6 115 kilovolt power line and terminate at BART's new Shaw Substation. As part of the project, the Company will install six new tubular steel poles, four of which will be installed in the Company's North Terminal Substation property. Construction is scheduled to begin in August 2000 and the facility should be in operation by the end of October 2000.

Pursuant to Section III, Paragraph B, Subsection 1(f) of GO 131-D, the construction of this power line 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." The U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, BART, and the San Mateo County Transit District have prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIS/FEIR), dated June 1996. The FEIS/FEIR was certified by the BART Board of Directors on June 18, 1996. No significant unavoidable environmental impacts were identified for the Company's proposed tap line construction.

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 poles taller than otherwise required in order 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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The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **July 23, 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 the Company by **July 3, 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