

August 24, 2000

ADVICE 2028-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 temporary power line in the County of Kern. The Notice described in GO 131-D Section XI., Paragraph C, is submitted as Attachment I.

The Company plans to construct approximately 4,200 feet of temporary 115 kilovolt single circuit power line between the existing Midsun-Midway 115 kilovolt power line and the new LaPaloma power plant in the McKittrick area of Kern County. This project will provide temporary electric service for the construction of the LaPaloma power plant. The temporary service line will tap off the Midsun-Midway 115 kilovolt power line and will run approximately 200 feet east and approximately 1100 feet north to the south side of Reserve Road. The temporary service will then run along the south side of Reserve Road approximately 2900 feet to the power plant. Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2000, and the power line will remain in place for approximately 12 to 15 months depending on the construction schedule for the power plant. After the power plant construction is complete the line will be removed.

Pursuant to Section III, Paragraph B, Subsection 1(f) of GO 131-D, the construction of this temporary 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 California Energy Commission certified a Commission Decision, dated October 14, 1999, Docket No. 98-AFC-2. No significant unavoidable environmental impacts were identified for the Company's proposed temporary service line.

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). "No cost" and "low cost" measures are not applied to temporary service facilities. This project will not employ EMF mitigation measures.

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 **October 3, 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 **September 13, 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