

September 18, 2000

**ADVICE 2033-E  
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39 E)**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Notice of Proposed Construction of Facilities Pursuant to General Order 131-D, Power Line Relocation in the City of San Rafael**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the Company) hereby submits notice pursuant to General Order (GO) 131-D, Section XI, Subsection B.4 of the construction of facilities that are exempt from a Permit to Construct.

**Purpose**

This advice letter provides a copy of the Notice of Proposed Construction (Attachment I) and the Notice Distribution List, which comply with the noticing requirements found in GO 131-D, Section XI, Subsections B and C.

**Background**

The Company has been requested by Wilson Equity Office to relocate two sections of the Ignacio-San Rafael #3 115-kilovolt power line in San Rafael. The relocation is required to accommodate a development by Wilson Equity Office. The first section of the proposed project would require relocating approximately 300 feet of power line between Lindaro Street and the Company's San Rafael Substation. The relocation would require replacing two wood poles with new wood poles approximately 20 feet south of their current locations; and require raising one steel tower 20 feet on the Ignacio-San Rafael #1 115 kilovolt/Ignacio-Alto 60 kilovolt power line. In addition, the relocation would require temporarily installing three wood poles to perform the rearrangement, which would be removed once the relocation has been completed. The second section would require relocating approximately 1,000 feet of power line between Lincoln Street and Ritter Street. The relocation would require replacing three wood poles with four new poles (wood and steel) approximately 250 feet east of their current alignment. Construction is expected to start in November 2000, or as soon as possible thereafter, and be completed by May 2002.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements pursuant to GO 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1.c and B.1.f, which exempts, “[T]he 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 impacts caused by the proposed line or substation; “ and “[T]he 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.”

The City of San Rafael has certified an EIR State Clearing House No. 97042041, dated February 17, 1998, for the Fair, Isaac Office Park Development (Lindero Office Complex) Project, 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 than otherwise required 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.

### **Effective Date**

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **October 28, 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.)

### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by filing a protest with the CPUC and the Company by **October 8, 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

In addition, protests and all other correspondence regarding this advice letter should also be sent by letter and transmitted via facsimile to the attention of:

David T. Kraska  
Attorney, Law Department  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
P.O. Box 7442  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
Facsimile (415) 973-0516

Les Guliasi,  
Manager, Regulatory Relations  
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San Francisco, CA 94177  
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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. Address change requests should be directed to Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529.

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments