

October 25, 2000

**ADVICE 2046-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 Reconductoring in the City of Pittsburg and Contra Costa County**

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 proposes to replace existing wires with new wires on approximately five and half miles of the existing Pittsburg-Tassajara 230 kilovolt power line between the Pittsburg Substation, located in the City of Pittsburg and Tower 5/24 in Contra Costa County. Also, eight steel towers will be raised to accommodate the new conductor. Construction is scheduled to begin in December 2000, and the new facilities are scheduled to be in operation by June 2001.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements pursuant to GO 131-D, Section III, Subsections B.1.b, B.1.e and B.1.g, which exempts, "the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures," "the placing of new or additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on supporting structures already built," and "power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement."

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). While there are no EMF reduction measures that qualify on this project, the

Company will be raising eight towers to accommodate the new conductor which will 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 **December 4, 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 **November 14, 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  
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Manager, Regulatory Relations  
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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