

October 26, 2000

**ADVICE 2047-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 Redding

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 Safeway, Inc. to relocate a portion of the existing Cascade-Benton-Deschutes 60 kilovolt power line located along the east side of Churn Creek Road between the intersection of East Cypress Avenue and Merchant Street in the City of Redding. The relocation is required to accommodate the proposed roadway modifications as part of the Churn Creek Plaza Development. Three wood poles will be relocated approximately seven feet east of their existing location and the total length of line affected by the relocation is approximately 845 feet. Construction is scheduled to begin in November 2000, and the new facilities should be in operation by December 2000.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements pursuant to GO 131-D, Section III, Subsections B.1.c and B.1.f, which exempts, "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," and "the minor relocation of existing power line facilities, or the intersetting of additional supporting structures between existing supporting structures, up to 2,000 feet in length."

The City of Redding has issued a Notice of Determination, dated April 27, 2000, for the Churn Creek Plaza Development, 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 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.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **December 5, 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 15, 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:

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P.O. Box 7442
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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