

November 2, 2000

**ADVICE 2052-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 cities of Walnut Creek, Concord and 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 a half miles of the existing Clayton-Pittsburg 115 kilovolt power line between the Lakewood Substation in Walnut Creek and Clayton Substation in Concord. Also, the Company proposes to install approximately eight and a half miles of 115 kilovolt conductor in an existing vacant circuit position between Clayton Substation in Concord and the Pittsburg Substation in Pittsburg. The project will include the installation of approximately nine cross-arm extensions and six vertical extensions between the Clayton and Lakewood Substations. Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2001, and the line is expected 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). The Company will raise the height of six towers ten feet by adding vertical extensions (three in the vicinity of the Walnut Creek Intermediate School and three in the vicinity of the California State University, Hayward campus in Concord) 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 12, 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 22, 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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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