

December 26, 2000

**ADVICE 2065-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 Lakeville-Santa Rosa "A" 115 Kv Relocation Hwy 101 @ Santa Rosa Avenue in the County of Sonoma

Pacific Gas and Electric 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**

PG&E has been requested by the State of California, Department of Transportation (CalTrans) to relocate a portion of the Lakeville-Santa Rosa "A" 115-kilovolt-overhead wood pole line in order to accommodate reconstruction of the interchange and the road widening on Santa Rosa Avenue at U.S. Highway 101. The power line currently runs north and south along the easterly alignment of Santa Rosa Avenue. PG&E proposes to relocate six poles (the most southerly pole is located approximately 125 feet south of the Wilfred Channel at the intersection of Robert Lake Road and the most northerly pole is approximately 795 feet north of the Wilfred Channel). Total length of line affected by the relocation is approximately 1,364 feet. The southernmost pole will be relocated approximately 85 feet north of its existing location. The remaining five poles will be moved between 5 feet and 8 ½ feet east of their existing location in order to clear the proposed curb line along Santa Rosa Avenue. Construction is scheduled to begin in February 2001, and the new facilities should be in operation by July 2001.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements pursuant to GO 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1(c) and (g), which exempts, (c) "the 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,” and (g) “power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement; or in a utility corridor designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies for which a final Negative Declaration or EIR finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts.” CalTrans and the Federal Highway Administration have filed a Final Negative Declaration/Final Environmental Assessment (State Clearinghouse No. 98102056, dated April 10, 2000, and April 14, 2000) for the reconstruction of the interchange and the road widening on Santa Rosa Avenue at Highway 101.

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). In 1998, as part of a reconductoring project, the poles were raised to reduce EMF strength at ground level. Therefore, there are no “low cost” EMF measures for this project.

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**

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on **February 4, 2001**, 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 January 15, 2001, 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 G.O. 131-D exist.

In accordance with Section III, Paragraph G, of GO 96-A, PG&E 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