

June 20, 2001

**ADVICE 2128-E  
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39 E)**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject:** Notice of Proposed Construction of Evergreen Station B 115 Kilovolt Power Line Relocation in the City of San Jose Pursuant to General Order 131-D

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the Company) hereby submits notice pursuant to General Order (G.O.) 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 complies with the noticing requirements found in G.O. 131-D, Section XI, Subsections B and C.

**Background**

The Company has been requested by the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to relocate a portion of the existing Evergreen Station B 115 kilovolt (kV) power line, which is located near Highway 87, at the intersection of Coleman Avenue and Santa Teresa Street in the City of San Jose. The relocation is required to accommodate Caltrans improvements to the Highway 87 bridge at Coleman Avenue. Two wood poles will need to be relocated. One wood pole will be relocated approximately 36 feet southeast of the current location, and the other wood pole will be relocated approximately 54 feet southwest of the present location. The total length of line affected by the relocation is approximately 220 feet. Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2001, and the new facilities should be in operation by December 2001.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements pursuant to G.O. 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 power 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.”

Caltrans has certified an EIS/EIR State Clearing House number 91023047, dated September 1993, for the Route 87 Freeway Project Julian Street to Route 101, which includes the Company’s proposed power line relocation. No significant unavoidable environmental impacts were identified for the Company’s proposed power line relocation.

Additionally, G.O. 131-D requires utilities to employ "no cost" and specified "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs). Based upon the standard that “low cost” mitigation measures not exceed 4% of the total project costs, there are no “no cost” or “low cost” measures to be employed.

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 **July 30, 2001**, which is 40 days after the date of filing. (In accordance with G.O. 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 **July 10, 2001**, at the following address:

Director, Energy Division  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor  
San Francisco, California 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  
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Les Guliasi  
Director, Regulatory Relations  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
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San Francisco, California 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 G.O. 131-D, Section III.B.2, exist.

In accordance with G.O. 96-A, Section III, Paragraph G, the Company is electronically and postal mailing copies of this advice letter to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list, including parties specified in G.O. 131-D, Section XI, Paragraph B, Subsections 1 and 2. These parties are identified in the "Notice of Distribution List" included in Attachment I. Address change requests should be directed to Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company reserves all legal rights to challenge the decisions or statutes under which it has been required to make this advice filing, and nothing in this advice filing constitutes a waiver of such rights. Also, Pacific Gas and Electric Company reserves any additional legal rights to challenge the requirement to make this advice filing by reason of its status as a debtor under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, and nothing in this advice filing constitutes a waiver of such rights.

Vice President -- Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Parties Listed in G.O. 131-D, Paragraphs B.1 and B.2

bcc: Daniela Caroselli  
Drina Collins  
Terri Guza  
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Steve Hulick  
David Kraska  
Jo Lynn Lambert  
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