

June 25, 2001

**ADVICE 2129-E
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39 E)**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Notice of Proposed Construction of San Jose A and San Jose 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 Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to relocate a portion of the existing San Jose A and San Jose B 115 kilovolt power line, which is located near the intersection of West San Fernando Street and South Autumn Street in the City of San Jose. The relocation is required to accommodate the new VTA Light Rail Transit Project. One lattice steel pole and one tubular steel pole will need to be relocated. The lattice steel pole will be relocated approximately 9 feet west of the current location, and the tubular steel pole will be relocated approximately 15 feet east of the present location. The total length of line affected by the relocation is approximately 1100 feet. Construction is scheduled to begin in August 2001 and the new facilities should be in operation by April 2002.

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.”

VTA and the Federal Transit Administration prepared an Environmental Impact Statement/Report submitted to the State Clearinghouse, number 99032027, dated March 2000, for the Vasona Corridor Light Rail Transit Project, 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 **August 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 **July 15, 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:

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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.

The 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, the 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
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Patricia Sanchez