

July 3, 2001

**ADVICE 2132-E  
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39E)**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC)

**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction of Calpine – Gilroy Peaking Power Plant Interconnect, City of Gilroy, Pursuant to General Order 131-D**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the Company) hereby submits pursuant to General Order (G.O.) 131-D, Section XI, Subsection B.4 the Notice of Proposed Construction and Reconstruction of a power line in the County of Santa Clara. The notice described in G.O. 131-D Section XI, Paragraph C, is submitted as Attachment I.<sup>1</sup>

**Purpose**

This advice letter provides a copy of the Notice of Proposed Construction and Reconstruction (Attachment I) and the Notice Distribution List, which comply with the noticing requirements found in G.O. 131-D, Section XI, Subsections B and C.

**Background**

Calpine has requested that the Company interconnect Calpine's proposed 49-megawatt generation plant near Gilroy. The proposed generation plant is located on the existing the Company's and Gilroy Food's 115 kilovolt (kV) power line alignment between pole 0/1 and a substation owned by Gilroy Foods. The interconnection would require relocating the existing Company's and Gilroy Food's 115 kV power line around the proposed plant and connecting the proposed Calpine generation plant to the Gilroy Food 115 kV power line. The relocation will be approximately 1,000 feet in length and approximately 200 feet west of its present location; the interconnection would utilize a portion of the existing power line between the generation site and pole 0/1. The relocation and interconnection is scheduled to begin in July 2001, or as soon as possible thereafter, and to be in service in August 2001. Calpine's obtained approval from the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission Docket Number 01-EP-8) to build the proposed

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

generation plant; the approval includes the need to interconnect to the Company's electric system.

Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Paragraph B, Subsection 1(c) and 1(f), the relocation of this power line is exempt from a Permit to Construct. Subsection 1(c) states that a Permit to Construct is not required for 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; and 1(f) states power lines or substation to 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 environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or relocation.

Additionally, GO 131-D requires utilities to employ "no cost" and "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs). PG&E will install taller poles than otherwise required 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 **August 12, 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 23, 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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Director, Regulatory Relations  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
P. O. Box 77000, Mail Code B10C  
San Francisco, California 94177  
Facsimile: (415) 973-7226

Persons or groups may protest the proposed construction and reconstruction 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. The protest shall set forth the grounds upon which it is based and shall be submitted expeditiously. There is no restriction on who may file a protest.

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 the parties listed in G.O. 131-D, Section XI, Paragraphs B.1. and B.2. Address change requests should be directed to Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529.

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Attachments

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