

July 9, 2001

**ADVICE 2135-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 Relocation in the County of Tehama

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.<sup>1</sup>

**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 has been requested by the County of Tehama to relocate a portion of the existing Cottonwood #1 60 kilovolt power line in order to widen Paskenta and Luther Roads between Hampton Rhodes Drive and Airport Drive in the County of Tehama. Four wood poles will be relocated approximately fifteen feet west of their existing location along Paskenta Road. Along Luther Road, four wood poles will be relocated approximately 20 feet south of their existing location, one wood pole will be relocated approximately 40 feet south of its existing location, and three wood poles will be relocated approximately 10 feet south of their existing locations. The

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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.

total number of wood poles to be relocated is 12 and the total length of line affected by the relocation is approximately 2,350 feet. Construction is scheduled to begin in August 2001, or as soon as possible thereafter, and the new facilities are planned to be in operation in September 2001.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements pursuant to GO 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1.f, which exempts, "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 environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or substation".

The County of Tehama has issued a Notice of Determination, dated February 8, 2001, and a Negative Declaration was prepared and submitted to the State Clearinghouse (number 2000122085), which includes the 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 by the Company on 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**

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **August 18, 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 29, 2001**, which is 20 days after the filing date, 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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Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
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Les Guliasi  
Director, Regulatory Relations  
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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 identified in G.O. 131-D, Section III.B.2, exist.

In accordance with G.O. 96-A, Section III, Paragraph G, PG&E 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.

Vice President -- Regulatory Relations

Attachments

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

bcc: David Kraska  
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