

July 13, 2000

ADVICE 2136-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 #728 and #730 in the City of Fresno.

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.¹

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 State of California (Cal Trans) to relocate a portion of the existing Herndon-Barton-Sanger Power Line and Las Palmas Tap at two locations crossing the new Highway 180 project within the City limits of Fresno. To complete the work, 1) the Company will relocate approximately 800 feet of the Herndon-Barton-Sanger Power Line at the intersection of Peach Avenue and the proposed Highway 180. Beginning at the Northwest corner of this intersection the Company will construct a new tower within the existing line. The line runs southeasterly to a new steel pole located on the East side of Peach just south of the Highway right of way. The route runs East along the south side of the Highway until

¹ 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.

intersecting the existing line. Here the Company will construct another steel pole; and 2) the Company will relocate approximately 2600 feet of the existing Las Palmas Tap along the West side of Clovis Avenue beginning near the new Highway 180. In order to clear the intersection of Clovis Avenue and the proposed Highway 180, the Company will relocate the existing tap to a new area further West of Clovis Avenue to allow for the off/on ramps for the Highway. This new location will utilize new land rights secured by Cal Trans. Approximately 8 poles will be relocated. Construction is scheduled for November 2001 and will be completed about January 2002.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements pursuant to G.O. 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 the California Environmental Quality Act (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 State of California Cal Trans filed "ENVIRONMENTAL REEVALUATION" State Clearing House #89051512 on September 13, 2000 covering this project.

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). The Company will install taller structures than normal to reduce the EMF fields 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 22, 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 **August 2, 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 G.O. 131-D, Section III.B.2 exists.

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.

Vice President -- Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Parties Listed in G.O. 131-D, Paragraph B.1 and B2

bcc: David Kraska
Jo Lynn Lambert
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