

July 13, 2001

ADVICE 2137-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, Relocation of Distribution Power Line #722 for Sempra Energy, in the County of Kern

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 G.O. 131-D, Section XI, Subsections B and C.

Background

Sempra Energy has requested the Company to relocate the existing 12kV distribution line from the East side of Wasco Way near Buttonwillow to clear the path for the construction of their new 230kV transmission line. The Company proposes to move the distribution line to the existing Midway Taft 115kV concrete pole line located within an existing easement adjacent to the West side of Wasco Way. Due to the length of the power line spans it is necessary to set a new steel pole in each span of the existing power line to support the distribution circuit. This

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.

relocation extends north from the intersection of the California Aqueduct and the southerly projection of Wasco Way approximately 4 miles to the Company's Midway Substation. The substation is located at the northwest corner of Wasco Way and Highway 58. Construction is scheduled for August 2001 and is scheduled to be completed 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, which exempts, "the 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".

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 employ "no cost" measures to raise the conductor by installing new poles midspan.

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 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 **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 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.

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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