

July 31, 2001

**ADVICE 2146-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 Gualala-Monte Rio 60 Kilovolt Power Line, Timber Hill Ranch, Sonoma County

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

**Background**

The Company has been requested by Timber Hill Ranch, LLC to relocate a portion of the existing Gualala-Monte Rio 60 kilovolt (kV) power line, which is located on Hauser Bridge Road, east of Salt Point State Park near the Sonoma County coast. The relocation is required to accommodate developers who are rebuilding the former dude ranch at Timber Hill. The project will include the relocation of two sections of line (total of 9 new poles, 5 of which are in the existing easement) westerly of the Company's existing easement. Both sections of line will be relocated approximately 200 feet northwesterly of their current position. The total length of the line affected by the relocation is approximately

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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.

1,685 feet. Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2001, and the new facilities should be in operation 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.(b) and (c), which exempts, "the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures," and "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, GO 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 poles taller than otherwise required in order 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.

### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by filing a protest with the CPUC and the Company by **August 20, 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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Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
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Facsimile (415) 973-0516

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Director, Regulatory Relations  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
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San Francisco, California 94177  
Facsimile (415) 973-7226

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.

### **Effective Date**

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **September 9, 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.)

### **Notice**

In accordance with G.O. 96-A, Section III, Paragraph G, the Company is electronically and postal mailing copies of his advice letter to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list, including parties specified in G.O. 131-D, Section XI, Paragraphs B.1 and B.2. These parties are identified in the "Notice Distribution List" included in Attachment I. Address change requests should be directed to Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at:

[http://www.pge.com/customer\\_services/business/tariffs/](http://www.pge.com/customer_services/business/tariffs/)

Vice President -- Regulatory Relations

Attachments

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

bcc: David Kraska  
Jo Lynn Lambert  
Robert Masuoka  
Patricia Sanchez