

August 16, 2001

**ADVICE 2154-E
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39E)**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC)

**Subject: Relocation of Westpark-Magunden 115 Kilovolt Power Line #748 in
the County of Kern**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the Company) hereby submits pursuant to General Order (G.O.) 131-D, Section XI, Subsection B.4, the relocation of a power line in the County of Kern. The notice described in G.O. 131-D, Section XI, Paragraph C, is submitted as Attachment I.¹

Purpose

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

Background

The Company has been requested to relocate a portion of the existing Westpark-Magunden 115,000 kilovolt (kV) power line by Bolthouse Farms at the northeast corner of Brundage Lane and Fairfax Road in Kern County. PG&E will remove six (6) poles and approximately 2425 feet of the existing 115 kV power line. PG&E will install eight (8) new poles and approximately 2931 feet of new conductor in a new location entirely within Bolthouse Farms property. The new location is within a new easement granted to PG&E for this purpose and will allow Bolthouse Farms to

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.

expand their packing operations. Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2001 and is scheduled to be completed by January 2002.

a) Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Paragraph B, Subsection 1(f), the relocation of this power line is exempt from a Permit to Construct. Subsection 1(f) states "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 County of Kern filed a Negative Declaration, State Clearing House Number 2001031141, on June 7, 2001 covering this project.

Additionally, G.O. 131-D requires utilities to employ "no cost" and "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs). The Company will use low cost triangular post-insulator design for the poles to bring the conductors closer together, thereby reducing the EMF fields at the edge of the PG&E Easement.

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 **September 5, 2001**, which is 20 days after the date of filing, at the following address:

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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P. O. Box 7442
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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 G.O. 131-D, Section III, B.2, 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.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **September 25, 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, 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. 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/

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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