

October 19, 2001

**ADVICE 2169-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, Pittsburg-Tassajara 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line Reconductoring Phase II Project, Contra Costa 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 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.<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 proposes to replace existing wires with new wires on approximately twelve miles of the existing Pittsburg-Tassajara 230 kilovolt transmission line from the Kirker Pass area south to the existing Tassajara Substation in Contra Costa County. This project will also include raising three steel towers to accommodate the new wires. This project is needed to eliminate forecasted normal and emergency overloads on the transmission line in 2002. Construction is scheduled

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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.

to begin in December of 2001, and the new facilities are scheduled to be in operation by June 2002, or as soon as possible thereafter.

This project qualifies as exempt from Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity filing requirements pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Subsection A, which exempts "the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures," and "the placing of new or additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on or replacement of supporting structures already built."

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). Pacific Gas and Electric Company will utilize cross-phase design where possible in order to maximize magnetic field cancellation, thereby reducing public exposure to EMF.

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 **November 8, 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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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 **November 28, 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 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/](http://www.pge.com/customer_services/business/tariffs/)

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