

January 17, 2002

**ADVICE 2189-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, Trimble - San Jose B 115 kV Powerline
Relocation, in the City of San Jose**

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

The Company has been requested by the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to relocate tubular steel pole No. 12/79 on the Trimble - San Jose B 115 Kilovolt (kV) transmission line. Caltrans is widening Highway 101 at the Guadalupe Parkway interchange in order to ease congestion on Highway 101 between Brokaw and Trimble Roads as part of the Route 87 Freeway Project (Caltrans Project # UT1401.1). In order to accommodate the road construction, the Company will construct a new tubular steel pole approximately 150 feet northwest of the current location and interset one additional pole on the south side of Highway 101. Once the existing lines have been moved to the new structures, the old structure will be removed. Two tubular steel poles and 1,750 feet of transmission line will be affected by this

¹ PG&E 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, PG&E 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.

project. Construction is scheduled to begin by March 2002 and be completed by December 2002.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Subsections B.1.c and f, which exempt "the minor relocation of existing power line facilities up to 2,000 feet in length, or the intersecting of additional support structures between existing support structures" and "the power lines or substations to be relocated or constructed which have undergone environmental review pursuant to CEQA as part of a larger project, and for which the final CEQA document (Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration) finds no significant unavoidable impacts caused by the power line or substation."

Caltrans has certified an EIS/EIR State Clearinghouse number 91023047, dated September 1993, for the Route 87 Freeway Project Julian Street to Route 101, which includes the Company's proposed power line relocation. No significant unavoidable environmental impacts were identified for the Company's proposed power line relocation.

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 proposed low cost options of installing 10' or 15' taller poles achieves a 24.3% or 32.4% magnetic field reduction at a 8.3% or 10.0% of the project's cost. This exceeds the 4% cost guideline for low cost work to reduce magnetic field levels. No low cost mitigation is available for this project. Additionally, according to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 77 rules, the poles can not be raised any further than they are currently proposed due to their locations near the San Jose International Airport.

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 **February 6, 2002**, 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 of G.O. 131-D, Section III.B.2, exist.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **February 26, 2002**, 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.)

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/

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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