

February 13, 2002

**ADVICE 2196-E
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39E)**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC)

Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, Power Line Llagas-Calpine-Gilroy 115 Kilovolt, Phase I, City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara

An electric utility regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission intends to construct new facilities in the City of Gilroy, California. These facilities are being constructed to help alleviate the energy emergency currently facing California. Because of this energy emergency, the California Public Utilities Commission is considering such projects on an expedited basis. (California Public Utilities Commission Resolution E-3732.)

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the Company) hereby submits pursuant to General Order (G.O.) 131-D, Section XI, Subsection B.1 the Notice of Proposed Construction and Reconstruction of a power line in the County of Santa Clara. 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 and Reconstruction (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

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.

In order to deliver energy generated at the newly constructed Calpine-Gilroy Energy Center to Llagas Substation, upgrades must be made to switches and the bus located at Llagas Substation. This work will take about 4 weeks to accomplish and will require the affected bus section and all equipment connected to it be de-energized for the entire duration. To avoid the loss of service to customers serviced by this bus, a temporary line to by-pass the bus section (known as a "shoo-fly") must be constructed. This shoo-fly will require the temporary installation of 6 wood poles approximately 75' outside the east fence-line of Llagas Substation (< 2,000' from existing T-line). Construction on the temporary line is scheduled to begin in mid-March, and the line will be removed in May 2002, or as soon as the project is completed and the original connection is re-established.

Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Paragraph B, Subsections 1(c), the relocation of this power line is exempt from a Permit to Construct. Subsection 1(c) states that a Permit to Construct is not required for 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 "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs). However, because these are temporary facilities, there are no "no cost" or "low cost" measures required for this project.

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 **March 5, 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 to:

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company
P. O. Box 7442
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The letter to the California Public Utilities Commission may also be filed by electronic mail at the following address: construction@cpuc.ca.gov. If you send a protest by electronic mail, please be sure to include your name and address.

Any protest letter must be received by the California Public Utilities Commission and Pacific Gas and Electric Company by March 5, 2002.

If the California Public Utilities Commission determines that the proposed project is a proper exemption and no protests are received by **March 5, 2002**, Pacific Gas and Electric Company may commence construction by **March 15, 2002**, or with the issuance of a California Public Utilities Commission Executive Director Resolution, whichever is earlier. If protest letters are properly filed with the California Public Utilities Commission and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Pacific Gas and Electric Company may not start construction until a California Public Utilities Commission Executive Director Resolution is issued.

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.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **March 5, 2002**, which is 20 days after the date of filing.

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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