

February 22, 2002

**ADVICE 2200-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, Transmission Reinforcement in County
of Napa**

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

To increase line capacity in response to increasing customer loads, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company will perform the following reinforcement to its 60-kilovolt electric transmission system in Napa County:

Reconductor (replace existing wires with new wires) about 1,500 feet of the 60 kilovolt Tulucay-Napa #1 transmission line from Tulucay Substation east of the Vallejo-Napa Highway to the 60 kilovolt Basalt #1 Tap transmission line at Pole 0/3, approximately 1.2 miles of the Basalt #1 Tap

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.

transmission line from Pole 0/3 to Basalt Substation to the north and east of the Vallejo-Napa Highway, and about 1.5 miles of the 60 kilovolt Tulucay-Napa #2 transmission line between Tulucay Substation and Basalt Substation.

The reconductoring work is expected to begin in April 2002, for completion by July 1, 2002, or as soon as possible thereafter.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements pursuant to GO 131-D, Section III, Subsections B.1.b, B.1.e and B.1.g, which exempt "the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures", "the placing of new or additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on supporting structures already built" and "power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement".

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). Because there are no EMF mitigation measures available on this project that would meet the CPUC's benchmark of 4% or less of the total project cost, no "no cost" or "low cost" measures will be employed.

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 14, 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 G.O. 131-D, Section III.B.2, exist.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **April 3, 2002**, 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/

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments

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

bcc: Sally Burk
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