

March 14, 2002

**ADVICE 2205-E
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39E)**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC)

**Subject: Relocation of Mesa - Sisquoc 115,000-Volt Power Line #725
Along Blosser Road in City of Santa Maria**

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 relocation of a power line in the City of Santa Maria, County of Santa Barbara. 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

The Company has been requested to relocate a portion of the Mesa - Sisquoc Power Line by Smith Tech USA Inc. to accommodate a new residential development in the City of Santa Maria. PG&E will relocate approximately 1832 feet of the existing Mesa - Sisquoc 115 kilovolt (kV) that includes 7 wood power poles. The new power line will be installed along the West side and within the franchise area of Blosser Road. The relocation begins at a point approximately 500 feet south of the intersection of Blosser Road and Taylor and extends North

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.

1832 feet to the existing power line. Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2002 and is scheduled to be completed by September 2002.

Pursuant to Section III, Paragraph B, Subsection 1(g) of G.O. 131-D, the relocation of this power line is exempt from a Permit to Construct. Subsection 1(g) power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement; or in a utility corridor designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies for which a final Negative Declaration or EIR finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts.

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). PG&E 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 Public Utility Easement. Low Cost measures do not apply 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 **April 3, 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 23, 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 Rose Abao at (415) 973-2218. 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

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