

April 26, 2002

**Advice 2231-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, Willow Pass-Contra Costa 60 Kilovolt Relocation, City of Pittsburg, 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 Permit to Construct.<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 GO 131-D, Section XI, Subsections B and C.

**Background**

The Company has been requested by the State of California Department of Transportation to relocate and modify portions of the existing Willow Pass-Contra Costa 60 kV Power Line in the City of Pittsburg. Approximately 900 feet of wire and the two lattice steel poles supporting it will be removed from their existing locations near Bruno Avenue on the north side of SR 4 and adjacent to Frontage Road just north of Los Medanos Elementary School. These will be replaced by approximately 950 feet of new wire suspended from two new tubular steel poles to be located on the north side of SR 4 near Bruno Avenue and Andrew Avenue and a third new tubular steel pole to be located on the south side of SR 4 just west of Los Medanos Elementary School. In addition, an existing lattice pole near Edward Avenue along

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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.

with the guy tower and guy wires supporting it will be removed and replaced with a new self-supporting tubular steel pole. The power line will be temporarily relocated on wood poles during construction. Construction is scheduled to begin in October 2002, or as soon as possible thereafter, and the new facilities are planned to be in operation within three months following start of construction.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements pursuant to GO 131-D, Section III, Paragraph B. Subsections 1(b), 1(c), 1(e), 1(f), and 1(g), which exempt, "the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures;" "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;" "the placing of new or additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on supporting structures already built;" "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 (EIR) or Negative Declaration) finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or substation;" and "power lines 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." Caltrans has certified a Negative Declaration, State Clearinghouse Number 2000112007, dated January 23, 2001, for the State Route 4 East Widening Project from Railroad Avenue to Loveridge Road, which includes the Company's proposed Power Line relocation.

- 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). Structures in the vicinity of the schools will be 10 feet higher than otherwise required in order to reduce magnetic strength at ground level.

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 PG&E by **May 16, 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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Attorney, Law Department  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
P.O. Box 7442  
San Francisco, California 94120  
Facsimile: (415) 973-0516

Les Guliasi  
Director, Regulatory Relations  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
P.O. Box 770000, Mail Code B10C  
San Francisco, California 94177  
Facsimile: (415) 973-7226

Persons or groups may protest the proposed construction if they believe that PG&E has incorrectly applied for an exemption or that the conditions set out in G.O.131-D, Section III.B.2, exist.

### **Effective Date**

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on **June 5, 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, PG&E 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/](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: Mohan Bhatia  
Randy Burton  
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