

May 7, 2002

Advice 2242-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, Gronemeyer Tap 60 Kilovolt Line # 107
Relocation in the City of Lathrop**

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 City of Lathrop has requested PG&E to relocate a portion of the existing Gronemeyer Tap 60 kilovolt (kV) Line # 107 in order to construct a grade separation over the U.P.R.R. tracks approximately 1/2 mile west of Airport Way. A total of 7 wood poles will be affected. Five poles will be relocated approximately 19 feet to 40 feet north of the existing pole line. Two poles will be replaced with a taller and larger class poles. The total length of 60kV line to be relocated is approximately 1,540 feet. Construction is scheduled to begin in

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.

June 2002, or as soon as possible thereafter, and the new facilities are planned to be in operation in July 2002.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1, which exempts, "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".

The City of Lathrop has issued a Notice of Exemption dated October 18, 1999. The project is a Categorical Exemption # 21080.13 "Railroad Grade Separation".

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). Based upon the standard that "low cost" mitigation measures not exceed 4% of the total project costs, there are no "no cost" or "low cost" measures to be employed by the Company on 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 **May 27, 2002**, which is 20 days after the filing date, 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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Director, Regulatory Relations
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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 identified in G.O. 131-D, Section III.B.2, exist.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **June 16, 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 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

bcc: David Kraska
Jo Lynn Lambert
Robert Masuoka
Michael Gunby