

July 15, 2002

Advice 2258-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, Pittsburg-Martinez 115 Kilovolt Power Line Circuits #1 and #2 and Oleum Martinez 115 Kilovolt Power Line Reconductoring Project, County of Contra Costa

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 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.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 Company is proposing to replace wires on the existing Pittsburg-Martinez 115 kilovolt (kV) Power Line Circuits #1 and #2, and the Oleum-Martinez 115 kV Power Line to serve the expected electric demand in 2003. The project would require replacing wires on approximately 15.8 miles of the Pittsburg-Martinez 115 kV power line between Pittsburg Power Plant Switchyard and Martinez Substation; and 1.5 miles of the Oleum-Martinez 115 kV power line between Oleum Substation and structure number 1/12. The Project would also require replacing one tubular steel pole, intersetting a new structure between existing structures and raising some of the towers 10 to 20 feet; this work is required to comply with the minimum wire height requirements of the California Public

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.

Utilities Commission's General Order 95.

Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2002 and be completed by May 2003, or as soon as possible thereafter.

This project qualifies as exempt from Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity filing requirements pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Subsection B, which exempts "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 or replacement of supporting structures already built," "the intersetting of additional support structures between existing support structures," and "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 specified "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs). Pacific Gas and Electric Company will utilize cross-phase design where possible in order to maximize magnetic field cancellation, thereby reducing public exposure to EMF.

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 **August 5, 2002**, at the following address:

Director, Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor
San Francisco, CA 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 **August 24, 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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