

July 19, 2002

**Advice 2263-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, Relocation of the Existing Sonoma-Pueblo 115 Kilovolt Power Line at Napa Road and the Intersection with East Eighth Street in the City of Sonoma**

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 G.O. 131-D, Section XI, Subsections B and G.

**Background**

The Company has been requested to relocate a portion of the Sonoma-Pueblo 115 kilovolt (kV) power line located along Napa Road in the City of Sonoma. Sonoma County is widening Napa Road south of the City of Sonoma and improving the intersection with East Eighth Street (Vineburg Road). To accommodate the road-widening project, the Company will need to relocate eight poles (from pole 1/3 and 1/10, inclusive) along with the necessary appurtenances (i.e.; anchors, guys, distribution circuit, etc.). The poles will need to be set back from their current locations by approximately 30-40 feet in order to accommodate the road-widening project. The relocation will be approximately 2150 feet in length. Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2002, and the new facilities should be in operation by December 2002.

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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.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements, pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1. (b) and (g), which exempts, "the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures" and "power line facilities or substation 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.

Sonoma County Department of Transportation & Public Works has issued a Mitigated Negative Declaration (Resolution No. 01-0108) that has been adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 30, 2001. The Mitigated Negative Declaration includes the Company's proposed power line relocation. No significant unavoidable environmental impacts were identified for 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). 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.

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 8, 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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Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
P.O. Box 7442  
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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  
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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 G.O. 131-D, Section III.B.2, exist.

**Effective Date**

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **August 28, 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/](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  
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Robert Masuoka  
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