

July 22, 2002

**Advice 2265-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, GWF Tracy Peaker Project Phase One –
115 kV Power Line Interconnection Southwest of the City of
Tracy, County of San Joaquin**

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 Company has been requested by GWF Energy LLC (GWF) to construct facilities needed to distribute the electricity generated by the new GWF Tracy Peaker Project – Phase One (Peaker Project), for which the California Energy Commission (CEC) has completed the environmental review process pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has authorized GWF's Application for Certification (AFC). The Company proposes to:

Construct a new 115 kV power line loop totaling approximately 0.2 miles in length from the existing Company Tesla-Kasson 115 kV power line into

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.

and out of a new switching station to be constructed by the Company adjacent to the new power plant.

Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2002, or as soon thereafter as possible, and the new facilities are scheduled to be in operation by December 2002, or as soon thereafter as possible.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1.c and f, which exempt "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"; and, "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 power line or substation".

The CEC acts as a lead agency under CEQA and its process is functionally equivalent to the traditional CEQA process pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.5 and Executive Order D-26-01. The CEC prepared a Staff Assessment (SA) for the Peaker Project dated December 28, 2001, and a SA Supplement dated January 31, 2002 (State Clearinghouse No. 2002079050). The SA, which is the legal equivalent of an EIR, found no significant unavoidable environmental impacts from construction of the facilities proposed in this notice.

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). The EMF mitigation measures to be employed by the Company will include: arrangement of the phases of the two 115 kV circuits for the new power line interconnection between the new switching station and the existing Company Tesla-Kasson 115 kV power line for minimum magnetic field level at the edge of the right-of-way.

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 12, 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 31, 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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Robert English
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