

August 15, 2002

**Advice 2274-E  
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39 E)**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D,  
for the Construction of Markham Tap #2 115 Kilovolt Relocation at  
South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, in the City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara**

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.

**Background**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company has been asked to relocate approximately 800 feet of the Markham #2 115 Kilovolt (kV) Tap line in San Jose, California. The portion to be relocated currently follows the west side of South 10<sup>th</sup> Street from San Carlos Street to approximately 100 south of San Salvador Street. The relocation will move the power line from the west to east side of South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, and will involve the construction of 3 new poles along the east side of South 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 1 new pole 95 feet south of the intersection of South 10<sup>th</sup> Street on the western side. For the present time, the distribution wires will remain on shortened poles on

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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.

the west side of South 10<sup>th</sup> Street due to plans to eventually underground those wires. Construction is anticipated to begin in approximately October of this year, or as soon as possible thereafter, and the new facilities are planned to be in operation by December 2002, or as soon as possible after construction is completed.

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

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 following measures are proposed for this project:

- New poles will be constructed ten feet taller than otherwise required in order to reduce magnetic fields 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.

### **Effective Date**

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **September 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.)

### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by filing a protest with the CPUC and the Company by **September 4, 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:

David T. Kraska  
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 the Company has incorrectly applied for an exemption or that the conditions set out in G.O. 131-D, Section III, B.2 exist.

**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  
Robert Masuoka  
Robert Stiving  
David Thomas