

October 4, 2002

**Advice 2289-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 Stony Point 115 Kilovolt Power Line at Bellevue Avenue in the City of Santa Rosa

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.

Background

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested to relocate a portion of the Stony Point 115 kilovolt (kV) power line located along Bellevue Avenue in the City of Santa Rosa. The Department of Public Works is widening Bellevue Avenue to include left turn lanes at intersections between Stony Point Road and Moorland Avenue. To accommodate the road-widening project, PG&E will need to relocate approximately 2,714 feet of existing pole line, which includes eleven (11) poles. Within this area, nine existing poles between Stony Point Road and the vicinity of Juniper Avenue will be located approximately 27 feet to the north of their current location. Two poles in the vicinity of Moorland Avenue

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.

will be relocated approximately 8 feet north of their current location. All new pole locations are in existing franchise. Construction is scheduled to begin in December 2002, or as soon as possible thereafter, with facilities expected to be in service by August 2003, or as soon as possible after project completion.

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

The City of Santa Rosa issued a Mitigated Negative Declaration dated March 2000, State Clearing house No. 2000032037 which includes PG&E's proposed power line relocation. No significant unavoidable environmental impacts were identified for PG&E'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). Because there are no EMF mitigation measures available on this project that would meet the CPUC's benchmark of 4% or less of the total project cost, 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 **October 24, 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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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 **November 13, 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

bcc: David Kraska
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