

October 25, 2002

**Advice 2295-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, Calpine Wolfskill Peaker Project 115 Kilovolt Power Line Interconnection Tap in the City of Fairfield, County of Solano**

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**

The Company has been requested by Calpine Corporation (Calpine) to construct facilities needed to distribute the electricity generated by the new 49 megawatt Wolfskill Peaker Project (Project) being constructed by Calpine along Cordelia Road adjacent to the Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District facility in Fairfield. The City of Fairfield has completed the Project environmental review process pursuant to

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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 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). To connect Calpine's new 115 kilovolt power line from the Project to the Company's Vaca-Suisun 115 kilovolt power line immediately southwest of where the Vaca-Suisun 115 kilovolt power line crosses over Cordelia Road, the Company proposes to:

Replace one existing wood pole with a tubular steel pole with three line switches. One of these line switches will be connected to Calpine's new 115 kilovolt power line, which Calpine will construct, own and operate, and the other two line switches will be connected to the Company's existing Vaca-Suisun 115 kilovolt power line. The Company will not construct a new power line as part of the Project.

Construction is scheduled to begin in December 2002, or as soon thereafter as possible, and the new facilities are scheduled to be in operation by January 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 exempt: "power lines or substations to be relocated or constructed which have undergone environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (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 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 Negative Declaration or EIR finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts".

The City of Fairfield acted as the lead agency under CEQA for the Project and adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) on June 12, 2002 (Case No. ER 2002-15; not submitted to the State Clearinghouse). The MND 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 following measures are proposed for this project:

- 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 will 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 **November 14, 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 **December 4, 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