

March 7, 2002

**Advice 2353-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 Moss Landing-Green Valley 115 Kilovolt Reinforcement Project in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties

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 General Order (G.O.) 131-D, Section XI.

Background

Pacific Gas and Electric Company plans to reinforce its 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission system in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties by replacing existing wires with new wires on approximately 14 miles of Moss Landing/Green Valley circuits 1 and 2, and by making related equipment upgrades to the Moss Landing and Green Valley substations. The transmission lines travel east from the Moss Landing Power Plant across Elkhorn Slough, then north through the Los Carneros Hills into the Pajaro Valley, where they cross from Monterey to Santa Cruz County and terminate at Green Valley Substation. Approximately 4 towers

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 raised, and other towers may require minor modifications such as arm extensions or new insulators. No foundation or tower replacement activities will be required. This work is scheduled to begin in April 2003, or as soon as possible thereafter, for completion by November 2003, or as soon as possible thereafter.

- This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements, pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1 (b) and (e), which exempts (b) "the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures" and (e) "the placing of new or additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on supporting structures already built."

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 measure is proposed for this project:

- The phases of the two 115 kV circuits between Moss Landing and Green Valley substations will be arranged 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 **March 27, 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 **April 16, 2003**, 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 Sandra Ciach at (415) 973-2788. 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