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July 10, 2003

Advice Letter 2387-E

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Subject: Submission of Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Relocation of Newark-Kifer and Kifer-San Jose B P115 Kilovolt Power Lines in the County of Santa Clara

Dear Ms Smith:

Advice Letter 2387-E is effective July 21, 2003. A copy of the advice letter is sent herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

Director
Energy Division

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**Advice 2387-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 Relocation Newark-Kifer and Kifer-San Jose B
P115 Kilovolt Power Lines in the 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.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

In order to accommodate the proposed Pico Power Plant in the City of Santa Clara, Silicon Valley Power (SVP) has requested that PG&E relocate a portion of its existing Newark-Kifer and Kifer-San Jose B 115 Kilovolt (kV) power lines. At the request of SVP, PG&E will install two tubular steel poles, with disconnect switches, in the existing alignment at the rear of the parking lot at 3045 Raymond

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.

Street in Santa Clara. The Company will remove one lattice steel tower and approximately 500 feet of power line from the proposed Pico Power Plant property at 850 Duane Avenue, Santa Clara, and relocate the lines to an SVP-owned riser pole approximately 45 feet from the Company's new poles. The power lines will continue on to the Kifer Receiving Station on SVP-owned underground power lines.

Construction is scheduled to begin in July 2003, or as soon thereafter as possible, and be completed within one month or as soon as possible after the start of construction.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements, pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1.B, 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). 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 **July 1, 2003**, 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
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Director, Regulatory Relations
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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 **July 21, 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 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