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March 2, 2007

Advice Letter 2687-E

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Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the
Construction of the Airways Power Line and Substation in Fresno

Dear Ms. de la Torre:

Advice Letter 2687-E is effective May 16, 2006. A copy of the advice letter and resolution are returned herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

Sean H. Gallagher, Director
Energy Division

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**Advice 2687-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 the Airways Power Line and
Substation in Fresno**

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.

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

As part of the new Fancher Creek Project and to continue to provide reliable service to the Fresno Airport and Reagan Center areas of Fresno, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proposes to construct a new 115 kilovolt (kV) tubular steel pole line with approximately 90 foot tall poles originating near Clovis Avenue, just south of Belmont Avenue, to a new electric substation on the west side of Armstrong Avenue just south of Shields Avenue in Fresno. The new power line will run north along the east side of Clovis Avenue to the southerly boundary of the new Highway 180, then easterly along the highway for approximately 1 mile, then along Harvey Avenue for 1/4 mile, north for approximately 7/8 mile, east to Armstrong Avenue, and north along the west side of Armstrong Avenue to the new substation. The substation will be constructed on a 5 acre parcel to allow for landscape and required setbacks. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2006, or as soon thereafter as possible, and to be operational in June 2007, or as soon as possible after project construction.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements, pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Subsections B.1.f., which exempts the following:

- (f) power lines or substations 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.

The City of Fresno certified Fancher Creek EIR No. 10133 (SCH No. 2004021071), which included the PG&E facilities and found no significant unavoidable environmental impacts would be caused by those facilities.

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:

- PG&E proposes to install light duty steel poles ten feet taller than required for reducing EMF at ground level and use of Bantam Substation design to reduce EMF at the substation. No other low cost mitigation is available for this project.

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 should do so by sending a letter via postal mail and facsimile by **August 4, 2005**, which is 20 days after the date of this filing.

Director, Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor
San Francisco, California 94102
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
E-Mail: jjr@cpuc.ca.gov and jjn@cpuc.ca.gov

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

Brian K. Cherry
Director, Regulatory Relations
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
P.O. Box 770000, Mail Code B10C
San Francisco, California 94177
Facsimile: (415) 973-7226
E-Mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

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 **August 14, 2005**, which is 30 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 De La Torre at (415) 973-4716. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at: <http://www.pge.com/tariffs>



Director -- Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Parties Listed in G.O. 131-D, Paragraphs B.1 and B.2

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No. **Pacific Gas and Electric Company (ID U39)**

Utility type:

ELC GAS
 PLC HEAT WATER

Contact Person: Michelle Brown

Phone #: (415) 973-4662

E-mail: mtt3@pge.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas
PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: **2687-E**

Subject of AL: General Order 131-D, Construction of the Airways Power Line and Substation in Fresno

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): **Transmission Lines**

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other _____

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: N/A

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL¹: _____

Resolution Required? Yes No

Requested effective date: **August 14, 2005**

No. of tariff sheets: N/A

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): _____

Estimated system average rate effect (%): _____

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed¹: _____

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

CPUC, Energy Division

Attention: Tariff Unit

505 Van Ness Ave.,

San Francisco, CA 94102

jjr@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Attn: Brian K. Cherry

Director, Regulatory Relations

77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C

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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: Airways Power Line and Substation
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 2687-E

Proposed Project: As part of the new Fancher Creek Project and to continue to provide reliable service to the Fresno Airport and Reagan Center areas of Fresno, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proposes to construct a new 115 kilovolt (kV) tubular steel pole line approximately 90 feet tall originating near Clovis Avenue, just south of Belmont Avenue, to a new electric substation on the west side of Armstrong Avenue just south of Shields Avenue in Fresno. The new power line will run north along the east side of Clovis Avenue to the southerly boundary of the new Highway 180, then easterly along the highway for approximately 1 mile, then along Harvey Avenue for 1/4 mile, north for approximately 7/8 mile, east to Armstrong Avenue, and north along the west side of Armstrong Avenue to the new substation. The substation will be constructed on a 5 acre parcel to allow for landscape and required setbacks. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2006, or as soon thereafter as possible, and to be operational in June 2007, or as soon as possible after project construction.

Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF): Pacific Gas and Electric Company will employ "no cost" and specified "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to EMF in accordance with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Decision 93-11-013 and Pacific Gas and Electric Company's "EMF Design Guidelines of New Electrical Facilities: Transmission, Substation, and Distribution." The following measure is proposed for this project:

PG&E proposes to install light duty steel poles ten feet taller than required for reducing EMF at ground level and use of Bantam Substation design to reduce EMF at the substation. No other low cost mitigation is available for this project.

Exemption from CPUC Authority: CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, B.1, exempts projects meeting specific conditions from the CPUC's requirement to file an application requesting authority to construct. Pacific Gas and Electric Company believes this project qualifies for the following exemption:

- (f) power lines or substations 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.

The City of Fresno certified Fancher Creek EIR No. 10133 (SCH No. 2004021071), which included the PG&E facilities and found no significant unavoidable environmental impacts would be caused by those facilities.

Public Review Process: Persons or groups may protest the proposed construction if they believe that Pacific Gas and Electric Company has incorrectly applied for an exemption or that the conditions set out in Section III.B.2 of General Order 131-D exist;

- a. There is reasonable possibility that the activity may have an impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies; or
- b. The cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, is significant; or
- c. There is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

Protests should include the following:

1. Your name, mailing address and daytime telephone number.
2. Reference to the CPUC Advice Letter Number and Project Name.
3. A clear description of the reason for the protest.
4. Whether you believe that evidentiary hearings are necessary to resolve factual disputes.

Protests for this project must be filed by August 4, 2005, at the following address:

Director, Energy Division
 California Public Utilities Commission
 505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor
 San Francisco, California 94102

With a copy mailed to:

David Kraska, Law Department
 Pacific Gas and Electric Company
 P.O. Box 7442
 San Francisco, California 94120

Pacific Gas and Electric Company must respond within five business days of receipt and serve copies of its response on each protestant and the Energy Division. Within 30 days after Pacific Gas and Electric Company has submitted its response, the Executive Director of the CPUC will send you a copy of an Executive Resolution granting or denying the request and stating the reasons for the decision.

Assistance in Filing a Protest: For assistance in filing a protest, contact the CPUC Public Advisor in San Francisco at (415) 703-2074 or 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or TTY (415) 703.5258 or public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Additional Project Information: To obtain further information on the proposed project, please call Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Project Information Line at (415) 973-5530.

Notice Distribution List

AIRWAYS POWER LINE AND SUBSTATION PROJECT

Advice 2687-E

Energy Commission

Mr. Bob Therleksen, Executive Director
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Mr. Terry O'Brien, Deputy Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39
Sacramento, CA 95814

County of Fresno

Mr. Severeo Esquivel, Interim Director
Public Works and Planning
6th Floor
2220 Tulare Street
Fresno, CA. 93721

City of Fresno

Nick Yovino, Planning Manager
City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA. 93721

Newspaper

The Fresno Bee

**PG&E Gas and Electric Advice
Filing List
General Order 96-A, Section III(G)**

ABAG Power Pool	Department of Water & Power City	Northern California Power Agency
Accent Energy	DGS Natural Gas Services	Office of Energy Assessments
Aglet Consumer Alliance	DMM Customer Services	Palo Alto Muni Utilities
Agnews Developmental Center	Douglass & Liddell	PG&E National Energy Group
Ahmed, Ali	Downey, Brand, Seymour & Rohwer	Pinnacle CNG Company
Alcantar & Eisesser	Duke Energy	PITCO
Anderson Donovan & Poole P.C.	Duke Energy North America	Plurimi, Inc.
Applied Power Technologies	Duncan, Virgil E.	PPL EnergyPlus, LLC
APS Energy Services Co Inc	Dutcher, John	Praxair, Inc.
Arter & Hadden LLP	Dynegy Inc.	Price, Roy
Avista Corp	Ellison Schneider	Product Development Dept
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.	Energy Law Group LLP	R. M. Hairston & Company
BART	Energy Management Services, LLC	R. W. Beck & Associates
Bartle Wells Associates	Enron Energy Services	Recon Research
Blue Ridge Gas	Exelon Energy Ohio, Inc	Regional Cogeneration Service
Bohannon Development Co	Exeter Associates	RMC Lonestar
BP Energy Company	Foster Farms	Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Braun & Associates	Foster, Wheeler, Martinez	SCD Energy Solutions
C & H Sugar Co.	Franciscan Mobilehome	Seattle City Light
CA Bldg Industry Association	Future Resources Associates, Inc	Sempra
CA Cotton Ginners & Growers Assoc.	G. A. Krause & Assoc	Sempra Energy
CA League of Food Processors	Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation	Sequoia Union HS Dist
CA Water Service Group	GLJ Energy Publications	SESCO
California Energy Commission	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz &	Sierra Pacific Power Company
California Farm Bureau Federation	Hanna & Morton	Silicon Valley Power
California Gas Acquisition Svcs	Heeg, Peggy A.	Simpson Paper Company
California ISO	Hitachi Global Storage Technologies	Smurfit Stone Container Corp
Calpine	Hogan Manufacturing, Inc	Southern California Edison
Calpine Corp	House, Lon	SPURR
Calpine Gilroy Cogen	Imperial Irrigation District	St. Paul Assoc
Cambridge Energy Research Assoc	Integrated Utility Consulting Group	Stanford University
Cameron McKenna	International Power Technology	Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
Cardinal Cogen	Interstate Gas Services, Inc.	Tabors Caramanis & Associates
Cellnet Data Systems	J. R. Wood, Inc	Tansev and Associates
Chevron USA Production Co.	JTM, Inc	Tecogen, Inc
Childress, David A.	Kaiser Cement Corp	TFS Energy
City of Glendale	Korea Elec Power Corp	Turlock Irrigation District
City of Healdsburg	Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps	U S Borax, Inc
City of Palo Alto	Marcus, David	United Cogen Inc.
City of Redding	Masonite Corporation	URM Groups
CLECA Law Office	Matthew V. Brady & Associates	Utility Cost Management LLC
Commerce Energy	Maynor, Donald H.	Utility Resource Network
Constellation New Energy	McKenzie & Assoc	Wellhead Electric Company
Cooperative Community Energy	McKenzie & Associates	Western Hub Properties, LLC
CPUC	Meek, Daniel W.	White & Case
Creative Technology	Mirant California, LLC	WMA
Cross Border Inc	Modesto Irrigation Dist	
Crossborder Inc	Morrison & Foerster	
CSC Energy Services	Morse Richard Weisenmiller & Assoc.	
Davis, Wright Tremaine LLP	Navigant Consulting	
Davis, Wright, Tremaine, LLP	New United Motor Mfg, Inc	
Defense Fuel Support Center	Norris & Wong Associates	
Department of the Army	North Coast Solar Resources	