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Advice Letter 2712-E

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Subject: Wilson-Merced #1 115kV power line and the Wilson-Oro Loma 115kV power line relocation in Merced County

Dear Ms de la Torre:

Advice Letter 2712-E is effective October 22, 2005. A copy of the advice letter is returned herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

Sean H. Gallagher, Director
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September 22, 2005

**Advice 2712-E
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39 E)**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Wilson-Merced #1 115kV Power Line and the Wilson-Oro Loma
115kV Power Line Relocations in Merced County**

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

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested by Caltrans to relocate eight poles of the existing Wilson-Merced #1 115 kilovolt (kV) power line and replace two towers of the existing Wilson-Oro Loma 115kV power line within existing easements, highway franchise, and county road franchise in Merced County south of the City of Merced. These facilities are being relocated to accommodate road and highway improvements to be made for Caltrans' Highway 99 and Mission Avenue Interchange project. One pole of the Wilson-Merced #1 115kV power line will be relocated in-line approximately 100 feet westerly to clear improvements at the intersection of Coffee Street and Mission Avenue. Four poles of the Wilson-Merced #1 115kV power line will be relocated southerly into a non-traveled median area of Highway 99. Three poles of Wilson-Merced #1 115kV power line will be relocated northerly to a franchise location along Mission Avenue to clear improvements at the intersection of Mission Avenue and Henry Street. In addition, PG&E will replace two existing approximately 80 foot tall lattice steel towers of the Wilson-Oro Loma 115kV power line with two new 90 foot tall tubular steel poles in order to provide adequate clearances over the proposed highway improvements. Work will

commence in October, 2005, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by January, 2006, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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

- b) the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures.
- c) 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.
- g) power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement.

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:

- The two new 90 foot tubular steel poles will be 10 feet taller to reduce EMF at ground level. There are no other "no cost" or "low cost" measures 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 filing a protest with the CPUC and the Company by **October 12, 2005**, which is 20 days after the date of this filing.

CPUC Energy Division
Attn: Tariff Unit, 4th Floor
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
E-Mail: jjr@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@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
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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 **October 22, 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>

Brian K. Cherry / mfb

Director -- Regulatory Relations

Attachments

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) #: **2712-E**

Subject of AL: General Order 131-D, Wilson-Merced #1 115kV Power Line and the Wilson-Oro Loma 115kV Power Line Relocations in Merced County

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: **October 22, 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, 4th Floor
 505 Van Ness Avenue
 San Francisco, CA 94102
 E-mail: jfr@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
 P.O. Box 770000
 San Francisco, CA 94177
 E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com**

¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: Wilson-Merced #1 115kV Power Line and the Wilson-Oro Loma 115kV Power Line Relocations in Merced County
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 2712-E

Proposed Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested by Caltrans to relocate eight poles of the existing Wilson-Merced #1 115 kilovolt (kV) power line and replace two towers of the existing Wilson-Oro Loma 115kV power line within existing easements, highway franchise, and county road franchise in Merced County south of the City of Merced. These facilities are being relocated to accommodate road and highway improvements to be made for Caltrans' Highway 99 and Mission Avenue Interchange project. One pole of the Wilson-Merced #1 115kV power line will be relocated in-line approximately 100 feet westerly to clear improvements at the intersection of Coffee Street and Mission Avenue. Four poles of the Wilson-Merced #1 115kV power line will be relocated southerly into a non-traveled median area of Highway 99. Three poles of Wilson-Merced #1 115kV power line will be relocated northerly to a franchise location along Mission Avenue to clear improvements at the intersection of Mission Avenue and Henry Street. In addition, PG&E will replace two existing approximately 80 foot tall lattice steel towers of the Wilson-Oro Loma 115kV power line with two new 90 foot tall tubular steel poles in order to provide adequate clearances over the proposed highway improvements. Work will commence in October, 2005, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by January, 2006, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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:

- The two new 90 foot tubular steel poles will be 10 feet taller to reduce EMF at ground level. There are no other "no cost" or "low cost" measures 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 exemptions:

- b) the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures.
- c) 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.
- g) power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement.

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 October 12, 2005, at the following address:

CPUC Energy Division
 Attn: Tariff Unit, 4th Floor
 California Public Utilities Commission
 505 Van Ness Avenue
 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

**Wilson-Merced #1 115kV Power Line and the Wilson-Oro Loma 115kV Power Line
Relocations in Merced County**

Advice 2712-E

Energy Commission

Mr. Bob Therleksen, Executive Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39
Sacramento, California 95814

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

County of Merced

William Nicholson, AICP, Director
Department of Planning and Community Development
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

Newspaper

The Merced Sun Star

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

ABAG Power Pool
Accent Energy
Aglert Consumer Alliance
Agnews Developmental Center
Ahmed, Ali
Alicantar & Elsesser
Anderson Donovan & Poole P.C.
Applied Power Technologies
APS Energy Services Co Inc
Arter & Hadden LLP
Avista Corp
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.
BART
Bartle Wells Associates
Blue Ridge Gas
Bohannon Development Co
BP Energy Company
Braun & Associates
C & H Sugar Co.
CA Bldg Industry Association
CA Cotton Ginners & Growers Assoc.
CA League of Food Processors
CA Water Service Group
California Energy Commission
California Farm Bureau Federation
California Gas Acquisition Svcs
California ISO
Calpine
Calpine Corp
Calpine Gilroy Cogen
Cambridge Energy Research Assoc
Cameron McKenna
Cardinal Cogen
Cellnet Data Systems
Chevron Texaco
Chevron USA Production Co.
Childress, David A.
City of Glendale
City of Healdsburg
City of Palo Alto
City of Redding
CLECA Law Office
Commerce Energy
Constellation New Energy
Cooperative Community Energy
CPUC
Cross Border Inc
Crossborder Inc
CSC Energy Services
Davis, Wright Tremaine LLP
Davis, Wright, Tremaine, LLP
Defense Fuel Support Center
Department of the Army

Department of Water & Power City
DGS Natural Gas Services
DMM Customer Services
Douglass & Liddell
Downey, Brand, Seymour & Rohwer
Duke Energy
Duke Energy North America
Duncan, Virgil E.
Dutcher, John
Dynegy Inc.
Ellison Schneider
Energy Law Group LLP
Energy Management Services, LLC
Enron Energy Services
Exelon Energy Ohio, Inc
Exeter Associates
Foster Farms
Foster, Wheeler, Martinez
Franciscan Mobilehome
Future Resources Associates, Inc
G. A. Krause & Assoc
Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation
GLJ Energy Publications
Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz &
Hanna & Morton
Heeg, Peggy A.
Hitachi Global Storage Technologies
Hogan Manufacturing, Inc
House, Lon
Imperial Irrigation District
Integrated Utility Consulting Group
International Power Technology
Interstate Gas Services, Inc.
J. R. Wood, Inc
JTM, Inc
Kaiser Cement Corp
Korea Elec Power Corp
Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips
Marcus, David
Masonite Corporation
Matthew V. Brady & Associates
Maynor, Donald H.
McKenzie & Assoc
McKenzie & Associates
Meek, Daniel W.
Mirant California, LLC
Modesto Irrigation Dist
Morrison & Foerster
Morse Richard Weisenmiller & Assoc.
Navigant Consulting
New United Motor Mfg, Inc
Norris & Wong Associates

North Coast Solar Resources
Northern California Power Agency
Office of Energy Assessments
Palo Alto Muni Utilities
PG&E National Energy Group
Pinnacle CNG Company
PITCO
Plurimi, Inc.
PPL EnergyPlus, LLC
Praxair, Inc.
Price, Roy
Product Development Dept
R. M. Hairston & Company
R. W. Beck & Associates
Recon Research
Regional Cogeneration Service
RMC Lonestar
Sacramento Municipal Utility District
SCD Energy Solutions
Seattle City Light
Sempra
Sempra Energy
Sequoia Union HS Dist
SESCO
Sierra Pacific Power Company
Silicon Valley Power
Smurfit Stone Container Corp
Southern California Edison
SPURR
St. Paul Assoc
Stanford University
Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
Tabors Caramanis & Associates
Tansev and Associates
Tecogen, Inc
TFS Energy
Transcanada
Turlock Irrigation District
U S Borax, Inc
United Cogen Inc.
URM Groups
Utility Cost Management LLC
Utility Resource Network
Wellhead Electric Company
Western Hub Properties, LLC
White & Case
WMA