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October 18, 2006

Advice Letter 2814-E

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Subject: Notice of construction of the St. Helena – Pueblo 115kV line pole replacement project in the County of Napa

Dear Ms de la Torre:

Advice Letter 2814-E is effective May 11, 2006. A copy of the advice letter is returned herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

Sean H. Gallagher, Director  
Energy Division

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April 11, 2006

**Advice 2814-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 St. Helena – Pueblo 115kV  
Line Pole Replacement Project in the County of Napa**

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**

In order to replace the wires on an existing distribution line PG&E proposes to replace ten wood poles with new wood poles in Napa County along an approximately 6,200 foot long section of Conn Creek Road between Rutherford Crossing Road (Hwy 128) junction to the south and the Silverado Trail to the north. The new poles, which support both distribution and existing transmission lines, will be approximately the same height as the existing poles, with two poles approximately five feet taller and two poles approximately five feet shorter than existing poles. In addition, six guy wires and one stub pole will be replaced and one new guy will be installed.

Construction is expected to begin in May, 2006, or as soon possible thereafter, and to be completed by July, 2006, 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 which exempts, "the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or 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). The following measures are proposed for this project:

- PG&E's distribution line design incorporates no- and low-cost magnetic field mitigation.

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 **May 1, 2006**, which is 20 days after the filing date, at the following address:

CPUC Energy Division  
Attn: Tariff Unit, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102  
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200  
E-Mail: [jir@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jir@cpuc.ca.gov) and [jnj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto: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  
San Francisco, California 94177  
Facsimile: (415) 973-7226  
E-Mail: [PGETariffs@pge.com](mailto: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 Section III.B.2 of G.O. 131-D exist.

### **Effective Date**

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **May 11, 2006**, 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>

**/s/ BRIAN K. CHERRY**

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) #: **2814-E**

Subject of AL: General Order 131-D, St. Helena – Pueblo 115kV Line Pole Replacement Project in the County of Napa

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 AL<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Requested effective date: **May 11, 2006**

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 proposed<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

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, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
jjr@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov**

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Attn: Brian K. Cherry  
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San Francisco, CA 94177  
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com**

<sup>1</sup> Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

**PROJECT NAME:** St. Helena Jct. – Pueblo 115kV Line Pole Replacement Project, Napa County  
**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER:** 2814-E

**Proposed Project:** In order to replace the wires on an existing distribution line, PG&E proposes to replace ten wood poles with new wood poles in Napa County along an approximately 6,200 foot long section of Conn Creek Road between Rutherford Crossing Road (Hwy 128) junction to the south and the Silverado Trail to the north. The new poles, which support both distribution and existing transmission lines, will be approximately the same height as the existing poles, with two poles approximately five feet taller and two poles approximately five feet shorter than existing poles. In addition, six guy wires and one stub pole will be replaced and one new guy will be installed.

Construction is expected to begin in May, 2006, or as soon possible thereafter, and to be completed by July, 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter.

**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’s distribution line design incorporates no- and low-cost magnetic field mitigation.

**Exemption from CPUC Permit Requirement:** 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:

- the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures.

**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 *May 1, 2006*, at the following address:**

CPUC Energy Division  
 Attn: Tariff Unit, 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**

**St. Helena Jct. – Pueblo 115kV Pole Replacement Project**

**Advice 2814-E**

**Energy Commission**

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

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

**County of Napa**

Hillary Gitelman, Director  
Planning Department  
1195 Third Street, Suite 210  
Napa, CA 94559

**Newspaper**

Napa Register

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

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