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Advice Letter 2986-E

August 23, 2007

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Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D,  
for the Relocation of Kern-Lerdo-Kern Oil 115 kV Power Line and  
Kern-Kern Oil-Famoso 70 kV Power Lines, City of Bakersfield

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 2986-E is effective March 17, 2007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean H. Gallagher".

Sean H. Gallagher, Director  
Energy Division



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**Advice 2986-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 of Kern-Lerdo-Kern Oil 115 Kilovolt Power Line and Kern-Kern Oil-Famoso 70 Kilovolt Power Lines, City of Bakersfield**

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**

The Company has been requested by the County of Kern to relocate: a) a 1,000 foot portion of the existing Kern-Kern Oil-Famoso 70 kilovolt power line located northeasterly of California State Route 99 (SR99) and easterly of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks; and b) a 2,500 foot portion of the existing Kern-Lerdo-Kern Oil 115 kilovolt power line located westerly of SR 99 in the City of Bakersfield, Kern County. The relocation of these power line facilities will allow the construction of the separation of grade project located at the intersection of Seventh Standard Road and SR 99. Five wood poles of the Kern-Kern Oil-Famoso 70 kilovolt power line will be relocated to the northeasterly side of Saco Road to allow for the re-alignment and widening of Saco Road. On the Kern-Lerdo-Kern Oil 115 kilovolt power line, two steel towers will be replaced with two tubular steel poles located northerly approximately 30 to 60 feet, and three lattice steel poles near the intersection of Coffee Road and Seventh Standard Road will be replaced with four tubular steel poles located approximately 80 feet to the south. Work will commence in April, 2007, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by June, 2007, 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.f. and g, which exempt 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.
- g) Power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement.

Kern County adopted a Negative Declaration for the Seventh Standard Road Widening from California State Route 99 Interchange to Coffee Road, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from the Company's proposed facilities relocation. (State Clearinghouse #2002021061.)

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:

- 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 letter sent via U.S. mail, by facsimile or electronically, any of which must be received no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, which is **March 7, 2007**, at the following address:

Tariff Files, Room 4005  
DMS Branch  
Energy Division  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102  
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200  
E-Mail: [inj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:inj@cpuc.ca.gov) and [mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)

Copies of protests also should be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004, at the address shown above.

The protests also should be sent via U.S. mail (and by facsimile and electronically, if possible) to PG&E at the addresses shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Attention: David T. Kraska  
Attorney, Law Department  
P.O. Box 7442  
San Francisco, California 94120  
Facsimile: (415) 973-0516

Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Attention: Brian K. Cherry  
Vice President, Regulatory Relations  
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 Section III.B.2 of G.O. 131-D exist.

### **Effective Date**

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **March 17, 2007**, which is 30 calendar 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, a copy of this advice letter is being sent electronically and via U.S. mail to 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 changes 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>



Vice President -- 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) #: **2986-E**

Subject of AL: General Order 131-D, Kern-Lerdo Oil 115kV Power Line and Kern-Kern Oil-Famoso 70kV Power Line Relocations, City of Bakersfield

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: **March 17, 2007**

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:**

**Tariff Files, Room 4005**

**DMS Branch**

**Energy Division**

**505 Van Ness Avenue**

**San Francisco, CA 94102**

**E-mail: [jnj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jnj@cpuc.ca.gov) and [mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)**

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

**Attn: Brian K. Cherry**

**Vice President, Regulatory Relations**

**77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C**

**P.O. Box 770000**

**San Francisco, CA 94177**

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

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

**PROJECT NAME:** Kern-Lerdo-Kern Oil 115 Kilovolt Power Line and Kern-Kern Oil-Famoso 70 Kilovolt Power Line Relocations, City of Bakersfield

**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER:** 2986-E

**Proposed Project:** Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested by the County of Kern to relocate: a) a 1,000 foot portion of the existing Kern-Kern Oil-Famoso 70 kilovolt power line located northeasterly of California State Route 99 (SR99) and easterly of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks; and b) a 2,500 foot portion of the existing Kern-Lerdo-Kern Oil 115 kilovolt power line located westerly of SR 99 in the City of Bakersfield, Kern County. The relocation of these power line facilities will allow the construction of the separation of grade project located at the intersection of Seventh Standard Road and SR 99. Five wood poles of the Kern-Kern Oil-Famoso 70 kilovolt power line will be relocated to the northeasterly side of Saco Road to allow for the re-alignment and widening of Saco Road. On the Kern-Lerdo-Kern Oil 115 kilovolt power line, two steel towers will be replaced with two tubular steel poles located northerly approximately 30 to 60 feet, and three lattice steel poles near the intersection of Coffee Road and Seventh Standard Road will be replaced with four tubular steel poles located approximately 80 feet to the south. Work will commence in April, 2007, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by June, 2007, 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:

- 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.

**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 exemptions:

- 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.
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**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 *March 7, 2007*, at the following address:**

Tariff Files, Room 4005  
DMS Branch  
Energy Division  
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 OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

## Notice Distribution List

**Kern-Lerdo-Kern Oil 115kV Power Line and Kern-Kern Oil-Famoso 70kV Power Line Relocations, City of Bakersfield**

**Advice 2986-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

### **City of Bakersfield**

City of Bakersfield  
Development Services Dept.  
Stan Grady, Planning Director  
1715 Chester Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

### **County of Kern**

Planning Department  
Attn: Ted James, Director  
Public Services Building  
2700 "M" Street, Suite 100  
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2370

### **Newspaper**

The Bakersfield Californian

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

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