

April 7, 2000

ADVICE 1988-E

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC)

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits, in accordance with Section XI.B of General Order (GO) 131-D, notice of the relocation of a power line in the County of Mendocino. The Notice described in GO 131-D Section XI., Paragraph C, is submitted as Attachment I.

PG&E has been requested by the State of California, Department of Transportation (CalTrans) to relocate a portion of the Mendocino-Willits 60 kilovolt power line in order to accommodate the realignment of U.S. Highway 101. The power line currently runs adjacent to U.S. Highway 101 near Ukiah (6.3 miles north of Forsythe Creek Bridge to 2.7 miles south of the South Willits Overhead). PG&E proposes to relocate approximately eight poles 10-40 feet east of their existing locations and the total length of line affected by the relocation is approximately 4,600 feet. Construction is scheduled to begin in July 2000, and the new facilities should be in operation by November 2000.

Pursuant to Section III, Paragraph B, Subsection 1(f) of GO 131-D, the relocation of this power line is exempt from a Permit to Construct. Subsection 1(f) states that a Permit to Construct is not required for "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 a final CEQA document (Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or substation." CalTrans has provided a Supplemental Categorical Exemption for this project, Environmental Assessment No. 293501, dated February 18, 2000. No significant unavoidable environmental impacts were identified for PG&E's proposed power line relocation.

Additionally, GO 131-D requires utilities to employ "no cost" and specified "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs). PG&E will utilize triangular configuration of insulators, which reduces EMF strength at ground level as compared to other configurations.

This filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other rate schedule or rule.

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PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on **May 17, 2000**, which is 40 days after the date of filing. (In accordance with GO 131-D, construction will not begin until 45 days after notice is first published.)

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by filing a protest with the CPUC and PG&E by **April 27, 2000**, at the following address:

Director, Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200

Copies shall also be mailed to David T. Kraska, PG&E Law Department; P.O. Box 7442, San Francisco, CA 94105, Facsimile (415) 973-0516 and Les Guliasi, Manager, Regulatory Relations, 77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, CA 94177, Facsimile: (415) 973-7226.

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.

In accordance with Section III, Paragraph G, of GO 96-A, PG&E 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 GO 131-D, Section XI, Paragraphs B.1. and B.2. Address change requests should be directed to Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529.

Vice President -- Regulatory Relations

Attachments

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