

May 25, 2000

**ADVICE 2004-E**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC)

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

The Company has been requested by the County of Santa Clara to relocate a portion of the existing Montague-Trimble-Milpitas 115 kilovolt power line, which is located along the north side of Montague Expressway in the City of Milpitas. The relocation is required to accommodate the Improvements to Montague Expressway at Milpitas Boulevard Project. Five poles will be relocated approximately seven to eleven feet south of their existing locations, and the total length of line affected by the relocation is approximately 800 feet. Construction is scheduled to begin in July 2000, and the new facilities should be in operation by October 2000.

Pursuant to Section III, Paragraph B, Subsections 1(b), (c), (f) and (g) of GO 131-D, the relocation of this power line is exempt from a Permit to Construct. Subsections 1(b), (c), (f) and (g) state that a Permit to Construct is not required for "the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures;" "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;" "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;" and "power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement; or in a utility corridor designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies for which a final Negative Declaration or EIR finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts," respectively. The City of Milpitas adopted a Notice of Determination (Environmental Impact Assessment No. 740) on September 21, 1999 for the Improvements to Montague Expressway at Milpitas Boulevard Project. The Notice of Determination was also filed with the Santa Clara County Clerk on September 22, 1999. No significant unavoidable environmental impacts were identified for the Company'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. In 1997, as part of a reconductoring project, the poles were raised to reduce EMF strength at ground level. Therefore, there are no "low cost" EMF measures 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.

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **July 4, 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 **June 14, 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, Pacific Gas and Electric Company Law Department; P.O. Box 7442, San Francisco, CA 94105, Facsimile (415) 973-0516 and Les Guliassi, 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 the 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, 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 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