

August 8, 2003

**ADVICE 2406-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 Modification of Electric Transmission Lines in the County of Yuba and the City of Marysville

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.¹

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 GO 131-D, Section XI, Subsections B and C.

Background

In order to accommodate generation from Calpine's new Feather River Energy Center power plant in Yuba City California, to the Company's electrical system, the Company has been asked to replace wires with new wires on (reconductor) one circuit of the Bogue-Rio Oso 115 kV line south of Marysville, California. The reconductoring will occur between Greenleaf Tap and the Rio Oso Substation, a distance of approximately 15 miles over primarily agricultural land. The wire replacement will begin west of State Highway 70 and approximately one mile south of Mc Gowan Parkway in the City of Marysville, and run south for approximately 11.5 miles and then run east for approximately 3.5 miles to PG&E's Rio Oso Substation. Approximately 60 towers will be raised to comply with General Order 95 requirements. Construction is scheduled to begin in

¹ The Company reserves all legal rights to challenge the decisions or statutes under which it has been required to make this advice filing, and nothing in this advice filing constitutes a waiver of such rights. Also, the Company reserves any additional legal rights to challenge the requirement to make this advice filing by reason of its status as a debtor under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, and nothing in this advice filing constitutes a waiver of such rights.

September of 2003, or as soon as possible thereafter, and the new facilities are planned to be in operation by June 2004, or as soon as possible after construction is completed.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements pursuant to GO 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1.b, (e) and (g), which exempts:

- The replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures; and
- the placing of new or additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on supporting structures already built;
- 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.

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 phases for the two circuits will be arranged for minimum magnetic field level at the edge of the right-of-way;

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

Effective Date

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **September 17, 2003**, which is 40 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.)

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by filing a protest with the CPUC and the Company by **August 28, 2003**, 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

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, CA 94105
Facsimile: (415) 973-0516

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Director, Regulatory Relations
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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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 G.O. 131-D, Section III, B.2 exist.

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 1. Address change requests should be directed to Sandra Ciach at (415) 973-7572. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at:

http://www.pge.com/customer_services/business/tariffs/

Vice President -- Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Parties Listed in G.O. 131-D, Paragraphs B.1 and B.2