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Subject: Ravenswood – Ames #1 and #2 115 kilovolt transmission reinforcement project

Dear Ms Smith:

Advice Letter 2529-E is effective August 15, 2004. A copy of the advice letter is returned herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

Paul Clanon, Director
Energy Division
July 6, 2004

Advice 2529-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 Ravenswood – Ames #1 and #2 115 Kilovolt (KV) Transmission Reinforcement Project

Pacific Gas and Electric 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

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace existing wires (conductor) on approximately seven miles of the Ravenswood – Ames #1 and 2 115 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Lines in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties in order to improve electric system reliability and meet the California Independent System Operator's (CAISO) requirements. The seven-mile section of line to be reconductored begins at the Ravenswood Substation, located along Highway 84 near the west end of the Dumbarton Bridge in San Mateo County, and continues south along the western edge of the San Francisco Bay to the Ames Substation, located within the perimeter of the Moffett Federal Airfield in Santa Clara County. In order to accommodate the new conductor, twelve towers will be raised approximately ten-feet to maintain the required clearances over water and ground. Construction is expected to begin on September 1, 2004, or as soon thereafter as possible, and to be completed by January 31, 2005, or as soon thereafter as possible.

This project qualifies as exempt from Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity filing requirements, pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Subsection B, which exempts, “the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures”, “the placing of new or
additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on supporting structures already built", and "power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback, easement, or public utility easement."

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 filing a protest with the CPUC and the Company by July 26, 2004, at the following address:

Director, Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor
San Francisco, California 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, California 94120
Facsimile (415) 973-0516

Brian K. Cherry
Director, Regulatory Relations
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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San Francisco, California 94177
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E-Mail: RXDd@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 G.O. 131-D, Section III.B.2 exist.

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on August 15, 2004, 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.)

Notice

In accordance with G.O. 96-A, Section III, Paragraph G, 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 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 Sharon K. Tatai (415) 973-2788. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at

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

[Signature]
Director – Regulatory Relations

Attachments

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

PROJECT NAME: RAVENSWOOD – AMES #1 AND 2 115 KILOVOLT (KV) TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 2529-E

Proposed Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace existing wires (conductor) on approximately seven miles of the Ravenswood – Ames #1 and 2 115 kilovolt (kv) Transmission Lines in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties in order to improve electric system reliability and meet the California Independent System Operator’s (CAISO) requirements. The seven-mile section of line to be reconducted begins at the Ravenswood Substation, located along Highway 84 near the west end of the Dumbarton Bridge in San Mateo County, and continues south along the western edge of the San Francisco Bay to the Ames Substation, located within the perimeter of the Moffett Federal Airfield in Santa Clara County. In order to accommodate the new conductor, twelve towers will be raised approximately ten-feet to maintain the required clearances over water and ground. Construction is expected to begin on September 1, 2004, or as soon thereafter as possible, and to be completed by January 31, 2005, 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(s) 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 Authority: CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, B 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(s):

- the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures,
- the placing of new or additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on or replacement of supporting structures already built,
- power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback, easement, or public utility easement.

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 July 26, 2004, at the following address:

Director, Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor
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

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

RAVENSWOOD – AMES #1 AND 2 115 KILOVOLT (KV) TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT
COUNTIES OF SAN MATEO AND SANTA CLARA

Advice 2529-E

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CA League of Food Processors
CA Water Service Group
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