

December 21, 2001

**ADVICE 2183-E
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39E)**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC)

Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, Electric Transmission System Replacement for the Yuba City Energy Center in Yuba City

An electric utility regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission intends to construct new facilities in Yuba City. These facilities are being constructed to help alleviate the energy emergency currently facing California. Because of this energy emergency, the California Public Utilities Commission is considering such projects on an expedited basis. (California Public Utilities Commission Resolution E-3732.)

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the Company) hereby submits pursuant to General Order (G.O.) 131-D, Section XI, Subsection B.4 the Notice of Proposed Reconstruction of a power line in Yuba City. The notice described in G.O. 131-D Section XI, Paragraph C, is submitted as Attachment I.¹

Purpose

This advice letter provides a copy of the Notice of Proposed Construction and Reconstruction (Attachment I) and the Notice Distribution List, which comply with the noticing requirements found in G.O. 131-D, Section XI, Subsections B and C.

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.

Background

In order to accommodate Calpine's Yuba City Energy Center, the Company must perform the following work: 1) Replace wires on approximately 3 miles of the existing Pease-Marysville-Harter 60 kilovolt (kV) power line between Pease Substation and Harter Substation. 2) Replace wires on approximately .6 miles of the Yuba City Cogeneration 60 kV tap line extending southeast on 16 poles from Harter Substation to pole number 0/16. 3) Make related substation modifications at Pease Substation. The total length of line affected by the replacement project is 3.6 miles. Construction is scheduled to begin in February of 2002, or as soon as possible thereafter, and the new facilities are planned to be in operation as soon as possible after construction is completed.

Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Paragraph B, Subsections 1(b),(e), and (g), the relocation of this power line is exempt from a Permit to Construct. Subsection 1(b) states that a Permit to Construct is not required for the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures; 1(e) states the placing of new or additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on supporting structures already built; and 1(g) states 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 "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs). 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 by the Company.

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 **January 10, 2002**, 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 to:

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The letter to the California Public Utilities Commission may also be filed by electronic mail at the following address: construction@cpuc.ca.gov. If you send a protest by electronic mail, please be sure to include your name and address.

Any protest letter must be received by the California Public Utilities Commission and Pacific Gas and Electric Company by January 10, 2002.

If the California Public Utilities Commission determines that the proposed project is a proper exemption and no protests are received by **January 10, 2002**, Pacific Gas and Electric Company may commence construction by **January 20, 2002**, or with the issuance of a California Public Utilities Commission Executive Director Resolution, whichever is earlier. If protest letters are properly filed with the California Public Utilities Commission and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Pacific Gas and Electric Company may not start construction until a California Public Utilities Commission Executive Director Resolution is issued.

Persons or groups may protest the proposed construction and reconstruction 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. The protest shall set forth the grounds upon which it is based and shall be submitted expeditiously.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **January 10, 2002**, which is 20 days after the date of filing.

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 I. Address change requests should be directed to Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529. 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

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