

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

SEP 22 2006

**TO:** All Interested Parties

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**Information Available:** The Commission has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study describing the project and its potential environmental effects. Based on this document, it has been determined that the proposed project, as modified, will not have any significant effects on the environment. The Commission's environmental document may be reviewed at the following locations:

Antioch Library  
501 W. 18th Street – Antioch

Brentwood Library  
751 Third Street – Brentwood

CPUC Energy Division  
505 Van Ness Ave – San Francisco

For electronic access to the Mitigated Negative Declaration and other project information or copies of reports, check CPUC's web site at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/deltasub/deltasub.htm>

**Time for Review**

This Mitigated Negative Declaration will undergo a public review period from September 22, 2006, through October 23, 2006. Comments must be received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on October 23, 2006, at the following address:

Junaid Rahman  
California Public Utilities Commission  
c/o Aspen Environmental Group  
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 935  
San Francisco, CA 94104-3002

You may also fax your comments to (415) 955-4776, or e-mail them to us at: [deltasub@aspeneq.com](mailto:deltasub@aspeneq.com)

**California Department of Fish and Game  
Certificate of Fee Exemption  
De Minimis Impact Finding**

**Project Title:** PG&E Delta DPA Capacity Increase Substation (A-05-08-022)  
**Project Location (including County):** City of Antioch, County of Contra Costa  
**Name and Address of Project Proponent:** Pacific Gas & Electric Company, 245  
Market Street, San Francisco, CA.

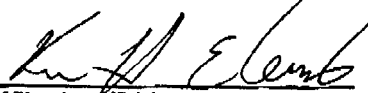
**Project Description:** Construct and operate a three-bank 230/21 kilovolt (kV) distribution substation and related facilities, know as the Delta 21 kV Distribution Planning Area (DPA) Capacity Increase Substation Project. The facility would be constructed in the southern part of the City of Antioch on a 5.1 acre parcel adjacent to an existing 230 kV transmission line. The site is approximately 1 mile south of the intersection of Lone Tree Way and Hillcrest Avenue and approximately 0.4 mile west of the intersection of Heidorn Ranch Road and Sand Creek Road. Property in the immediate vicinity of the site currently is undeveloped. Property in the project vicinity has been designated for residential and other development. The substation would step down the voltage of electric power from the existing transmission line for distribution in the DPA. Construction is planned for 2006-2007, with completion in 2007.

**Findings of Exemption:**

1. An Initial Study has been conducted by the California Public Utilities Commission to evaluate the potential for adverse environmental impacts.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared by California Public Utilities Commission.
3. The lead agency has no evidence before it, including the information in the Initial Study, the Mitigated Negative Declaration and public comments, to indicate that the proposed project could have any potential for an adverse effect on fish and wildlife resources or the habitat upon which the fish and wildlife depends.

**Certification:**

I hereby certify that the lead agency has made the above findings and that based upon the record, the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on fish or wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

  
Signature of Planning Official  
Program and Project Manager  
Title  
California Public Utilities Commission  
Lead Agency Name  
September 20, 2006  
Date

Reference: CCR Section 753.5

**PROOF OF PUBLICATION  
(2015.5 C.C.P.)**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
County of Contra Costa

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter.

I am the Principal Legal Clerk of the Contra Costa Times, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published at 2640 Shadelands Drive in the City of Walnut Creek, County of Contra Costa, 94598.

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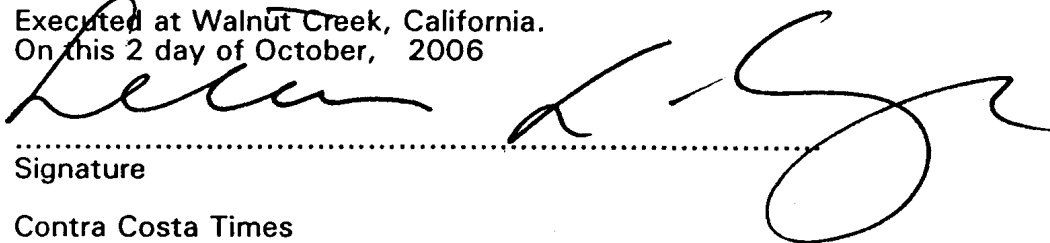
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Sept 28,

all in the year of 2006

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Executed at Walnut Creek, California.  
On this 2 day of October, 2006

  
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Signature

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(925) 935-2525

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<p>You may e-mail us at <a href="mailto:deltasub@speneg.com">deltasub@speneg.com</a>, or send written comments by U.S. mail to Junaid Rahman, Regulatory Analyst, CPUC, c/o Aspen Environmental Group, 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 535, San Francisco, CA 94104-300</p>	
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<p>Legal CCF 2748, Publish September 29, 2006</p>	

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