

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TO: All Interested Parties

Pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) General Order 131-D, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has filed an application with the CPUC for a Permit to Construct Electrical Facilities with Voltages between 50 kilovolt (kV) and 200 kV: Seventh Standard Substation Project (Application No. A.09-03-004).

Project Background: PG&E proposes to construct the 4.9-acre Seventh Standard Substation Project in northwest Bakersfield, Kern County, California, just south of Seventh Standard Road and 2.5 miles west of State Route 99. PG&E has stated that the project is necessary to sustain the current electric service demands of the Urban Bakersfield Northwest Distribution Planning Area. The new three-bank 115/21 kV distribution substation would be an automated, low-profile facility. Three tubular steel poles and two drop-down structures would be constructed from the Rio Bravo-Kern Oil 115 kV power line that parallels the south side of 7th Standard Road for approximately 1,000 feet to the substation site. Up to nine 21 kV distribution circuits (at full build-out) would exit the substation in underground conduit and would transition to the overhead position or remaining underground to interconnect with the distribution network. A paved access road from Seventh Standard Road to the substation would also be constructed. The project's in-service date is expected to be mid-2010, depending on CPUC approval. Substation construction would involve activity over a 10-month period.

Information Available: The CPUC Energy Division has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study (IS/MND) 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 CPUC's environmental document may be reviewed at the following locations:

CPUC Energy Division
505 Van Ness Ave, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

Kern County/Beale Memorial Library
701 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

For electronic access to the MND and other project information/reports, check the CPUC's website at:

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

Public Informational Meeting: In order to help affected communities understand the Proposed Project and the Proposed IS/MND and to explain how the public can participate in the CPUC's decision-making processes, the CPUC will hold an informational workshop on August 25, 2009. This informal workshop is an opportunity to ask questions about the content of the Draft IS/MND. While written comments may be submitted during these workshops, there will be no facilities to record oral comments.

August 25, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Kern County/Beale Memorial Library (Tejon Room)
701 Truxtun Avenue; Bakersfield, CA 93301

Time for Review: This IS/MND will undergo a public review period from August 11, 2009, through September 11, 2009. Comments must be received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on September 11, 2009, at the following address:

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You may fax your comments to (661) 451-5004 or e-mail them to: seventhstandard@aspeneq.com.