

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

PROJECT NAME: [Redacted] PROJECT
APPLICATION NUMBER: A.10-04-024

Proposed Project: To relieve the electric system deficiency projected to occur in the Town of [Redacted], Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proposes to construct the [Redacted] Project, a new 115/12 kilovolt (kV) distribution substation and related facilities located on a 3.2-acre parcel of light-industrial land owned by PG&E within the town limits of [Redacted]. The proposed substation site is 0.25 mile west of the intersection of [Redacted] in the Town of [Redacted] and is bounded by [Redacted] to the north and the [Redacted] to the west. The project will include looping the existing Fulton No. 1 60kV circuit into and out of the substation, which will require replacing an existing wood pole, currently located approximately 120 feet west of the substation property at [Redacted] with a taller, weathered, tubular steel pole located approximately 20 feet north from the existing pole. PG&E will also add a new tubular steel pole adjacent to the substation, and will reconductor (replace conductor and 18 supporting wood poles) two existing 12kV distribution lines to handle the increased capacity. Five existing distribution poles along [Redacted] will be removed when those lines are placed underground. To complete this project, PG&E has applied to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for a Permit to Construct (PTC). Construction is planned to start in May of 2011 or as soon thereafter as possible, and the project is planned to be operational by June 2012 or as soon as possible after construction is completed.

Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF): In accordance with Section X(A) of General Order 131-D, CPUC Decision No. D.06-01-042 ("EMF Decision"), and PG&E's EMF Design Guidelines prepared in accordance with the EMF Decision, PG&E will incorporate the following preliminary "no-cost" and "low-cost" magnetic field reduction steps in the design of the proposed substation and related facilities to reduce the potential exposure to EMF generated by the proposed facilities:

- The interconnection to the substation will be optimally phased as no cost magnetic field mitigation.
- High current devices, transformers, capacitors and reactors will be kept away from the substation property lines.
- For underground duct banks, the minimum distance will be 12 feet from the adjacent property lines or as close to 12 feet as practical.
- The new substation is located close to existing power lines to the extent practical.
- The substation property boundary has been increased to the extent practical.

Additional information regarding EMF is available for review in the Application.

Application for CPUC Authorization: Pursuant to CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III.B, no electric utility shall begin construction of certain facilities without first receiving authorization (Permit to Construct) from the CPUC.

Public Review Process: Persons or groups may protest the granting in whole or in part of the authority sought in the proposed Project and request that the CPUC hold hearings on the application.

An original and seven (7) exact copies of each protest, response or request for hearing on this project must be filed with the CPUC by no later than May 20, 2010 [note protest must be filed within 30 days of the date the notice of the filing of the application first appears in the Daily Calendar], at the following address:

California Public Utilities Commission
Docket Office
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2001
San Francisco, California 94102

With a copy served by either First Class Mail or Hand-Delivery to:

David Kraska, Law Department
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
P.O. Box 7442
San Francisco, California 94120

Protests, responses and/or requests for hearing must comply with Articles 2 and 2.5 of the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and should include the following:

1. Your name, mailing address and daytime telephone number;
2. Reference to the CPUC Application Number and Project Name;
3. The facts constituting the grounds for the protest, the effect of the application on you as a protestant, the reasons you believe part or all of the application is not justified, and, if requesting an evidentiary hearing, the facts you would present at an evidentiary hearing to support a request for whole or partial denial of the application. (See Rule 2.6 of the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, which can be accessed electronically at www.cpuc.ca.gov under the link to the Public Advisor's Office.)

If the CPUC, as a result of its preliminary investigation after such requests, determines that public hearings should be held, the CPUC will notify you of the time and place of the requested hearing. The CPUC is authorized to act on the permit application without hearings if there are no protests or requests for hearings or if the CPUC determines that no protest or request for a hearing has been filed that raises issues requiring a hearing.

Assistance in Filing a Protest or Requesting a Hearing: For assistance in filing a protest or requesting a hearing, 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 additional information on the proposed project, including information on how and where you can review the Application and Proponent's Environmental Assessment, please call PG&E's Project Information Line at (415) 973-5530.