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 power lines and associated substation modifications known as the Atlantic-Del Mar Reinforcement Project (A.01-07-004). PG&E proposes to upgrade the existing 60kV power line and associated substations that serve the City of Rocklin and south Placer County to respond to growth in electrical service demand and to maintain system reliability. The primary components of the proposed project include constructing a new, approximately 4-mile, single-circuit 60 kV power line between the Atlantic Substation in the City of Roseville and the Del Mar Substation in the City of Rocklin and minor modifications to these existing substations.

On October 17, 2001, the CPUC released a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study (MND/IS) for a 30-day review period. In response to numerous comments on potential visual impacts, the visual resources analysis has been revised and the MND/IS recommends mitigation requiring that the power line be installed underground from a location south of Sunset Boulevard to north of Midas Avenue. As a result, the analysis of all other environmental issue areas was reevaluated. Where potential new impacts were identified, those impacts are described and additional mitigation measures have been added.

Based on the information provided in the Revised MND/IS, it has been determined that the proposed project, as modified, would not have any significant effects on the environment.

Documents Available for Review:

Environmental documents and notices published by the CPUC related to this project, as well as those prepared by PG&E, may be reviewed at the following locations:

California Public Utilities Commission Attn: Central Files 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 703-2045 Rocklin Public Library Attn: Reference Librarian 5460 5th Street Rocklin, CA 95677-2547 (916) 624-3133

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

www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/aspen/Atlantic_Delmar/atlanticdelmar.htm

Public Review Period:

Written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received via e-mail or by U.S postal mail no later than **November 14, 2002**; please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number. Written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration should be sent to:

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