

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

PROJECT NAME: Seventh Standard Substation Project, City of Bakersfield, Kern County
APPLICATION NUMBER: A.09-03-004

Proposed Project: To relieve the electric system deficiency projected to occur in northwest Bakersfield, southeast Shafter, and the surrounding area of rural Kern County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proposes to construct a new 115/21 kilovolt (kV) distribution substation and related facilities known as the Seventh Standard Substation Project (project). PG&E proposes to locate the new substation within the city limits of Bakersfield, on a 4.9 acre parcel of rural land owned by PG&E. The proposed project site is located on the south side of Seventh Standard Road approximately 2.5 miles west of the intersection of Seventh Standard Road and State Route 99. The project will also include looping the existing Rio Bravo-Kern Oil 115kV circuit into and out of the substation, which will require the installation of three tubular steel poles (TSP) to support the new double-circuit 115 kV line between the substation and the existing Rio Bravo-Kern Oil 115kV power line located on the south side, and within the franchise, of Seventh Standard Road. Construction is planned to start in late summer or fall 2009, or as soon as possible after permitting is completed, and the project is planned to be energized by May 2010, or as soon as possible after construction is completed.

Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF): PG&E will incorporate "no cost" and "low cost" magnetic field reduction steps in the design of the proposed substation to reduce potential exposure to EMF in accordance with Section X(A) of GO 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's "EMF Design Guidelines" are available to the public upon request. The following measures will be adopted for this project:

- High current devices, transformers, capacitors, and reactors will be located away from the substation property lines to the extent practicable;
- Underground duct banks, will be placed a minimum of 12 feet from the adjacent property lines or as close to 12 feet as practical;
- New substation will be located close to an existing power line to the extent practical; and
- Substation property boundary has been increased to provide buffer from surrounding properties to the extent practical.

Interested parties may contact PG&E's Project Information Line at (415) 973-5530.

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 object to the granting in whole or in part of the authority sought in the Application 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 **April 13, 2009**, 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 2.6 and 7 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 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, 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free), or TTY (415) 703.5258, or by e-mail at 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.