

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ENERGY DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO. E-4165

RESOLUTION

Resolution E-4165. Southern California Edison (SCE). This Executive Director Action resolution approves SCE's Advice Letter 2204-E submitting notice pursuant to General Order 131-D (GO 131-D), Section XI, Subsection B.4 of the Construction of Facilities that are exempt from a Permit to Construct. GO 131-D was adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) in Decision D. 94-06-014 and modified by D.95-08-038.

By Advice Letter 2204-E. Filed on January 25, 2008.

SUMMARY

This Resolution approves SCE's Advice Letter 2204-E submitting notice pursuant to General Order 131-D (GO 131-D), Section XI, Subsection B.4 of the Construction of Facilities that are exempt from a Permit to Construct. GO 131-D was adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) in Decision D. 94-06-014 and modified by D.95-08-038. This Resolution is effective immediately.

BACKGROUND

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) proposes to increase the substation capacity of the Moorpark 220 kV System and build a new 66kV subtransmission line Project (Project) within existing SCE easements, fee-owned right of ways, and franchise locations. The Project route is along public streets in the cities of Thousand Oaks and Moorpark, and unincorporated areas of Ventura County to address increased load growth and provide operating flexibility. The Project consists of the addition of a 280 Megavolt-Ampere (MVA) transformer at the Moorpark substation and construction of a new 66kV subtransmission line by

double-circuiting the existing 66kV subtransmission line between Moorpark and Thousand Oaks substations.

The new double-circuit line will be constructed on wood and steel poles. Of the approximately 219 poles required for this Project, 91 poles will be replaced and 128 poles will be reconfigured from single circuit to double circuit design. Of the 91 new poles, 87 will be wood and 4 will be steel. The typical height for the new poles will range in height from 70 to 85 feet tall for wood and from 70 to 90 feet tall for engineered steel.

The new Moorpark-Potrero-Thousand Oaks 66kV line will be strung with 954 Stranded Aluminum Conductor (SAC) and will be placed on a new 85-foot engineered steel riser pole on the east side of Moorpark Road. The project will be 9.2 miles long and connect the existing Moorpark Substation with the existing Thousand Oaks Substation. The new double-circuit 115 kV line will begin at Moorpark Substation and continue south toward the Arroyo Simi Channel. The line will cross the Channel and pass through Moorpark city limits south of Terra Rejada Road. Once in Thousand Oaks city limits, the route continues South on Moorpark Road until reaching Columbia Road. From there, the route will convert to an existing underground line and continue south to Wilbur Road before heading east to the Thousand Oaks substation.

Pursuant to Commission GO 131-D, Section III.B.1, the Project meets the specific conditions which exempt the Project from the Commission's requirement to file for an application requesting authority to construct. This project qualifies for the following exemption:

"g. power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement; or in a utility corridor designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies for which a final Negative Declaration or EIR finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts."

This advice filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other rate schedule or rule.

NOTICE

Notice of AL 2204-E was made by publication in the Commission's Daily Calendar. SCE states that a copy of the Advice Letter was mailed and distributed in accordance with Section III-G of General Order 96-A.

PROTESTS

Advice Letter 2005-E was protested.

SCE's Advice Letter AL 2005-E was protested within the protest period by Andre Long and Ben Beazley.

SCE responded on January 20, 2008 to the protest of Ben Beazley and on February 7, 2008 to the protest of Andre Long.

The protests raise questions about the Project in the following areas: (1) Project noticing; (2) electric and magnetic fields (EMF); (3) safety, including concerns related to wind and potential fire; (4) CPUC exemption; and (5) aesthetics. In addition, Mr. Long seeks an evidentiary hearing to resolve factual disputes and Mr. Beazley seeks a meeting with SCE.

Although SCE addresses each of the issues raised in the Protests above, none of these questions qualifies as a condition specified in CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 and none of the Protests claim that such a condition exists. Since none of the above issues is grounds for a valid protest under Section XIII of GO 131-D, the Protests are dismissed.

DISCUSSION

Energy Division has reviewed SCE's Advice Letter 2204-E submitting notice pursuant to General Order 131-D (GO 131-D), Section XI, Subsection B.4 of the Construction of Facilities that are exempt from a Permit to Construct. GO 131-D was adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) in Decision D. 94-06-014 and modified by D.95-08-038.

Pursuant to Commission GO 131-D, Section III.B.1, the Project meets the specific conditions which exempt the Project from the Commission's requirement to file

for an application requesting authority to construct. This project qualifies for the following exemption:

“g. power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement; or in a utility corridor designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies for which a final Negative Declaration or EIR finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts.”

COMMENTS

This Resolution is effective immediately.

FINDINGS

1. On January 25, 2008, Southern California Edison (SCE) filed Advice Letter 2204-E; Notice of Proposed Construction Project Pursuant to General Order 131-D, Moorpark Substation and Related 66 kV Subtransmission Line Project.
2. Southern California Edison Company (SCE) proposes to construct the Moorpark and Related 66 kV Subtransmission Line Project (Project) within existing SCE easements, fee-owned right of ways, and franchise locations to address increased load growth and provide operating flexibility.
3. The Project consists of the addition of a 280 Megavolt-Ampere (MVA) transformer at the Moorpark substation and construction of a new 66kV subtransmission line by double-circuiting the existing 66kV subtransmission line between Moorpark and Thousand Oaks substations.
4. The new double-circuit line will be constructed on wood and steel poles. Of the approximately 219 poles required for this Project, 91 will be replaced to meet General Order 95 requirements. Of the 91 new poles, 87 will be wood and 4 will be steel.
5. The typical height for the new poles will range in height from 70 to 85 feet tall for wood and from 70 to 90 feet tall for engineered steel.
6. The new Moorpark-Potrero-Thousand Oaks 66kV line will be strung with 954 Stranded Aluminum Conductor (SAC) and will be placed on a new 85-foot engineered steel riser pole on the east side of Moorpark Road.
7. The new double-circuit 115 kV line will begin at Moorpark Substation and continue south toward the Arroyo Simi Channel. The line will cross the

Channel and pass through Moorpark city limits south of Terra Rejada Road. Once in Thousand Oaks city limits, the route continues South on Moorpark Road until reaching Columbia Road. From there, the route will convert to an existing underground line and continue south to Wilbur Road before heading east to the Thousand Oaks substation.

8. SCE's Advice Letter AL 2005-E was timely protested by Andre Long and Ben Beazley.
9. The protests raise questions about the Project in the following areas: (1) Project noticing; (2) electric and magnetic fields (EMF); (3) safety, including concerns related to wind and potential fire; (4) CPUC exemption; and (5) aesthetics. In addition, Long seeks an evidentiary hearing to resolve factual disputes and Beazley seeks a meeting with SCE.
10. Pursuant to Commission GO 131-D, Section III.B.1, the Project meets the specific conditions which exempt the Project from the Commission's requirement to file for an application requesting authority to construct.
11. The Energy Division has independently reviewed the advice letter and has deemed that this project qualifies for the following exemption:

"g. power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement; or in a utility corridor designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies for which a final Negative Declaration or EIR finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts."

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Notice of SCE of Proposed Subtransmission Line Construction Project as requested in Advice Letter AL 2204-E is approved.

This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by Executive Action Resolution on March 20, 2008.

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SCE AL 2204-E/EYC

/s/ Paul Clanon
Paul Clanon
Executive Director