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**To:** Interested Parties  
**From:** Dorris Lam, Environmental Project Manager  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION – Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s Lakeville- Sonoma 115 kV Transmission Line Project (A.04-11-011)  
**Date:** December 9, 2005

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&E) Application to Construct the Lakeville-Sonoma 115 kV Transmission Line Project (A.04-11-011). The Draft MND details the proposed project, evaluates and describes its potential environmental impacts, identifies those impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures to avoid or minimize these impacts.

**Description of the Proposed Project.** To address low voltage and overloading problems in the Sonoma/Napa area, PG&E seeks authority, pursuant to CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III(B), to upgrade the electric transmission system by installing a second 115 kV transmission circuit (new) within its existing single-circuit 115 kV transmission line route between its Lakeville (at the eastern edge of the City of Petaluma) and Sonoma Substations (at the southern edge of the City of Sonoma). The second 115 kV transmission line would be installed on a rebuilt version of PG&E’s existing single-circuit 115 kV transmission line, thus co-locating the two circuits on a single set of poles for a total distance of approximately 7.23 miles.

The transmission line would begin at the Lakeville Substation, parallel Adobe Road for approximately 1.2 miles, and then pass northeast through vineyards and ranch lands for approximately 3.6 miles. The line roughly would then parallel Felder Road for approximately .08 miles from the junction of Felder Road and Felder Creek east to the junction of Felder Road and Leveroni Road where would continue, approximately 1.7 miles, following Leveroni Road, to the Sonoma Substation. A portion of the new transmission line along Leveroni Road from approximately Fifth Street West to the Sonoma Substation will be undergrounded. (See attached map) The inclusion of this underground transmission line segment beneath Leveroni Road is provided as a mitigation measure. Modifications to PG&E’s Lakeville and Sonoma Substations are needed to accommodate the new circuit, but there will be no expansion beyond the existing utility- owned properties.

**CPUC Actions After Draft MND Publication.** The CPUC opens a 30-day public comment period, December 9, 2005 through January 9, 2006, on the Draft MND. The public may present comments and concerns regarding the proposed project and the adequacy of the Draft MND. Written comments on the Draft MND must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail no later than **January 9, 2006**. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in your correspondence. Written comments on the Draft MND should be sent to:

**Lakeville-Sonoma Transmission Project**  
**c/o Environmental Science Associates**  
**225 Bush Street, Suite 1700**  
**San Francisco, CA 94104**  
**Fax: (415) 896-0332**  
**E-mail: [Lakeville-Sonoma@esassoc.com](mailto:Lakeville-Sonoma@esassoc.com)**

The CPUC will also hold a public information meeting on **January 4, 2006** at the Sonoma Valley Regional Library Forum Room, between 6:30 and 8:30pm (see address below). Following the end of the public comment period, the CPUC will prepare a Final MND that will respond to comments received on the Draft MND.

**Availability of Draft MND.** Copies of the Draft MND will be available for review at the Sonoma Valley Regional Library, Petaluma Regional Library, and on the project website: <http://www.pglakevillesonoma.info>. This web site will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce any upcoming public meetings. Hard copies or CDs copies of the Draft MND may be requested by telephone at (415) 962-8420 or by e-mail at [Lakeville-Sonoma@esassoc.com](mailto:Lakeville-Sonoma@esassoc.com) .

### PG&E'S APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT LAKEVILLE-SONOMA 115 kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

Sonoma Valley Regional Library  
755 West Napa Street  
Sonoma, CA 95476  
(707) 996-5217

Petaluma Regional Library  
100 Fairgrounds Drive  
Petaluma, CA 94952  
(707) 763-9801

**REMINDER: Draft MND comments will be accepted by fax, e-mail, or postmark through January 9, 2006. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number.**

#### Map of the Proposed Project:

