

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION505 VAN NESS AVENUE
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To: Interested Parties

From: Billie Blanchard, Environmental Project Manager

Subject: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION – Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s Richmond-to-Pittsburg Pipeline Divestiture (CPUC Application Numbers A.00-05-035 and A.00-12-008)

Date: November 24, 2004

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)’s Application (No. A.00-05-035) seeks authority, pursuant to Section 851 of the Public Utilities Code from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), to sell its heated Richmond-to-Pittsburg Fuel Oil Pipeline to a new owner, the San Pablo Bay Pipeline Company (SPBPC), currently a subsidiary of ConocoPhillips Corporation. In a separate application (No. A.00-12-008) (also analyzed as part of this project), SPBPC seeks authority from the CPUC under Sections 216 and 228 of the Public Utilities Code to own and operate the Pipeline as a common carrier pipeline corporation and to amend the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to restrict the products that could be transported in the Pipeline to crude oil, black oils, and refined petroleum products.

The proposed sale would transfer ownership of PG&E’s Hercules Pump station and its 44.2 acres of property, located in the city of Hercules, and the Pipeline from its point of origin in Castro Street in the city of Richmond to the Mirant Pittsburg Power Plant in the city of Pittsburg. SPBPC would abandon the Pump Station and remove it from public utility service. Any demolition, remediation, and future uses of the Pump Station property will be subject to a separate environmental review by the City of Hercules.

The Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft MND) for the project analyzes the potential impacts to the environment that would result from PG&E’s sale of the Assets. The focus of the Draft MND analysis is on the potential environmental impacts associated with SPBPC’s future operation and maintenance of the Pipeline and the construction of a 5,500-foot replacement pipeline segment to replace a missing 4,000-foot pipeline section along the Martinez, California shoreline.

The Draft MND for the project was released for public review on November 24, 2004. The Draft MND will be available for review at the repositories listed on the reverse side of this notice, and on the project website as listed at the bottom of this notice. Copies of the Draft MND may be requested by telephone at (415) 962-8446 or by e-mail at pgedivest@esassoc.com.

Written comments on the Draft MND must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail no later than December 27, 2004. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number. Written comments on the Draft MND should be sent to:

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SOURCES OF PROJECT INFORMATION

To read the Draft MND online, go to the project Internet website at: <http://www.pgedivest.com>. This website will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce any upcoming public meetings. You may also contact the Draft MND team by phone, fax, e-mail, or postal mail using the numbers and information above.

DRAFT MND INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

Richmond Public Library Main Branch 325 Civic Center Plaza Richmond, CA 94801 (510) 620-6561	Richmond Library Bayview Branch 5100 Hartnett Avenue Richmond, CA 94804 (510) 620-6566	Richmond Library West Side Branch 135 Washington Avenue Richmond, CA 94801 (510) 620-6567
Contra Costa County Library Martinez Branch 740 Court Street Martinez, CA 94553 (925) 646-2898	Contra Costa County Library Pinole Branch 2935 Pinole Valley Road Pinole, CA 94564 (510) 758-2741	Contra Costa County Library Pittsburg Branch 80 Power Avenue Pittsburg, CA 94565 (925) 427-8390
Contra Costa County Library Bay Point Branch @ Riverview Middle School 205 Pacific Avenue Pittsburg, CA 94565 (925) 458-9597	Contra Costa County Library San Pablo Branch 2300 El Portal Drive, Suite D San Pablo, CA 94806 (510) 374-3998	Hercules City Clerk 111 Civic Center Drive Hercules, CA 94547 (510) 799-8215
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REMINDER: Draft MND comments will be accepted by fax, e-mail, or postmark through December 27, 2004.