

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency): _____

County Clerk

County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Caltrans Encroachment Permit (0222-6UF-1041) for Pacific Power's 8G83 Weed West & Old Highway 99 6Cu Part 1 Reconductor Project

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Pacific Power is planning maintenance activities on their existing 12.5 kilovolt (kV) overhead distribution lines within the City of Weed and elsewhere in Siskiyou County. The activities are the outcome of Pacific Power's continued fire mitigation program of system hardening in California and is being conducted in accordance with the California Public Utilities Commission guidelines. Work would occur within Caltrans' right-of-way along Interstate 5 in Siskiyou County from post mile R22.956 to 23.195 and would consist of reconductoring the line with a spacer cable system (i.e., wires), updating system protection and other equipment as needed, the replacement of one wood pole structure with fiberglass, fire-resistant structure, and replacement of guy wires (anchor located outside Caltrans' right-of-way). Structure construction and conductor stringing would include cutting and removal of existing structure within Caltrans' right-of-way. New fiberglass poles would be hoisted into place using a line truck. Reconductoring the new distribution line includes first temporarily relocating the existing conductor such that it can remain energized while the new conductor is installed. Next, rigging would be installed at each pole to allow for the new conductor to be pulled into place. Once strung, the conductor would be transferred to its permanent location on all poles and the old conductor would be removed. After the new distribution line is energized, the former distribution line would be de-energized. A tractor and trailer with reels would be used to pull the ground wire and de-energized lines. Replacement poles would be installed immediately adjacent to the existing pole. Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit (0222-6UF-1041) for work occurring within Caltrans' right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

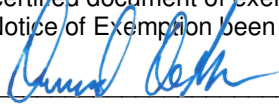
The California Department of Transportation has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) Class 2 — Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: _____ Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____