NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

PROJECT NAME: Colusa Generating Station (Colusa County)

APPLICATION NUMBER: A. 07-11-009

Proposed Project: In order to create adequate electric generation that will ensure reliable electricity for its customers, Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") proposes to construct a new 657 megawatt combined cycle generating facility to be located in the western Sacramento Valley, in unincorporated Colusa County ("Project"). In Decision 06-04-012, issued on November 30, 2006, the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") approved a Purchase and Sale Agreement ("PSA") under which the Project would be constructed by third parties, E&L Westcoast Holdings, LLC and E&L Westcoast, LLC (collectively "E&L"), and then transferred to PG&E, which would own and operate the Project upon its completion by E&L. However E&L recently informed PG&E that it intended to terminate the existing PSA, and offered to sell and transfer the development assets associated with the proposed Project to PG&E. PG&E now proposes to construct the Project itself and, to that end, seeks a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") from the CPUC, as required prior to construction of this facility by an investor-owned utility.

The California Resources and Development Commission ("CEC") has jurisdiction over the siting and environmental review of this Project, and those issues are currently being addressed in Docket No. 06-AFC-9 at the CEC. As was the case when E&L was developing the Project, and consistent with pending CEC filings, PG&E proposes to locate the Project on a 100-acre leased site consisting of undeveloped agricultural land, approximately 4 miles to the west of Interstate 5, 14 miles north of the farming community of Williams, and 72 miles north of Sacramento. The power plant, storm water retention basin, and switchyard will occupy approximately 31 acres. The plant access road, new transmission interconnection, and access road to the water supply intake on the Tehama-Colusa Canal will require an additional 2.7 acres. The Project also includes construction of bridge improvements, a natural gas pipeline, and a water supply pipeline. Construction is planned to start in spring of 2008, or as soon as possible after permitting is completed, and the Project is expected to be ready for commercial operation in the summer of 2010, or as soon as possible after construction is completed.

Application for CPUC Authorization: Pursuant to California Public Utilities Code section 1001, no electrical corporation shall begin the construction of a plant without first having obtained from the CPUC a certificate that the present or future public convenience or necessity require or will require such construction ("CPCN"). Public Utilities Code section 1003.5 limits the scope of the issues to be considered in a CPCN application for a project, such as this one, that is subject to the siting jurisdiction of the CEC.

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 December 17, 2007, 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 Article 2.6 and Article 7 of the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and should include the following:

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- 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 its supporting documents, please call PG&E's <u>Project Information Line</u> at (415) 973-5217, and provide the Application Number. Further information about the Project and the status of the CEC's siting and environmental review thereof can be obtained at the following web address: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/colusa/documents/index.html).