

Notice of Exemption

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From: Caltrans District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001

Project Title: Pacific Power 5G99 Reconductor Project (Encroachment Permit 0225-6UF-0402)

Project Applicant: Pacific Power

Project Location - Specific: Along Interstate 5 (I-5) in Shasta County within poast miles R 54.28 to R54.77

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Pacific Power is proposing to replace nine transmission poles, reconductor distribution line with covered conductor, transfer transmission wire, and the replace of guys and anchors within the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) right-of-way along Interstate 5 (I-5) in Shasta County within post miles R54.28 to R54.77. A full description of Project activities within Caltrans ROW is provided in Table 1.

TABLE 1 PROPOSED WORK WITHIN CALTRANS RIGHT-OF-WAY

SEQUENCE NUMBER	PACIFIC POWER POLE NUMBER	NEAREST CALTRANS POST MILE	WORK CONDUCTED
1170	06237005.0244060	SHA R54.77	Replacement of an existing wood pole with a new steel or fiberglass pole adjacent to the existing pole (to be removed) and the replacement of one existing anchor within access-controlled Caltrans ROW along I-5. The pole is located 443 feet from the (Edge of Travel Way) ETW. The existing anchor (one guy wire) extends 31 feet northwest of the pole and is located 474 feet from the ETW. The replacement anchor (one guy wire) will be replaced in the same location. Two other existing anchors extend northwest of the pole, outside of Caltrans ROW. The replacement pole and anchor will be within an existing easement (J.U.A., 2919 O.R. 817).
1190	06237005.0243060	SHA R54.68	Replacement of an existing wood pole with a new steel or fiberglass pole adjacent to the existing pole (to be removed), the replacement of one existing guy anchor, and the installation of two new guy anchors within access-controlled Caltrans ROW along I-5. The pole is located 468 feet from the ETW. The existing anchor (three guy wires) extends 48 feet northwest of the pole and is located 516 feet from the ETW. The replacement anchor (one guy wire to be replaced; two guy wires to be removed) will be replaced in the same location. The new anchors (one guy wire each) will extend 34 feet and 67 feet northwest of the pole and will be located 502 feet and 535 feet, respectively from the ETW. The replacement pole and anchor and new anchors will be within an existing easement (CALTRANS 93-5026, 5027).
1200	06237005.0253960	SHA R54.64	Replacement of an existing wood pole with a new steel or fiberglass pole adjacent to the existing pole (to be removed) and the replacement of one existing anchor within access-controlled Caltrans ROW along I-5. The pole is located 454 feet from the ETW. The existing anchor (three guy wires) extends 38 feet northwest of the pole and is located 490 feet from the ETW. The replacement anchor (two guy wires to be replaced; one guy wire to be removed) will be replaced in the same location. A new guy anchor (two guy wires) will be installed and will extend northwest, outside of Caltrans ROW. The replacement pole and anchors will be within an existing easement (Hartley Easement).
1210	06237005.0252960	SHA R54.58	Replacement of an existing wood pole with a new steel or fiberglass pole adjacent to the existing pole (to be removed) within non-accessed-controlled Caltrans ROW along I-5. The pole is located 303 feet from the ETW. The replacement pole will be within an existing easement (James/Hartley Easement).
1220	06237005.0252662	SHA R54.56	Replacement of an existing wood pole with a new steel or fiberglass pole adjacent to the existing pole (to be removed) within access-controlled Caltrans ROW along I-5. The pole is located 260 feet from the ETW. The replacement pole will be within an existing easement (Osborn Easement).
1230	06237005.0252861	SHA R54.52	Replacement of an existing wood pole with a new steel or fiberglass pole adjacent to the existing pole (to be removed) within access-controlled Caltrans ROW along I-5. The pole is located 201 feet from the ETW. The replacement pole will be within an existing easement (Central Pacific Railway 89-3407).
1240	06237005.0252860	SHA R54.48	Replacement of an existing wood pole with a new steel or fiberglass pole adjacent to the existing pole (to be removed) within access-controlled Caltrans ROW along I-5. The pole is located 167 feet from the ETW. The replacement pole will be within an existing easement (Central Pacific Railway 89-3407).
1250	06237005.0252760	SHA R54.43	Replacement of an existing wood pole with a new steel or fiberglass pole adjacent to the existing pole (to be removed) within access-controlled Caltrans ROW along I-5. The pole is located 162 feet from the ETW. The replacement pole will be within an existing easement (Central Pacific Railway 89-3407).

SEQUENCE NUMBER	PACIFIC POWER POLE NUMBER	NEAREST CALTRANS POST MILE	WORK CONDUCTED
1260	06237005.0252662	SHA R54.36	Replacement of an existing wood pole with a new steel or fiberglass pole adjacent to the existing pole (to be removed) within access-controlled Caltrans ROW along I-5. The pole is located 207 feet from the ETW. The replacement pole will be within an existing easement (Central Pacific Railway 89-3407).
1270	06237005.0252661	SHA R54.33	Reconductor / transfer conduit crossing over an access-controlled Caltrans ROW. Pole located outside of Caltrans ROW.
1280	06237005.0252660	SHA R54.28	Reconductor / transfer conduit crossing over an access-controlled Caltrans ROW. Pole located outside of Caltrans ROW.

For the poles within Caltrans ROW that will be replaced, the existing pole will be cut and removed. Pole installation includes excavation of a new hole using a power auger or similar equipment to depths ranging from 11.5 to 17 feet deep and up to three feet in diameter. Existing anchors within Caltrans ROW to be removed or replaced will be removed by excavating the area around the anchor (14 square feet). Replacement plate anchors will be installed which includes excavating a three-foot-wide by five-foot-long

hole, up to seven to 10 feet deep. The anchor will be placed in the excavated hole and the hole will be backfilled. Anchors will be installed up to eight to 10 feet deep.

The reconductoring process includes first temporarily relocating the existing conductor such that it can remain energized while the new conductor is installed. Next, rigging is installed at each pole to allow for the new conductor to be pulled into place. Once strung, the conductor will be transferred to its permanent location on all poles and the old conductor will be removed. After the new distribution line is energized, the former distribution line will be de-energized. A tractor and trailer with reels will be used to pull the ground wire and de-energized lines. Replacement poles and anchors will be installed immediately adjacent to the existing pole or anchor, or as otherwise indicated in Table 1.

Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit (0225-6UF-0402) to allow the proposed improvements to occur within the right-of-way of I-5.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans (for issuance of encroachment permit)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Power

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: Section 15301 Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and Section 15302 Class 2 (Replacement and Reconstruction)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and Section 15302 Class 2 (Replacement and Reconstruction). Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Class 2 consists of 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 have no significant effect on the environment.

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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: *Keith Pellgrin* Date: 09/10/2025 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.


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