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January 8, 2007

Advice Letter 2675-E

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Subject: General Order 131-D, Reconstruction of Oakhurst Tap 115kV Power Line in the
County of Madera

Dear Ms. de la Torre:

Advice Letter 2675-E is effective July 15, 2005. A copy of the advice letter is returned herewith
for your records.

Sincerely,

Sean H. Gallagher, Director
Energy Division

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June 15, 2005

**Advice 2675-E
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39 E)**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D,
for the Reconstruction of Oakhurst Tap 115kV Power Line in the
County of Madera**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the Company) hereby submits notice pursuant to General Order (G.O.) 131-D, Section XI, Subsection B.4, of the construction of facilities that are exempt from a Permit to Construct.

Purpose

This advice letter provides a copy of the Notice of Proposed Construction (Attachment I) and the Notice Distribution List, which comply with the noticing requirements found in G.O. 131-D, Section XI.

Background

The Company is proposing to reconstruct approximately 9.2 miles of the existing Oakhurst Tap 115 kilovolt power line currently connecting Coarsegold Substation near the intersection of Road 421 and California State Highway 41 and Oakhurst Substation just off of Road 426 south and east of Oakhurst Town Center in Madera County. Reconstruction of this line, which travels through a largely-rural area, is necessary due to the continued deterioration of the wood poles caused by woodpeckers. The Company will replace approximately 146 existing wood poles with approximately 80 light duty steel poles to increase the life expectancy of the facilities and reduce the risk of damage by fire. Most of the structures will be up to approximately 15 feet taller to accommodate the conversion from a two-pole wood structure to a single steel pole and to accommodate distribution under build at certain locations. The Company will make every effort to maintain electric service to customers during this reconstruction project. Project work will commence in August 2005, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by December 2005, or as soon thereafter as possible.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements, pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Subsections B.1.b, and g, which exempt the following:

- b) the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures.

g) power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement.

Additionally, G.O. 131-D requires utilities to employ "no cost" and specified "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs). The following measures are proposed for this project:

- Because there are no EMF mitigation measures available on this project that would meet the CPUC's benchmark of 4% or less of the total project cost, no "no cost" or "low cost" measures will be employed.

This filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other rate schedule or rule.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by filing a protest with the CPUC and the Company by **July 5, 2005**, which is 20 days after the filing date, at the following address:

Director, Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor
San Francisco, California 94102
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
E-Mail: jjr@cpuc.ca.gov and ijnj@cpuc.ca.gov

In addition, protests and all other correspondence regarding this advice letter should also be sent by letter and transmitted via facsimile to the attention of:

David T. Kraska
Attorney, Law Department
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
P.O. Box 7442
San Francisco, California 94120
Facsimile (415) 973-0516

Brian K. Cherry
Director, Regulatory Relations
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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San Francisco, California 94177
Facsimile (415) 973-7226
E-Mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

Persons or groups may protest the proposed construction if they believe that the Company has incorrectly applied for an exemption or that the conditions set out in Section III.B.2 of G.O. 131-D exist.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **July 15, 2005**, which is 30 days after the date of filing. (In accordance with G.O. 131-D, construction will not begin until 45 days after notice is first published.)

Notice

In accordance with G.O. 96-A, Section III, Paragraph G, the Company is electronically and postal mailing copies of this advice letter to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list, including the parties listed in G.O. 131-D, Section XI, Paragraphs B.1 and B.2. These parties are identified in the "Notice Distribution List" included in Attachment I. Address change requests should be directed to Rose de la Torre at (415) 973-4716. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at <http://www.pge.com/tariffs>

Handwritten signature of Brian K. Cherry in black ink.

Director -- Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Parties Listed in G.O. 131-D, Paragraphs B.1 and B.2

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No. **Pacific Gas and Electric Company (ID U39)**

Utility type:

ELC GAS
 PLC HEAT WATER

Contact Person: Michelle Brown

Phone #: (415) 973-4662

E-mail: mtt3@pge.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas
PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: **2675-E**

Subject of AL: General Order 131-D, Reconstruction of Oakhurst Tap 115kV Power Line in the County of Madera.

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): **Transmission Lines**

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other _____

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: N/A

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL¹: _____

Resolution Required? Yes No

Requested effective date: July 15, 2005

No. of tariff sheets: N/A

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): _____

Estimated system average rate effect (%): _____

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed¹: _____

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

CPUC, Energy Division

Attention: Tariff Unit

505 Van Ness Ave.,

San Francisco, CA 94102

jjr@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Attn: Brian K. Cherry

Director, Regulatory Relations

77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C

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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: Reconstruction of the Oakhurst Tap 115kV Power Line
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 2675-E

Proposed Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to reconstruct approximately 9.2 miles of the existing Oakhurst Tap 115 kilovolt power line currently connecting Coarsegold Substation near the intersection of Road 421 and California State Highway 41 and Oakhurst Substation just off of Road 426 south and east of Oakhurst Town Center in Madera County. Reconstruction of this line, which travels through a largely-rural area, is necessary due to the continued deterioration of the wood poles caused by woodpeckers. PG&E will replace approximately 146 existing wood poles with approximately 80 light duty steel poles to increase the life expectancy of the facilities and reduce the risk of damage by fire. Most of the structures will be up to approximately 15 feet taller to accommodate the conversion from a two-pole wood structure to a single steel pole and to accommodate distribution under build at certain locations. PG&E will make every effort to maintain electric service to customers during this reconstruction project. Project work will commence in August 2005, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by December 2005, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF): Pacific Gas and Electric Company will employ "no cost" and specified "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to EMF in accordance with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Decision 93-11-013 and Pacific Gas and Electric Company's "EMF Design Guidelines of New Electrical Facilities: Transmission, Substation, and Distribution." The following measure is proposed for this project:

- Because there are no EMF mitigation measures available on this project that would meet the CPUC's benchmark of 4% or less of the total project cost, no "no cost" or "low cost" measures will be employed.

Exemption from CPUC Authority: CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, B.1, exempts projects meeting specific conditions from the CPUC's requirement to file an application requesting authority to construct. Pacific Gas and Electric Company believes this project qualifies for the following exemptions:

- b) the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures.
- g) power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement.

Public Review Process: Persons or groups may protest the proposed construction if they believe that Pacific Gas and Electric Company has incorrectly applied for an exemption or that the conditions set out in Section III.B.2 of General Order 131-D exist;

- a. There is reasonable possibility that the activity may have an impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies; or
- b. The cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, is significant; or
- c. There is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

Protests should include the following:

1. Your name, mailing address and daytime telephone number.
2. Reference to the CPUC Advice Letter Number and Project Name.
3. A clear description of the reason for the protest.
4. Whether you believe that evidentiary hearings are necessary to resolve factual disputes.

Protests for this project must be filed by July 5, 2005, at the following address:

Director, Energy Division
 California Public Utilities Commission
 505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor
 San Francisco, California 94102

With a copy mailed to:

David Kraska, Law Department
 Pacific Gas and Electric Company
 P.O. Box 7442
 San Francisco, California 94120

Pacific Gas and Electric Company must respond within five business days of receipt and serve copies of its response on each protestant and the Energy Division. Within 30 days after Pacific Gas and Electric Company has submitted its response, the Executive Director of the CPUC will send you a copy of an Executive Resolution granting or denying the request and stating the reasons for the decision.

Assistance In Filing a Protest: For assistance in filing a protest, contact the CPUC Public Advisor in San Francisco at (415) 703-2074 or 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or TTY (415) 703.5258 or public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Additional Project Information: To obtain further information on the proposed project, please call Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Project Information Line at (415) 973-5530.

Notice Distribution List

Reconstruction of the Oakhurst Tap 115kV Power Line Advice 2675-E

Energy Commission

Mr. Bob Therleksen, Executive Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39
Sacramento, California 95814

Mr. Terry O'Brien, Deputy Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39
Sacramento, California 95814

County of Madera

Madera County Planning Department
Raymond Beach, Planning Director
2037 W. Cleveland Ave.
Madera, CA 93637

Newspaper

Sierra Star

**PG&E Gas and Electric Advice
Filing List
General Order 96-A, Section III(G)**

ABAG Power Pool
Accent Energy
Aglet Consumer Alliance
Agnews Developmental Center
Ahmed, Ali
Alcantar & Elsesser
Anderson Donovan & Poole P.C.
Applied Power Technologies
APS Energy Services Co Inc
Arter & Hadden LLP
Avista Corp
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.
BART
Bartle Wells Associates
Blue Ridge Gas
Bohannon Development Co
BP Energy Company
Braun & Associates
C & H Sugar Co.
CA Bldg Industry Association
CA Cotton Ginners & Growers Assoc.
CA League of Food Processors
CA Water Service Group
California Energy Commission
California Farm Bureau Federation
California Gas Acquisition Svcs
California ISO
Calpine
Calpine Corp
Calpine Gilroy Cogen
Cambridge Energy Research Assoc
Cameron McKenna
Cardinal Cogen
Cellnet Data Systems
Chevron USA Production Co.
Childress, David A.
City of Glendale
City of Healdsburg
City of Palo Alto
City of Redding
CLECA Law Office
Constellation New Energy
Cooperative Community Energy
CPUC
Creative Technology
Cross Border Inc
Crossborder Inc
CSC Energy Services
Davis, Wright Tremaine LLP
Davis, Wright, Tremaine, LLP
Defense Fuel Support Center
Department of the Army
Department of Water & Power City
DGS Natural Gas Services
DMM Customer Services
Douglass & Liddell
Downey, Brand, Seymour & Rohwer
Duke Energy
Duke Energy North America
Duncan, Virgil E.
Dutcher, John
Dynergy Inc.
Ellison Schneider
Energy Law Group LLP
Energy Management Services, LLC
Exelon Energy Ohio, Inc
Exeter Associates
Foster Farms
Foster, Wheeler, Martinez
Franciscan Mobilehome
Future Resources Associates, Inc
G. A. Krause & Assoc
Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation
GLJ Energy Publications
Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz &
Hanna & Morton
Heeg, Peggy A.
Hitachi Global Storage Technologies
Hogan Manufacturing, Inc
House, Lon
Imperial Irrigation District
Integrated Utility Consulting Group
International Power Technology
Interstate Gas Services, Inc.
J. R. Wood, Inc
JTM, Inc
Kaiser Cement Corp
Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps
Marcus, David
Masonite Corporation
Matthew V. Brady & Associates
Maynor, Donald H.
McKenzie & Assoc
McKenzie & Associates
Meek, Daniel W.
Mirant California, LLC
Modesto Irrigation Dist
Morrison & Foerster
Morse Richard Weisenmiller & Assoc.
Navigant Consulting
New United Motor Mfg, Inc
Norris & Wong Associates
North Coast Solar Resources
Northern California Power Agency
Office of Energy Assessments
Palo Alto Muni Utilities
PG&E National Energy Group
Pinnacle CNG Company
PITCO
Plurimi, Inc.
PPL EnergyPlus, LLC
Praxair, Inc.
Price, Roy
Product Development Dept
R. M. Hairston & Company
R. W. Beck & Associates
Recon Research
Regional Cogeneration Service
RMC Lonestar
Sacramento Municipal Utility District
SCD Energy Solutions
Seattle City Light
Sempra
Sempra Energy
Sequoia Union HS Dist
SESCO
Sierra Pacific Power Company
Silicon Valley Power
Smurfit Stone Container Corp
Southern California Edison
SPURR
St. Paul Assoc
Stanford University
Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
Tabors Caramanis & Associates
Tansev and Associates
Tecogen, Inc
TFS Energy
TransCanada's GTN & North Baja
Transwestern Pipeline Co
Turlock Irrigation District
United Cogen Inc.
URM Groups
Utility Cost Management LLC
Utility Resource Network
Wellhead Electric Company
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White & Case
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