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Advice Letter 3235-E

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Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D,  
for the Construction of Table Mountain-Pease 60 kV Power Line  
Disconnect Switch Installation at Live Oak Substation Project,  
County of Sutter

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 3235-E is effective April 25, 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean H. Gallagher".

Sean H. Gallagher, Director  
Energy Division



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March 26, 2008

**Advice 3235-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 construction of Table Mountain-Pease 60kV Power Line Disconnect Switch Installation at Live Oak Substation Project, County of Sutter**

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**

To continue to maintain service reliability, Pacific Gas and Electric Company is proposing to install a disconnect switch on a new tubular steel pole (TSP) along its Table Mountain-Pease 60kV power line, in franchise immediately outside of the Live Oak Substation in the City of Live Oak (existing franchise). This new switch and TSP, which will be interseted between existing support structures (intersetting of additional support structures), will support a substation improvement project to address current capacity issues for the Live Oak area; the area has seen an unprecedented increase in local housing construction in 2006 and 2007 and therefore is projected to overload Live Oak Substation by as much as 30% in 2008. Live Oak Substation is located at the corner of Pennington Road and Larkin Road; the new switch will be located approximately 50-ft north of an existing TSP-mounted switch along Larkin Road and will be identical to this existing structure, which is approximately 75-feet tall. Construction is scheduled to begin in May, 2008, and the new facilities are planned to be in operation beginning in June, 2008, or as soon as possible after project completion.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements, pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1 which exempts, "the minor relocation of existing power line facilities up to 2000 feet in length, or the inter-setting of additional support structures between existing support structures." and "power lines facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement; or in a utility corridor designated , precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies for which a final Negative Declaration or EIR finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts."

### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing should do so by sending a letter via postal mail and facsimile by **April 15, 2008**, which is 20 days after the filing date, at the following address:

CPUC Energy Division  
Attn: Tariff Unit, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102  
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200  
E-Mail: [jir@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jir@cpuc.ca.gov) and [jnj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jnj@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  
P.O. Box 770000, Mail Code B10C  
San Francisco, California 94177  
Facsimile: (415) 973-7226  
E-Mail: [PGETariffs@pge.com](mailto: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 G.O. 131-D, Section III.B.2, exist.

**Effective Date**

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **April 25, 2008**, which is 40 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-B, Section IV, 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 changes to the General Order 96-B service list 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>**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian K. Cherry / dc".

Vice President - 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 M)**

Utility type:

ELC       GAS  
 PLC       HEAT       WATER

Contact Person: Daren Chan

Phone #: (415) 973-5361

E-mail: D1CT@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) #: **3235-E**

Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: G.O.131-D, for the Construction of Table Mountain-Pease 60kV Power Line Disconnect Switch Installation at Live Oak Substation Project, County of Sutter

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Power Lines

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: No

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Is AL requesting confidential treatment? If so, what information is the utility seeking confidential treatment for: No

Confidential information will be made available to those who have executed a nondisclosure agreement:  Yes  No

Name(s) and contact information of the person(s) who will provide the nondisclosure agreement and access to the confidential information: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Requested effective date: **April 25, 2008**

No. of tariff sheets: N/A

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

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 proposed<sup>1</sup>: N/A

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

Protests, dispositions, 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**

**Tariff Files, Room 4005**

**DMS Branch**

**505 Van Ness Ave.,**

**San Francisco, CA 94102**

**jnj@cpuc.ca.gov and mas@cpuc.ca.gov**

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

**Attn: Brian K. Cherry**

**Vice President, Regulatory Relations**

**77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C**

**P.O. Box 770000**

**San Francisco, CA 94177**

**E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com**

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

**PROJECT NAME: TABLE MOUNTAIN-PEASE 60KV POWER LINE DISCONNECT SWITCH INSTALLATION AT LIVE OAK SUBSTATION PROJECT, COUNTY OF SUTTER**

**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3235-E**

**Proposed Project:** To continue to maintain service reliability, Pacific Gas and Electric Company is proposing to install a disconnect switch on a new tubular steel pole (TSP) along its Table Mountain-Pease 60kV power line, in franchise immediately outside of the Live Oak Substation in the City of Live Oak (existing franchise). This new switch and TSP, which will be interset between existing support structures (intersetting of additional support structures), will support a substation improvement project to address current capacity issues for the Live Oak area; the area has seen an unprecedented increase in local housing construction in 2006 and 2007 and therefore is projected to overload Live Oak Substation by as much as 30% in 2008. Live Oak Substation is located at the corner of Pennington Road and Larkin Road; the new switch will be located approximately 50-ft north of an existing TSP-mounted switch along Larkin Road and will be identical to this existing structure, which is approximately 75-feet tall. Construction is scheduled to begin in May, 2008, and the new facilities are planned to be in operation beginning in June, 2008, or as soon as possible after project completion.

**Exemption from CPUC Permit Requirement:** 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:

- "the minor relocation of existing power line facilities up to 2000 feet in length, or the inter-setting of additional support structures between existing support structures."
- "power lines facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement; or in a utility corridor designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies for which a final Negative Declaration or EIR finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts."

**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 April 15, 2008 at the following address:**

CPUC Energy Division  
Attn: Tariff Unit, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
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](mailto: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](tel:(415)973-5530).

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION**

**Notice Distribution List**

**TABLE MOUNTAIN-PEASE 60KV POWER LINE DISCONNECT SWITCH  
INSTALLATION AT LIVE OAK SUBSTATION PROJECT, COUNTY OF SUTTER**  
Advice 3235-E

**Energy Commission**

Ms. Melissa Jones, 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 Sutter**

Lisa Wilson  
Planning Division Chief  
1130 Civic Center Boulevard  
Yuba City, CA 95993  
(530) 822-7400

**City of Live Oak**

Mike Bohlander  
Public Works Director  
9955 Live Oak Blvd.  
Live Oak, CA 95953  
(530) 695-2112

**Newspaper**

Appeal-Democrat  
P.O. Box 431  
Marysville, CA 95901  
(800) 831-2345

**PG&E Gas and Electric  
Advice Filing List  
General Order 96-B, Section IV**

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