

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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August 13, 2009

**Advice Letter 3485-E**

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**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, for  
the Construction of Hatchet Ridge Wind Project – Carberry  
230 kV Switching Station and Inter-Connecting Transmission  
Line, County of Shasta**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 3485-E is effective July 31, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie A. Fitch".

Julie A. Fitch, Director  
Energy Division

July 1, 2009

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(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39 E)**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

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County of Shasta**

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 and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

**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**

In order to promote the development of renewable energy resources in its service area, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested by the developers of the Hatchet Ridge Wind Project to own and operate a new 2.3-acre switchyard (Carberry Switching Station) and construct a 221-foot long 230kV interconnection transmission line in Shasta County. The proposed project is located approximately five miles west of Burney, north of State Highway 299; this site is situated within remote forested habitat that is not visible from any public vantage point. The proposed project would collect and distribute (through its connection to PG&E's existing Pit #3-Round Mountain 230kV Transmission Line) up to 103 megawatts of wind-turbine power to be generated by the proposed Hatchet Ridge Wind Project. The proposed switchyard will be constructed by the Hatchet Ridge

Wind Project developers (larger project CEQA) and then deeded over to PG&E upon completion of construction. The proposed interconnection line will consist of the inter-setting of two new structures within the existing 230kV transmission line corridor and the removal of one of the existing structures; these two new structures (approximately 65 feet tall) will connect the existing transmission corridor to the adjacent switchyard and result in a short loop facility of approximately 221 feet (minor relocation of existing power line facilities). Construction is scheduled to begin in August 2009, or as soon as possible thereafter, with work expected to be completed by May 2010, or as soon as possible after project initiation.

CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, Subsections A and B.1.f, exempts projects meeting specific conditions from the CPUC's requirement to file an application requesting authority to construct. The Company believes this project qualifies for the following exemption(s):

Section III.A - "the minor relocation of existing power line facilities."

Section III.B.1.f - "power lines or substations to be relocated or constructed which have undergone environmental review pursuant to CEQA as part of a larger project, and for which the final CEQA document (Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration) finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or substation."

Shasta County approved a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Hatchet Ridge Wind Project on November 4, 2008, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed facilities. (State Clearinghouse #2007042078)

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 21, 2009**, at the following address:

CPUC Energy Division  
Tariff Files, Room 4005  
DMS Branch  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200  
E-Mail: [jnj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jnj@cpuc.ca.gov) and [mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)

Copies of protests also should be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004, at the address shown above.

The protest also should be sent via U.S. mail (and by facsimile and electronically, if possible) to PG&E at the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission:

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

Facsimile: (415) 973-0516

Brian Cherry  
Vice President, 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 Section III.B.2 of G.O. 131-D exist.

### **Effective Date**

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **July 31, 2009**, 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-B, Section IV, a copy of this advice letter is being sent electronically and via U.S. mail to 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 San Heng at (415) 973-2640. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at <http://www.pge.com/tariffs>.

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

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: Linda Tom-Martinez

Phone #: (415) 973-4612

E-mail: lmt1@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) #: **3485-E**

Tier: **N/A**

Subject of AL: Hatchet Ridge Wind Project – Carberry 230kV Switching Station and Interconnecting Transmission Line  
(County of Shasta)

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 #:

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:

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: **July 31, 2009**

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](mailto:jnj@cpuc.ca.gov) and [mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)

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San Francisco, CA 94177

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

**PROJECT NAME: HATCHET RIDGE WIND PROJECT - CARBERRY 230kV SWITCHING STATION AND INTERCONNECTING TRANSMISSION LINE, COUNTY OF SHASTA**

**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3485-E**

**Proposed Project:** In order to promote the development of renewable energy resources in its service area, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested by the developers of the Hatchet Ridge Wind Project to own and operate a new 2.3-acre switchyard (Carberry Switching Station) and construct a 221-foot long 230kV interconnection transmission line in Shasta County. The proposed project is located approximately five miles west of Burney, north of State Highway 299; this site is situated within remote forested habitat that is not visible from any public vantage point. The proposed project would collect and distribute (through its connection to PG&E's existing Pit #3-Round Mountain 230kV Transmission Line) up to 103 megawatts of wind turbine power to be generated by the proposed Hatchet Ridge Wind Project. The proposed switchyard will be constructed by the Hatchet Ridge Wind Project developers (larger project CEQA) and then deeded over to PG&E upon completion of construction. The proposed interconnection line will consist of the inter-setting of two new structures within the existing 230kV transmission line corridor and the removal of one of the existing structures; these two new structures (approximately 65 feet tall) will connect the existing transmission corridor to the adjacent switchyard and result in a short loop facility of approximately 221 feet (minor relocation of existing power line facilities). Construction is scheduled to begin in August 2009, or as soon as possible thereafter, with work expected to be completed by May 2010, or as soon as possible after project initiation.

**Exemption from CPUC Permit Requirement:** CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III. A and B.1.f 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 exemption(s):

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**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 21, 2009 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.

## **Notice Distribution List**

### **HATCHET RIDGE WIND PROJECT - CARBERRY 230Kv SWITCHING STATION AND INTERCONNECTING TRANSMISSION LINE COUNTY OF SHASTA Advice 3485-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 Shasta**

Richard W. Simon  
Assistant Director/Planning Division Manager  
1855 Placer Street, Suite 103  
Redding, CA 96001  
(530) 225-5532

#### **Newspaper**

Intermountain News  
37095 Main Street, Suite C  
P.O. Box 1030  
Burney, CA 96013  
(530) 335-4533



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

Aglet	Day Carter Murphy	Norris & Wong Associates
Alcantar & Kahl	Defense Energy Support Center	North Coast SolarResources
Anderson & Poole	Department of Water Resources	Northern California Power Association
Arizona Public Service Company	Department of the Army	Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc.
BART	Dept of General Services	OnGrid Solar
BP Energy Company	Division of Business Advisory Services	Praxair
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.	Douglas & Liddell	R. W. Beck & Associates
Bartle Wells Associates	Douglass & Liddell	RCS, Inc.
C & H Sugar Co.	Downey & Brand	Recon Research
CA Bldg Industry Association	Duke Energy	SCD Energy Solutions
CAISO	Dutcher, John	SCE
CLECA Law Office	Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP	SMUD
CSC Energy Services	FPL Energy Project Management, Inc.	SPURR
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn	Foster Farms	Santa Fe Jets
California Energy Commission	G. A. Krause & Assoc.	Seattle City Light
California League of Food Processors	GLJ Publications	Sempra Utilities
	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie	Sierra Pacific Power Company
California Public Utilities Commission	Green Power Institute	
Calpine	Hanna & Morton	Silicon Valley Power
Cameron McKenna	Hitachi	Southern California Edison Company
Cardinal Cogen	International Power Technology	Sunshine Design
Casner, Steve	Intestate Gas Services, Inc.	Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
Chamberlain, Eric	Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power	Tabors Caramanis & Associates
Chevron Company	Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP	Tecogen, Inc.
Chris, King	MBMC, Inc.	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
City of Glendale	MRW & Associates	Tioga Energy
City of Palo Alto	Manatt Phelps Phillips	TransCanada
City of San Jose	Matthew V. Brady & Associates	Turlock Irrigation District
Clean Energy Fuels	McKenzie & Associates	U S Borax, Inc.
Coast Economic Consulting	Merced Irrigation District	United Cogen
Commerce Energy	Mirant	Utility Cost Management
Commercial Energy	Modesto Irrigation District	Utility Specialists
Consumer Federation of California	Morgan Stanley	Verizon
Crossborder Energy	Morrison & Foerster	Wellhead Electric Company
		Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP	New United Motor Mfg., Inc.	eMeter Corporation