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Advice Letter 3496-E

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**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D,
for the Kerckhoff-Clovis-Sanger #1 115 kV Relocation Project –
County of Fresno**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 3496-E is effective August 20, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie A. Fitch".

Julie A. Fitch, Director
Energy Division



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July 20, 2009

**Advice 3496-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 Kerckhoff-Clovis-Sanger #1 115kV Relocation Project –
County of Fresno**

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 accommodate a State Route 180 (SR-180) road-widening project in Fresno County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to relocate poles within an approximately 1500-foot long segment of the Kerckhoff-Clovis-Sanger #1 115 kilovolt power line (relocation of existing facilities) along the east side of McCall Avenue (existing franchise) in Fresno County. To accomplish the relocation while meeting legal clearance requirements over the Caltrans improvements, 5 wood poles will be replaced with 4 taller steel poles (replacement of existing facilities). The existing power line segment extends along McCall Avenue from approximately 800 feet north of SR-180 to approximately 800 feet south of SR-180. Two existing wood poles that are now approximately 80 feet tall will be replaced with two tubular steel poles approximately 23 feet taller, and 3 existing wood poles that are approximately 65 feet tall will be replaced with 2 light-duty steel poles approximately five feet taller. The new poles will be located approximately 370 feet and 805 feet north of the existing SR-180 and approximately 375 feet and 805 feet south of the existing SR-180 in the existing alignment. Work is scheduled to begin in September 2009, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by May 2010, or as soon thereafter as possible.

CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1, 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):

- b) the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures.
- c) the minor relocation of existing power line facilities up to 2,000 feet in length, or the intersetting of additional support structures between existing support structures.
- g) power line 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.

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 **August 10, 2009**, which is 20 days after the date of this filing. Protests should be mailed to 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: ijnj@cpuc.ca.gov and mas@cpuc.ca.gov

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

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 **August 20, 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 changes to the General Order 96-B service list should be directed to San Heng at (415) 973-2640. Send all electronic approvals to PGETariffs@pge.com. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at <http://www.pge.com/tariffs/>.



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) #: **3496-E**

Tier: **N/A**

Subject of AL: Kerckhoff-Clovis-Sanger #1 115kV Relocation Project (County of Fresno)

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 AL¹: _____

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: **August 20, 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 proposed¹: 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

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: Kerckhoff-Clovis-Sanger #1 115kV Relocation Project - Fresno County
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3496-E

Proposed Project: To accommodate a State Route 180 (SR-180) road-widening project in Fresno County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to relocate poles within an approximately 1500-foot long segment of the Kerckhoff-Clovis-Sanger #1 115 kilovolt power line (relocation of existing facilities) along the east side of McCall Avenue (existing franchise) in Fresno County. To accomplish the relocation while meeting legal clearance requirements over the Caltrans improvements, 5 wood poles will be replaced with 4 taller steel poles (replacement of existing facilities). The existing power line segment extends along McCall Avenue from approximately 800 feet north of SR-180 to approximately 800 feet south of SR-180. Two existing wood poles that are now approximately 80 feet tall will be replaced with two tubular steel poles approximately 23 feet taller, and 3 existing wood poles that are approximately 65 feet tall will be replaced with 2 light-duty steel poles approximately five feet taller. The new poles will be located approximately 370 feet and 805 feet north of the existing SR-180 and approximately 375 feet and 805 feet south of the existing SR-180 in the existing alignment. Work is scheduled to begin in September 2009, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by May 2010, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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 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 August 10, 2009, 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](tel:4159735530).

Notice Distribution List

Kerckhoff-Clovis-Sanger #1 115kV Relocation Project - Fresno County

Advice 3496-E

Energy Commission

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 Fresno

Fresno County
Department of Public Works and Planning
Attn: Alan Weaver, Director
2220 Tulare Street, 7th Floor
Fresno, CA 93721

Newspaper

Fresno Bee

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

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