

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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September 23, 2009

**Advice Letter 3513-E**

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**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order  
131-D, for the Construction of the Wilson-Le Grand 115 kV  
Relocation Project in the County of Merced**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 3513-E is effective September 20, 2009.

Sincerely,

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

Julie A. Fitch, Director  
Energy Division



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August 21, 2009

**Advice 3513-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 the Wilson-Le Grand 115kV Relocation Project in the County of Merced**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) 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 the State Route 99 (SR-99) Freeway-Widening Project in a rural agricultural area of Merced County, PG&E has been requested by the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to relocate approximately 1,180 feet of the Wilson-Le Grand 115 kilovolt power line (relocation of existing facilities) that crosses over SR-99 approximately 850 feet southeasterly of the SR-99 and Le Grand Road intersection in Merced County. To accomplish the relocation while meeting legal clearance requirements over the Caltrans improvements, four 70-foot-tall wood poles will be replaced with two taller tubular steel poles. The relocation will start southwesterly of the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks (UPRR) and extend northerly in the existing Pacific Gas & Electric Company easement (existing public utility easement) for approximately 1,180 feet to a point just northeasterly of the new Caltrans improvements. The first new pole, approximately 120 feet tall, will be located approximately 10 feet southerly of the existing wood pole located southwesterly of the UPRR Right of Way; the other new pole, approximately 100 feet tall, will be located approximately 205 feet northerly of the first existing wood pole north of Le Grand Road (just northeasterly of the new Freeway improvements). Work is scheduled to begin in

October 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. PG&E believes this project qualifies for the following exemption(s):

- 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 PG&E by **September 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: [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 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 PG&E 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**

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on **September 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: San Heng

Phone #: 415-973-2640

E-mail: S1HQ@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) #: 3513-E

Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: Wilson-Le Grand 115kV Relocation Project – Merced County

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:

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: N/A

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: September 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 proposed: 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: Wilson-Le Grand 115kV Relocation Project - Merced County**  
**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3513-E**

**Proposed Project:** To accommodate the State Route 99 (SR-99) Freeway-Widening Project in a rural agricultural area of Merced County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested by the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to relocate approximately 1,180 feet of the Wilson-Le Grand 115 kilovolt power line (relocation of existing facilities) that crosses over SR-99 approximately 850 feet southeasterly of the SR-99 and Le Grand Road intersection in Merced County. To accomplish the relocation while meeting legal clearance requirements over the Caltrans improvements, four 70-foot-tall wood poles will be replaced with two taller tubular steel poles. The relocation will start southwesterly of the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks (UPRR) and extend northerly in the existing PG&E easement (existing public utility easement) for approximately 1,180 feet to a point just northeasterly of the new Caltrans improvements. The first new pole, approximately 120 feet tall, will be located approximately 10 feet southerly of the existing wood pole located southwesterly of the UPRR Right of Way; the other new pole, approximately 100 feet tall, will be located approximately 205 feet northerly of the first existing wood pole north of Le Grand Road (just northeasterly of the new Freeway improvements). Work is scheduled to begin in October 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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- 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.

**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 September 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](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**

Wilson-Le Grand 115kV Relocation Project - Merced County

Advice 3513-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 Merced**

Merced Planning & Community Development Department  
Attn: Robert (Bobby) A. Lewis  
Development Services Director  
2222 M St.  
Merced, CA 95340

### **Newspaper**

Merced Sun-Star

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

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| Alcantar & Kahl                          | Day Carter Murphy                           | Norris & Wong Associates                                   |
| Ameresco                                 | 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   |
| California Public Utilities Commission   | Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie | Sierra Pacific Power Company                               |
| Calpine                                  | Green Power Institute                       | Silicon Valley Power                                       |
| Cameron McKenna                          | Hanna & Morton                              | Southern California Edison Company                         |
| Cardinal Cogen                           | Hitachi                                     | Sunshine Design  |
| Casner, Steve                            | International Power Technology              | Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan                               |
| Chamberlain, Eric                        | Intestate Gas Services, Inc.                | Tabors Caramanis & Associates                              |
| Chevron Company                          | Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power           | Tecogen, Inc.  |
| Chris, King                              | Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP       | Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.                                    |
| City of Glendale                         | MBMC, Inc.                                  | Tioga Energy   |
| City of Palo Alto                        | MRW & Associates                            | TransCanada  |
| City of San Jose                         | Manatt Phelps Phillips                      | Turlock Irrigation District                                |
| Clean Energy Fuels                       | Matthew V. Brady & Associates               | U S Borax, Inc.  |
| Coast Economic Consulting                | McKenzie & Associates                       | United Cogen   |
| Commerce Energy                          | Merced Irrigation District                  | Utility Cost Management                                    |
| Commercial Energy                        | Mirant                                      | Utility Specialists  |
| Consumer Federation of California        | Modesto Irrigation District                 | Verizon  |
| Crossborder Energy                       | Morgan Stanley                              | Wellhead Electric Company                                  |
| Davis Wright Tremaine LLP                | Morrison & Foerster                         | Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA) |
|  | New United Motor Mfg., Inc.                 | eMeter Corporation   |