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**Advice Letter 3665-E**

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**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D  
for the Construction of Salinas-Laureles 60 kV Pole  
Relocation in the County of Monterey**

Dear Ms. Yura:

Advice Letter 3665-E is effective August 13, 2010.

Sincerely,

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

Julie A. Fitch, Director  
Energy Division



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May 10, 2010

**Advice 3665-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 Salinas-Laureles 60kV Pole Relocation in the County of Monterey**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E" or "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 [or Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity if 230 kV].

**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 accommodate a highway widening project, the California Department of Transportation has requested that PG&E relocate approximately 5 utility poles along a 1,200-foot portion of an existing power line in an unincorporated area of Monterey County between Salinas and Monterey (minor relocation of existing facilities, existing franchise). The section of the line to be relocated begins 100 feet southwest of San Benancio Road on Highway 68 and runs along the south shoulder of State Route 68, ending approximately 1000 feet northeast of San Benancio Road on Highway 68. The existing wood poles will be replaced with direct-buried, light-duty steel poles up to approximately 15 feet taller than the existing poles and located up to approximately 15 feet south of existing poles. The City of Monterey adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the State Route 68/San Benancio Road Intersection Improvement Project, identifying no significant unavoidable environmental impacts that would result from relocation of PG&E's facilities. (State Clearinghouse #2008061098.) Construction is expected to begin in June, 2010, or soon as possible thereafter, and to be completed by

December 31, 2010, or soon as possible thereafter.

CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1.x [Subsection A for 230 kV projects] 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),

- Minor relocation of existing power line facilities up to 2000 feet in length, or the intersetting of additional support structures between existing support structures
- 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.

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) in accordance with CPUC Decision 06-01-042 and the "EMF Guidelines for Electrical Facilities." 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, neither "no cost" nor "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 **June 1, 2010**, which is 22 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: [jjn@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jjn@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

Jane K. Yura  
Vice President, Regulation and Rates  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
P.O. Box 770000, Mail Code B10B  
San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-6520  
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 **June 9, 2010**, 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 and all electronic approvals should be sent to e-mail PGETariffs@pge.com. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at <http://www.pge.com/tariffs/>.

Handwritten signature of Jane Yura in cursive script, followed by the initials "OB".

Vice President - Regulation and Rates

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

Attachments

# 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: Olivia Brown

Phone #: (415) 973-9312

E-mail: oxb4@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) #: **3665-E**

Tier: **N/A**

Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D for the Construction of Salinas-Laureles 60kV Pole Relocation in the County of Monterey

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:

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: **June 9, 2010**

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

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**

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

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

**Attn: Jane K. Yura**

**Vice President, Regulatory Relations**

**77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10B**

**P.O. Box 770000**

**San Francisco, CA 94177**

**E-mail: [PGETariffs@pge.com](mailto:PGETariffs@pge.com)**

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

**PROJECT NAME: Salinas-Laureles 60kV Pole Relocation, Monterey County**  
**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3665-E**

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**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 06-01-042 and Pacific Gas and Electric Company's "EMF Design Guidelines for Electrical Facilities." 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.

**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 June 9, 2010 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**

**Salinas-Laureles 60kV Pole Relocation**

**Advice 3665-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 Monterey**

Mike Novo  
Planning Director  
168 West Alisal St.  
Monterey, CA 93901

**Newspaper**

Monterey County Herald  
8 Upper Ragsdale  
Monterey, CA 93940

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

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