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Advice Letter 3731-E

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San Francisco, CA 94177

**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order
131-D, for the Construction of the Carbona #1 60 kV
Reconductoring Project, San Joaquin County**

Dear Ms. Yura:

Advice Letter 3731-E is effective October 25, 2010.

Sincerely,

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

Julie A. Fitch, Director
Energy Division

September 8, 2010

Advice 3731-E
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

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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.

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 provide safe and reliable electric service to customers in San Joaquin County, PG&E is proposing to replace the deteriorated wire (conductor) on 4.5 miles of the Carbona #1 60 kV Power Line. The line to be replaced (reconductored), which is in existing easements and franchise, begins at Kasson Substation, located on Kasson Road near Interstate 5, and extends southwest out of the substation parallel to railroad tracks for approximately 3,000 feet. At that point, the line extends west parallel to West 11th Street for approximately three miles. At South Chrisman Road, the line turns southwest for approximately one mile, where the project work ends at the intersection of South MacArthur Drive near Leamon Street (existing public utility easement). In order to replace this wire, five of the existing lattice steel towers will be reinforced and three existing wood poles will be replaced with light-duty steel poles (replacement of existing facilities). The three new poles will weather to resemble the appearance of wood and will be approximately 10 feet taller than the existing poles in order to provide the required clearances specified in the Commission’s General Order 95. The project has been scheduled and designed to avoid and minimize biological impacts, and is covered under PG&E’s existing San Joaquin Valley Habitat

Conservation Plan of December 2007 for any biological impacts that may occur during construction. Construction is expected to begin in October 2010, or as soon as possible thereafter, and be completed in December 2012, or as soon as possible thereafter.

CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1.b,g 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 exemptions:

- b. The replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures, and
- g. Power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement.

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 **September 28, 2010**, 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: jjj@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

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 **October 8, 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

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 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/>.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Yura /emt".

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: 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) #: **3731-E**

Tier: **N/A**

Subject of AL: **Carbona #1 60kV Reconductoring Project (San Joaquin 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 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: **October 8, 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 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

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Attn: Jane K. Yura

Vice President, Regulation and Rates

77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10B

P.O. Box 770000

San Francisco, CA 94177

E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: Carbona #1 60 kV Reconductoring Project, San Joaquin County
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3731-E

Proposed Project: In order to provide safe and reliable electric service to customers in San Joaquin County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace the deteriorated wire (conductor) on 4.5 miles of the Carbona #1 60 kV Power Line. The line to be replaced (reconductored), which is in existing easements and franchise, begins at Kasson Substation, located on Kasson Road near Interstate 5, and extends southwest out of the substation parallel to railroad tracks for approximately 3,000 feet. At that point, the line extends west parallel to West 11th Street for approximately three miles. At South Chrisman Road, the line turns southwest for approximately one mile, where the project work ends at the intersection of South MacArthur Drive near Leamon Street (existing public utility easement). In order to replace this wire, five of the existing lattice steel towers will be reinforced and three existing wood poles will be replaced with light-duty steel poles (replacement of existing facilities). The three new poles will weather to resemble the appearance of wood and will be approximately 10 feet taller than the existing poles in order to provide the required clearances specified in the Commission's General Order 95. The project has been scheduled and designed to avoid and minimize biological impacts, and is covered under PG&E's existing San Joaquin Valley Habitat Conservation Plan of December 2007 for any biological impacts that may occur during construction. Construction is expected to begin in October 2010, or as soon as possible thereafter, and be completed in December 2012, or as soon as possible thereafter.

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:

- b. The replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures
- g. Power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement

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 28, 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.

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

Carbona #1 60 kV Reconductoring Project in San Joaquin County Advice 3731-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 Stanislaus

Kerry Sullivan, Director
County of San Joaquin
1810 E. Hazelton Ave.
Stockton, CA 95205

Bill Dean, Planning Manager
City of Tracy
520 Tracy Boulevard
Tracy, CA 95376

Newspaper

Stockton Record

PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Filing List

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