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**Advice Letter 3743-E**

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**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order  
131-D, for the Vaca-Suisun-Jameson 115 kV Power Line  
Relocation Project in Solano County**

Dear Ms. Yura:

Advice Letter 3743-E is effective November 3, 2010.

Sincerely,

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

Julie A. Fitch, Director  
Energy Division



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September 27, 2010

**Advice 3743-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 Vaca–Suisun–Jameson 115 kV Power Line Relocation Project  
in Solano County**

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**

PG&E has been requested by the Solano Transportation Authority (“STA”) to relocate approximately 3,000 feet of the Vaca–Suisun–Jameson 115 kV power line parallel to Highway 80 in Solano County in order to accommodate the construction of a new eastbound Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility (truck scale) east of the current facility (part of a larger STA project). In order to accommodate the new truck scales, five existing towers will be removed and replaced with four new towers. After the new towers are constructed, the existing conductor will be replaced with a new conductor. Two of the towers will be replaced in the same location and two towers will be installed in line between those towers. The new towers will be approximately 45 feet taller than the existing towers because one tower was eliminated, which resulted in longer spans, the new conductor is heavier than the old conductor, and the conductor needs to cross over a relocated distribution line. The relocated utility line was included in Caltrans’ environmental review of the STA project, which found no significant impacts resulting from the relocation (larger-project CEQA). Construction is expected to begin in November 2010, or as soon as possible thereafter, and be completed by October 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 exemption:

- 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.

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 **October 18, 2010**, which is 21 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](mailto:ijnj@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

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\* Because the protest period ends on a weekend, PG&E is moving the end of the protest period to the following business day.

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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 27, 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. 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 /ent".

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) #: **3743-E**

Tier: **N/A**

Subject of AL: **Vaca-Suisun-Jameson 115kV Power Line Relocation (Solano 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<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: **October 27, 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<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 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: Vaca-Suisun-Jameson 115 kV Power Line Relocation in Solano County**  
**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3743-E**

**Proposed Project:** Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested by the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) to relocate approximately 3,000 feet of the Vaca-Suisun-Jameson 115 kV power line parallel to Highway 80 in Solano County in order to accommodate the construction of a new eastbound Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility (truck scale) east of the current facility (part of a larger STA project). In order to accommodate the new truck scales, five existing towers will be removed and replaced with four new towers. After the new towers are constructed, the existing conductor will be replaced with a new conductor. Two of the towers will be replaced in the same location and two towers will be installed in line between those towers. The new towers will be approximately 45 feet taller than the existing towers because one tower was eliminated, which resulted in longer spans, the new conductor is heavier than the old conductor, and the conductor needs to cross over a relocated distribution line. The relocated utility line was included in Caltrans' environmental review of the STA project, which found no significant impacts resulting from the relocation (larger-project CEQA). Construction is expected to begin in November 2010, or as soon as possible thereafter, and be completed by October 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 exemption:

- 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.

Caltrans has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment for the I-80 Eastbound Cordelia Truck Scales Relocation Project (State Clearinghouse #2008052067) and found no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from the relocation of PG&E's facilities in the project revalidation document approved on July 13, 2010.

**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 October 18, 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**

### **Vaca–Suisun–Jameson 115 kV Power Line Relocation in Solano County Advice 3743-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 Solano**

Ms. Birgitta Corsello, Director  
Department of Resource Management  
Solano County  
675 Texas Street, Suite 5500  
Fairfield, CA 94533

#### **Newspaper**

Daily Republic

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

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