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March 22, 2011

Advice Letter 3756-E

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Vice President, Regulation and Rates
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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Subject: Withdrawal of Advice Letter 3756-E

Dear Ms. Yura:

Advice Letter 3756-E is withdrawn as requested in your email dated December 6, 2010.

Sincerely,

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

Julie A. Fitch, Director
Energy Division



Jane K. Yura
Vice President
Regulation and Rates

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November 10, 2010

Advice 3756-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 Arco-Tulare Lake 70 kV Reconductoring and
115 kV Conversion Project, County of Kings**

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

To continue to meet increasing demand and to improve electrical distribution capacity and reliability in the greater Kings County area, PG&E proposes to replace existing wires (conductors) with new wires (reconductor) for approximately 4.5 miles and convert the existing Arco Tulare Lake power line from a 70 Kilovolt (70 kV) circuit to an 115 kV circuit. The power line begins at Tulare Lake Substation, located along 25th Avenue and approximately 1500 feet south of Racine Road, and approximately 2800 feet west of the intersection of Highway 41 in Kings County, and extends diagonally in a southeasterly direction for approximately 4 miles through irrigated farm land to and over Interstate 5, and then diagonally for one-half mile (existing easement). PG&E will replace approximately 69 existing wood poles with approximately 69 new 15- to 25-foot taller light-duty steel poles (most poles will be 20 feet taller, and the taller poles are needed to clear other facilities) to support the new conductors and meet General Order 95 clearance requirements above ground and other facilities. Work is scheduled to begin in January 2011, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by July 2012, 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):

- 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 **November 30, 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: anj@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 **December 10, 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/>.

Handwritten signature of Jane Yura in cursive script, followed by a forward slash and the word "lmt" in a smaller, less legible script.

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) #: **3756-E**

Tier: **N/A**

Subject of AL: **Arco-Tulare Lake 70 kV Reconductoring and 115 kV Conversion Project (County of Kings)**

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: **December 10, 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

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: Arco-Tulare Lake 70 kV Reconductoring and 115 kV Conversion Project, County of Kings
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3756-E

Proposed Project: To continue to meet increasing demand and to improve electrical distribution capacity and reliability in the greater Kings County area, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proposes to replace existing wires (conductors) with new wires (reconductor) for approximately 4.5 miles and convert the existing Arco Tulare Lake power line from a 70 Kilovolt (70 kV) circuit to a 115 kV circuit. The power line begins at Tulare Lake Substation, located along 25th Avenue and approximately 1500 feet south of Racine Road, and approximately 2800 feet west of the intersection of Highway 41 in Kings County, and extends diagonally in a southeasterly direction for approximately 4 miles through irrigated farm land to and over Interstate 5, and then diagonally for one-half mile (existing easement). PG&E will replace approximately 69 existing wood poles with approximately 69 new 15- to 25-foot taller light-duty steel poles (most poles will be 20 feet taller, and the taller poles are needed to clear other facilities) to support the new conductors and meet General Order 95 clearance requirements above ground and other facilities. Work is scheduled to begin in January 2011, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by July 2012, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF): Pacific Gas and Electric Company employs “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.” In accordance with the Guidelines, no additional measures are proposed for this project:

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

- 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
- b. 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 November 30, 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

Arco-Tulare Lake 70kV Reconductoring and 115kV Conversion Project County of Kings

Advice 3756-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 Kings

Mr. Bill Zumwalt
Director of Planning & Building Inspection
Kings County Planning Department
1400 West Lacey Boulevard
Hanford, CA 93230

Newspaper

Hanford Sentinel

**PG&E Gas and Electric
Advice Filing List**

Alcantar & Kahl LLP	Dept of General Services	North Coast SolarResources
Ameresco	Division of Business Advisory Services	Northern California Power Association
Anderson & Poole	Douglass & Liddell	Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc.
Arizona Public Service Company	Downey & Brand	OnGrid Solar
BART	Duke Energy	Praxair
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.	Dutcher, John	R. W. Beck & Associates
Bartle Wells Associates	Economic Sciences Corporation	RCS, Inc.
Bloomberg	Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP	Recurrent Energy
Bloomberg New Energy Finance	Foster Farms	SCD Energy Solutions
Boston Properties	G. A. Krause & Assoc.	SCE
Braun Blaising McLaughlin, P.C.	GLJ Publications	SMUD
Brookfield Renewable Power	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie	SPURR
CA Bldg Industry Association	Green Power Institute	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
CLECA Law Office	Hanna & Morton	Santa Fe Jets
CSC Energy Services	Hitachi	Seattle City Light
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn	In House Energy	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
Cardinal Cogen	Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP	Spark Energy, L.P.
Casner, Steve	MAC Lighting Consulting	Sunshine Design
Chris, King	MBMC, Inc.	Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
City of Palo Alto	MRW & Associates	Tabors Caramanis & Associates
City of Palo Alto Utilities	Manatt Phelps Phillips	Tecogen, Inc.
Clean Energy Fuels	McKenzie & Associates	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
Coast Economic Consulting	Merced Irrigation District	TransCanada
Commercial Energy	Modesto Irrigation District	Turlock Irrigation District
Consumer Federation of California	Morgan Stanley	United Cogen
Crossborder Energy	Morrison & Foerster	Utility Cost Management
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP	NLine Energy, Inc.	Utility Specialists
Day Carter Murphy	NRG West	Verizon
Defense Energy Support Center	Navigant Consulting	Wellhead Electric Company
Department of Water Resources	Norris & Wong Associates	Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)
	North America Power Partners	eMeter Corporation