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Advice 3867-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 Laytonville-Garberville 60 Kilovolt Pole Replacement Project in the County of Mendocino

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 continue to operate a reliable electric transmission system in the region, PG&E is proposing to replace 17 poles (replacement of existing facilities) along the Garberville-Laytonville 60 kV Power Line (existing easement) in Mendocino County as part of required maintenance to maintain service reliability. The proposed project will remove approximately 16 existing wooden transmission poles and one distribution pole (part of the 12kV underbuild that is present along this portion of the 60 kV line) and replace them with light-duty steel poles, which will weather to resemble wood. The poles will be replaced along an approximately 1.5-mile power line segment that runs north/south to the west of Bell Springs Road, approximately 18 miles southeast of the town of Garberville west of Bell Springs Road. In order to meet California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements and current design standards, 15 of the 17 new poles will be approximately 5 to 15 feet taller and two poles will remain the same height. Poles will generally be replaced adjacent to the existing pole locations, within the current easement. Work is scheduled to begin in August 2011, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed no later than September 15, 2011.

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):

- The replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or 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.

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 **July 20, 2011**, 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: jjn@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

Brian K. Cherry
Vice President, Regulation and Rates
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
P.O. Box 770000, Mail Code B10C
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 **July 30, 2011**, 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 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/>.



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) #: **3867-E**

Tier: **N/A**

Subject of AL: **Laytonville-Garberville 60 Kilovolt Pole Replacement Project (County of Mendocino)**

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: **July 30, 2011**

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: Brian K. Cherry
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: Laytonville-Garberville 60 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project (Mendocino County)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3867-E

Proposed Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proposes to replace 17 poles (replacement of existing facilities) along the Garberville-Laytonville 60 kV Power Line (existing easement) in Mendocino County as part of required maintenance to maintain service reliability. The proposed project will remove approximately 16 existing wooden transmission poles and one distribution pole (part of the 12kV underbuild that is present along this portion of the 60 kV line) and replace them with light-duty steel poles, which will weather to resemble wood. The poles will be replaced along an approximately 1.5-mile power line segment that runs north/south to the west of Bell Springs Road, approximately 18 miles southeast of the town of Garberville west of Bell Springs Road. In order to meet California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements and current design standards, 15 of the 17 new poles will be approximately 5 to 15 feet taller and two poles will remain the same height. Poles will generally be replaced adjacent to the existing pole locations, within the current easement. Work is scheduled to begin in August 2011, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed no later than September 15, 2011.

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):

- The replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or 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.

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 July 20, 2011, 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](tel:(415)973-5530).

Notice Distribution List

**Laytonville-Garberville 60 kV Power Line CPUC Pole Replacement Project
Mendocino County**

Advice 3867-E

Energy Commission

Ms. 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 Mendocino

Mr. Nash Gonzalez, Director
Merced County Planning & Building
Services Department
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1440
Ukiah, CA 95482

Newspaper

Ukiah Daily Journal

PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Filing List

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