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Advice Letter 3982-E

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**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, for the
Construction of the Olive Switching Station & Solar Project
Interconnection in the City of Alpaugh, County of Tulare**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 3982-E is effective February 2, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward F. Randolph".

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division



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January 3, 2012

Advice 3982-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 the Olive Switching Station and Solar Project
Interconnection in the City of Alpaugh, County of Tulare**

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 connect Solar Project Solutions' planned White River Solar Generation Facilities Project to PG&E's electrical system in Tulare County, PG&E is proposing the Olive Switching Station, a 3-acre switching station located approximately 1,600 feet south and 1,150 feet east of the intersection of Road 50 and Avenue 50, adjacent to the existing Corcoran-Smyrna 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line, in a rural area southeast of Alpaugh. To interconnect the new switching station to the existing power line, PG&E will replace two existing 75-foot-tall lattice steel poles with four 70- to 80-foot-tall tubular steel poles within the existing power line alignment located approximately 110 feet from the west side of the switching station. From two of the new poles, PG&E will construct approximately 110-foot-long power line spans to loop the line into and out of the switching station. The potential environmental impacts of PG&E's interconnection facilities were analyzed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum adopted for the White River Solar Generation Facilities Project, which found no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the interconnection facilities (larger project CEQA). Construction is scheduled to begin in February 2012 or as soon thereafter as possible, with completion in February 2013 or as soon as possible after construction is completed.

CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1.f, 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):

- f. 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.

The Tulare County Resource Management Agency adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum, for the Solar Project Solutions White River Solar Generation Facility, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed facilities. (State Clearinghouse #2010081023.) The environmental review included PG&E's interconnection facilities and found 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 **January 23, 2012**, 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

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 **February 2, 2012**, 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/>.



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 U39E)**

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) #: **3982-E**

Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the Olive Switching Station and Solar Project Interconnection in the City of Alpaugh, County of Tulare**

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: **February 2, 2012**

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: Olive Switching Station and Solar Project Interconnection (Tulare County)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3982-E

Proposed Project: In order to connect Solar Project Solutions' planned White River Solar Generation Facilities Project to PG&E's electrical system in Tulare County, PG&E is proposing the Olive Switching Station, a 3-acre switching station located approximately 1,600 feet south and 1,150 feet east of the intersection of Road 50 and Avenue 50, adjacent to the existing Corcoran-Smyrna 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line, in a rural area southeast of Alpaugh. To interconnect the new switching station to the existing power line, PG&E will replace two existing 75-foot-tall lattice steel poles with four 70- to 80-foot-tall tubular steel poles within the existing power line alignment located approximately 110 feet from the west side of the switching station. From two of the new poles, PG&E will construct approximately 110-foot-long power line spans to loop the line into and out of the switching station. The potential environmental impacts of PG&E's interconnection facilities were analyzed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum adopted for the White River Solar Generation Facilities Project, which found no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the interconnection facilities (larger project CEQA). Construction is scheduled to begin in February 2012 or as soon thereafter as possible, with completion in February 2013 or as soon as possible after construction is completed.

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:

- f. 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.

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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 January 23, 2012, 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

Olive Switching Station

Advice 3982-E

Energy Commission

Ms. Melissa Jones
Executive Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39
Sacramento, CA 95814

Mr. Terry O'Brien
Deputy Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39
Sacramento, CA 95814

County of Tulare

Mr. Jake Raper
Agency Director
Tulare County Resource Agency
5961 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93277

Newspaper

Visalia Times Delta

PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Filing List

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