

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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October 10, 2012

**Advice Letter 4080-E**

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San Francisco, CA 94177

**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, for the Construction of the Gregg-Ashlan 230 kV Transmission Line – City of Fresno; and the Herndon-Ashlan 230 kV Transmission Line – City of Fresno**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4080-E is effective August 1, 2012.

Sincerely,

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

Edward F. Randolph, Director  
Energy Division



**Brian K. Cherry**  
Vice President  
Regulatory Relations

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July 2, 2012

**Advice 4080-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 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

**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 comply with CPUC General Order 95 and accommodate new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) ground-to-conductor clearance requirements, which are regulated by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) plans to raise the height of four lattice steel towers in Fresno County that carry two transmission line circuits: the Gregg-Ashlan 230 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line and the Herndon-Ashlan 230 kV Transmission Line. PG&E will replace top-cage extensions on the existing 100-foot-tall towers, increasing their height by approximately 16 to 17 feet (replacement of existing facilities). The first tower is located within West Corona Avenue approximately 75 feet east of its intersection with North State Street; the second tower is located within private property approximately 225 feet southeast of the intersection of North Emerson Avenue and North Lead Avenue; the third tower is located within North Emerson Avenue approximately 100 feet northwest of its intersection with North Loma Avenue; the fourth tower also located within North Emerson Avenue approximately 80 feet northwest of its intersection with

North Hughes Avenue. Construction activities are scheduled to begin in August 2012, or as soon thereafter as possible, with completion in September 2012 or as soon thereafter as possible.

CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, Subsection A, exempts projects meeting specific conditions from the CPUC's requirement to file an application requesting authority to construct. The Company believes these projects qualify for the following exemption:

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

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 23, 2012**, which is 21 days<sup>1</sup> 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: EDTariffUnit@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:

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<sup>1</sup> The regular 20-day protest period ends on a non-business day so the protest period end date is moved to the next business day.

David T. Kraska  
Attorney, Law Department  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
P.O. Box 7442  
San Francisco, California 94120

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
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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 **August 1, 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 – Regulatory Relations

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 E)**

Utility type:

ELC       GAS  
 PLC       HEAT       WATER

Contact Person: Igor Grinberg

Phone #: 415-973-8580

E-mail: ixg8@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) #: **4080-E**

Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the Gregg-Ashlan 230 kV Transmission Line - City of Fresno; and the Herndon-Ashlan 230 kV Transmission Line - City of Fresno**

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: N/A

Is AL requesting confidential treatment? If so, what information is the utility seeking confidential treatment for: N/A

Confidential information will be made available to those who have executed a nondisclosure agreement: N/A

Name(s) and contact information of the person(s) who will provide the nondisclosure agreement and access to the confidential information: N/A

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Requested effective date: August 1, 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 proposed: 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

EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Attn: Brian K. Cherry, Vice President, Regulatory Relations

77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C

P.O. Box 770000

San Francisco, CA 94177

E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

**PROJECT NAME: Gregg-Ashlan 230 kV Transmission Line – City of Fresno  
Herndon-Ashlan 230 kV Transmission Line – City of Fresno**  
**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4080-E**

**Proposed Projects:**

To comply with CPUC General Order 95 and accommodate new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) ground-to-conductor clearance requirements, which are regulated by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) plans to raise the height of four lattice steel towers in Fresno County that carry two transmission line circuits: the Gregg-Ashlan 230 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line and the Herndon-Ashlan 230 kV Transmission Line. PG&E will replace top-cage extensions on the existing 100-foot-tall towers, increasing their height by approximately 16 to 17 feet (replacement of existing facilities). The first tower is located within West Corona Avenue approximately 75 feet east of its intersection with North State Street; the second tower is located within private property approximately 225 feet southeast of the intersection of North Emerson Avenue and North Lead Avenue; the third tower is located within North Emerson Avenue approximately 100 feet northwest of its intersection with North Loma Avenue; the fourth tower also located within North Emerson Avenue approximately 80 feet northwest of its intersection with North Hughes Avenue. Construction activities are scheduled to begin in August 2012, or as soon thereafter as possible, with completion in September 2012 or as soon thereafter as possible.

**Exemption from CPUC Authority:** CPUC General Order 131-D, Section IIIA, exempts projects meeting specific conditions from the CPUC's requirement to file an application requesting authority to construct. Pacific Gas and Electric Company believes these projects qualify for the following exemption:

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

**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 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](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](tel:4159735530).

## **Notice Distribution List**

### **NERC Compliance Projects:**

**Gregg-Ashlan 230 kV Transmission Line – City of Fresno**  
**Herndon-Ashlan 230 kV Transmission Line – City of Fresno**

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#### **Energy Commission**

Mr. Robert Oglesby, Executive Director  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39  
Sacramento, California 95814

Mr. Roger Johnson, Deputy Director  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39  
Sacramento, California 95814

#### **City of Fresno**

Mark Scott, Interim Director/City Manger  
Development and Resource Management Director  
City of Fresno Development and Resource Management Department  
2600 Fresno Street, Room 3065  
Fresno, CA 93721

#### **Newspapers**

Fresno Bee

## PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Filing List

AT&T	Defense Energy Support Center	North America Power Partners
Alcantar & Kahl LLP	Department of Water Resources	North Coast SolarResources
Ameresco	Dept of General Services	Northern California Power Association
Anderson & Poole	Douglass & Liddell	Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc.
BART	Downey & Brand	OnGrid Solar
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.	Duke Energy	Praxair
Bartle Wells Associates	Economic Sciences Corporation	R. W. Beck & Associates
Bloomberg	Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP	RCS, Inc.
Bloomberg New Energy Finance	Foster Farms	Recurrent Energy
Boston Properties	G. A. Krause & Assoc.	SCD Energy Solutions
Braun Blaising McLaughlin, P.C.	GLJ Publications	SCE
Brookfield Renewable Power	GenOn Energy, Inc.	SMUD
CA Bldg Industry Association	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie	SPURR
CENERGY POWER	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	Sunrun Inc.
Center for Biological Diversity	MBMC, Inc.	Sunshine Design
Chris, King	MRW & Associates	Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
City of Palo Alto	Manatt Phelps Phillips	Tecogen, Inc.
City of Palo Alto Utilities	Marin Energy Authority	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
City of San Jose	McKenzie & Associates	TransCanada
City of Santa Rosa	Merced Irrigation District	Turlock Irrigation District
Clean Energy Fuels	Modesto Irrigation District	United Cogen
Clean Power	Morgan Stanley	Utility Cost Management
Coast Economic Consulting	Morrison & Foerster	Utility Specialists
Commercial Energy	Morrison & Foerster LLP	Verizon
Consumer Federation of California	NLine Energy, Inc.	Wellhead Electric Company
Crossborder Energy	NRG West	Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP	NaturEner	eMeter Corporation
Day Carter Murphy	Norris & Wong Associates	