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Advice Letter 4086-E

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Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, for the Construction of the Newark to Ravenswood 230 kV Reconductor Project, in the Cities of Newark, Fremont and Menlo Park

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4086-E is effective October 8, 2012.

Sincerely,

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

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division



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July 17, 2012

Advice 4086-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 Newark to Ravenswood 230kV Reconductor Project, in the Cities of Newark, Fremont and Menlo Park

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

In order to continue to maintain compliance with applicable grid reliability criteria and ensure continued safe and reliable electric service to the Bay area, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to reconductor (replace wires) on existing structures on approximately 9 miles of the existing Newark-Ravenswood 230kV Transmission Line (placing new conductors on supporting structures already built). This line begins at Newark Substation, located between Weber Road and Automall Parkway, west of Boyce Road in the City of Fremont, Alameda County, and ends at Ravenswood Substation, located north of Highway 84 approximately 2000 feet east of University Ave, in the City of Menlo Park, San Mateo County. From Newark Substation, the line runs north through salt evaporator ponds, and the Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge and continues west across the San Francisco Bay parallel to the Dumbarton Bridge. To support the new conductors, and comply with the CPUC's General Order 95 clearance requirements, PG&E plans to raise one tower outside of Newark Substation

approximately 20 feet. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2013, or as soon thereafter as possible, and is scheduled for completion in February 2014, or as soon thereafter as possible.

CPUC General Order 131-D Sections III.A exempt projects meeting specific conditions from the CPUC's requirement to file an application requesting authority to construct. Pacific Gas and Electric Company believe this project qualifies for the following exemption, "The placing of new or additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on or replacement of supporting structures already built".

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 **August 6, 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: 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:

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, Regulatory Relations
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
P.O. Box 770000, Mail Code B10C
San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-7226
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 16, 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) #: **4086-E**

Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the Newark to Ravenswood 230kV Reconductor Project, in the Cities of Newark, Fremont and Menlo Park**

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 16, 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

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: Newark -Ravenswood 230 kV Reconductoring Project (Cities of Newark, Fremont and Menlo Park)

ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4086-E

Proposed Project:

In order to continue to maintain compliance with applicable grid reliability criteria and ensure continued safe and reliable electric service to the Bay area, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to reductor (replace wires) on existing structures on approximately 9 miles of the existing Newark-Ravenswood 230kV Transmission Line (placing new conductors on supporting structures already built). This line begins at Newark Substation, located between Weber Road and Automall Parkway, west of Boyce Road in the City of Fremont, Alameda County, and ends at Ravenswood Substation, located north of Highway 84 approximately 2000 feet east of University Ave, in the City of Menlo Park, San Mateo County. From Newark Substation, the line runs north through salt evaporator ponds, and the Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge and continues west across the San Francisco Bay parallel to the Dumbarton Bridge. To support the new conductors, and comply with the CPUC's General Order 95 clearance requirements, PG&E plans to raise one tower outside of Newark Substation approximately 20 feet. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2013, or as soon thereafter as possible, and is scheduled for completion in February 2014, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Exemption from CPUC Permit Requirement: CPUC General Order 131-D Sections III.A exempt projects meeting specific conditions from the CPUC's requirement to file an application requesting authority to construct. Pacific Gas and Electric Company believe this project qualifies for the following exemption(s):

- Section III.A (lines over 200 kV): The placing of new or additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on or replacement of supporting structures already built

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 August 6, 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
Newark-Ravenswood 230 kV Reconductoring Project

Advice 4086-E

Energy Commission

Robert Oglesby, Executive Director
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City of Fremont

Kristie Wheller, Planning Manager
City of Fremont
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City of Newark

Terrence Grindall
Community Development Director
City of Newark
37101 Newark Blvd
Newark, CA 94560

City of Menlo Park

Arlinda Heineck
Community Development Director
City of Menlo Park
701 Laurel Street
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Newspapers

Fremont Argus
San Mateo Times

PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Filing List

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