

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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September 24, 2012

Advice Letter 4097-E

Brian K. Cherry
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Pacific Gas and Electric Company
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, CA 94177

**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O.131-D, for
the Construction of the Moraga-Castro Valley 230 kV
Transmission Line – City of Orinda and Alameda County**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4097-E is effective September 2, 2012.

Sincerely,

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

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division

August 3, 2012

Advice 4097-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 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 Moraga-Castro Valley 230 kV Transmission Line – City of Orinda and Alameda County

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 maintain compliance with CPUC General Order 95 clearance requirements, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) plans to raise the height of two lattice steel towers along the Moraga-Castro Valley 230 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. PG&E will replace top-cage extensions on the existing approximately 109-foot-tall towers, increasing their height by approximately 15 feet (replacement of existing facilities and placement of new or additional accessories). The first tower is located within PG&E property approximately 340 feet west of the intersection of La Cresta Road and El Nido Court in Orinda. The second tower is located on the south side of Jensen Road, approximately 1,900 feet northeast of its intersection with East Castro Valley Boulevard in Castro Valley (unincorporated Alameda County). Construction activities are scheduled to begin in September 2012, or as soon thereafter as possible, with completion in October 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:

- the placing of new or additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on or replacement of supporting structures
- the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or 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 letter sent via U.S. mail, by facsimile or electronically, any of which must be received no later than **August 23, 2012**, which is 20 days after the date of this filing. Protests should be mailed to:

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 shown 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
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-7226
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on regular notice, **September 2, 2012**, which is 30 calendar 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/>.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Cherry / IG". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vice President, Regulatory Relations

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

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PLC = Pipeline

HEAT = Heat

WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: **4097-E**

Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the Moraga-Castro Valley 230 kV Transmission Line – City of Orinda and Alameda County**

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: **September 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 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: Moraga-Castro Valley 230 kV Transmission Line (City of Orinda and Alameda County)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4097-E

Proposed Projects:

To maintain compliance with CPUC General Order 95 clearance requirements, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) plans to raise the height of two lattice steel towers along the Moraga-Castro Valley 230 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. PG&E will replace top-cage extensions on the existing approximately 109-foot-tall towers, increasing their height by approximately 15 feet (replacement of existing facilities and placement of new or additional accessories). The first tower is located within PG&E property approximately 340 feet west of the intersection of La Cresta Road and El Nido Court in Orinda. The second tower is located on the south side of Jensen Road, approximately 1,900 feet northeast of its intersection with East Castro Valley Boulevard in Castro Valley (unincorporated Alameda County). Construction activities are scheduled to begin in September 2012, or as soon thereafter as possible, with completion in October 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 placing of new or additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on or replacement of supporting structures
- the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or 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 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
Moraga-Castro Valley 230 kV Transmission Line (City of Orinda and Alameda County)
Advice 4097-E

Energy Commission

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

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

City of Orinda

Emmanuel Ursu, Planning Director
City of Orinda Planning Department
22 Orinda Way (1st Floor)
Orinda, CA 94563

Alameda County (unincorporated Castro Valley)

Albert Lopez, Planning Director
Alameda County Planning Department
224 West Winton Avenue, Room 111
Hayward, CA 94544

California Department of Fish and Game

Lorie Hammerli, Environmental Scientist
California Department of Fish and Game, Bay Delta Region
7329 Silverado Trail,
Napa, CA 94558

Newspapers

Contra Costa Times
The Daily Review

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

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