

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Advice Letter 4103-E

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**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, the
Construction of Kansas South LLC Solar Generation Inter-
Connection Facilities (Kings County)**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4103-E is effective October 8, 2012.

Sincerely,

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

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division

August 23, 2012

Advice 4103-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, the Construction of Kansas South LLC Solar Generation Interconnection Facilities (Kings County)

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 accommodate the interconnection of a proposed customer-owned photovoltaic solar project in Kings County, Kansas South Solar LLC has requested PG&E to install a tap from the existing Guernsey-Henrietta 70 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line (existing easement) to the solar project's substation (larger project CEQA) located approximately 3 miles southwest of the City of Lemoore at the intersection of 21st Street and Kent Avenue. PG&E will replace one existing 68-foot-tall light-duty-steel pole with two new tubular-steel poles and accessory equipment within PG&E's existing power line easement. In order to meet California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum clearance requirements and current design standards, the three new poles will be approximately 80-feet to 90-feet tall to allow for existing distribution wires to be located on the same poles below the power line (underbuild). Construction is scheduled to begin in October 2012, or as soon as possible thereafter, with the completion in December 2012 or as soon as possible after construction begins.

CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1, exempts projects meeting specific conditions from the CPUC's requirements to file an application requesting authority to construct. The Company believes this project qualifies for the following exemptions(s):

- c) the minor relocation of existing power line facilities up to 2,000 feet in length, or the intersetting of additional support structures;

- 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;
- g) 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 designed, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by the federal, state, or local agencies for which a final Negative Declaration or EIR finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts.

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 **September 12, 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 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 22, 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/>.

Brian Cherry /IG

Vice President, Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Parties Listed in G.O. 131-D, Paragraphs B.1 and B.2

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) #: **4103-E**

Tier: **N/A**

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, the Construction of Kansas South LLC Solar Generation Interconnection Facilities (Kings 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 22, 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
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San Francisco, CA 94177
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: Kansas South Solar Interconnection to the Guernsey-Henrietta 70 kV Power Line (Kings County)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4103-E

Proposed Project: In order to accommodate the interconnection of a proposed customer-owned photovoltaic solar project in Kings County, Kansas South Solar LLC has requested PG&E to install a tap from the existing Guernsey-Henrietta 70 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line (existing easement) to the solar project's substation (larger project CEQA) located approximately 3 miles southwest of the City of Lemoore at the intersection of 21st Street and Kent Avenue. PG&E will replace one existing 68-foot-tall light-duty-steel pole with two new tubular-steel poles and accessory equipment within PG&E's existing power line easement, and will install one new tubular-steel pole on the solar facility's property, just south of PG&E's easement. In order to meet California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum clearance requirements and current design standards, the three new poles will be approximately 80-feet to 90-feet tall to allow for existing distribution wires to be located on the same poles below the power line (underbuild). Construction is scheduled to begin in October 2012, or as soon as possible thereafter, with the completion in December 2012 or as soon as possible after construction begins.

Exemption from CPUC Permit Requirement: CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, B.1, exempts projects meeting specific conditions from the CPUC's requirements to file an application requesting authority to construct. Pacific Gas and Electric Company believes this project qualifies for the following exemption(s):

- c) the minor relocation of existing power line facilities up to 2,000 feet in length, or the intersetting of additional support structures between existing support structures.
- 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.
- g) 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 of EIR finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts.

Kings County adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the RE Kansas South LLC Solar Generation Facility, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed facilities. (State Clearinghouse #2011091065)

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 September 12, 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

Kansas South Solar Project Interconnection to the
Guernsey-Henrietta 70 kV Power Line, Kings County
Advice 4103-E

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

California Department of Fish and Game

Sarah Bahm
Environmental Scientist
CA Department of Fish and Game, Central Region
1234 E. Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710

County of Kings

Mr. Gregory R. Gatzka, Community Development Director
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard
Hanford, CA 93230

Newspaper

The Hanford Sentinel

PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Filing List

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