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November 7, 2012

Advice Letter 4117-E

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**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D,
for the Construction of Caribou-Palermo 115 kV Tower
Replacement in the County of Butte**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4117-E is effective October 31, 2012.

Sincerely,

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

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division



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Vice President
Regulatory Relations

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October 1, 2012

Advice 4117-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 Caribou-Palermo 115 kV Tower Replacement
in the County of Butte**

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

To maintain compliance with CPUC General Order 95 clearance requirements, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) plans to replace one approximately 58-foot-tall lattice steel tower with an approximately 83-foot-tall H-frame structure consisting of two tubular steel poles (replacement of existing facilities) along the Caribou-Palermo 115 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line in Butte County (existing easement). The tower is located approximately 200 feet east of Big Bend Road between California State Route 70 and the North Fork Feather River east of Concow. Construction activities are scheduled to begin in November 2012, or as soon thereafter as possible, with completion in December 2012 or as soon thereafter as possible.

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

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

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 or EIR finds 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 letter sent via U.S. mail, by facsimile or electronically, any of which must be received no later than **October 22, 2012**, which is 21¹ 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

¹ The 20-day protest period concludes on a weekend, therefore, PG&E is moving this date to the following business day.

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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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, **October 31, 2012** which is 30 calendar days after the date of filing.

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

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) #: **4117-E**

Tier: **N/A**

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Caribou-Palermo 115 kV Tower Replacement in the County of Butte**

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: **October 31, 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 21¹ 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
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: CARIBOU-PALERMO 115 KV POWER LINE TOWER REPLACEMENT (Butte County)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4117-E

Proposed Project: To maintain compliance with CPUC General Order 95 clearance requirements, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) plans to replace one approximately 58-foot-tall lattice steel tower with an approximately 83-foot-tall H-frame structure consisting of two tubular steel poles (replacement of existing facilities) along the Caribou-Palermo 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line in Butte County (existing easement). The tower is located approximately 200 feet east of Big Bend Road between California State Route 70 and the North Fork Feather River east of Concow. Construction activities are scheduled to begin in November 2012, or as soon thereafter as possible, with completion in December 2012 or as soon thereafter as possible.

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(s):

- b. the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures.
- 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 or EIR finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts.

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 October 22, 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

Caribou-Palermo 115 kV Power Line Tower Replacement Advice 4117-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

J.B. Garcia
California Department of Fish and Game
PG&E Coordinator, North Central Region
1701 Nimbus Road
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

County of Butte

Tim Snellings
Director
Department of Development Services
7 County Center Drive
Oroville, CA 95965

Newspaper

Oroville Mercury Register

PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Filing List

AT&T	Department of General Services	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	PG&E
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	MRW & Associates	Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
City of San Jose	Manatt Phelps Phillips	Tecogen, Inc.
City of Santa Rosa	Marin Energy Authority	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
Clean Energy Fuels	McKenzie & Associates	TransCanada
Clean Power	Merced Irrigation District	Turlock Irrigation District
Coast Economic Consulting	Modesto Irrigation District	United Cogen
Commercial Energy	Morgan Stanley	Utility Cost Management
Consumer Federation of California	Morrison & Foerster	Utility Specialists
Crossborder Energy	Morrison & Foerster LLP	Verizon
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP	NLine Energy, Inc.	Wellhead Electric Company
Day Carter Murphy	NRG West	Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)
Defense Energy Support Center	NaturEner	eMeter Corporation