

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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January 14, 2013

Advice Letter 4152-E

Brian K. Cherry
Vice President, Regulation and Rates
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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**SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to GO 131-D, for the
Construction of Oro Loma-Mendota 70 kV Power Line and Oro Loma-
Canal #1 70 kV Power Line Pole Replacements - (Fresno and Merced
Counties)**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4152-E is effective as of December 30, 2012.

Sincerely,

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

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division

November 30, 2012

Advice 4152-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 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 accommodate improvements to the local electric distribution system, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace several wood poles along two existing power lines in Fresno and Merced Counties. In order to install a new distribution line below the Oro Loma-Mendota 70 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line (existing easement), PG&E will replace nine approximately 60 to 65-foot-tall wood poles with nine new wood poles the same height or approximately 10 feet taller (replacement of existing facilities) in rural northwestern Fresno County. The project will begin across the street from Oro Loma Substation, located on the west side of Russell Avenue south of Althea Avenue, and continue approximately half a mile north along the east side of Russell Avenue. At another location just north of Dos Palos in Merced County, PG&E will replace six approximately 60-foot-tall wood poles with six new wood poles approximately 5 feet taller (replacement of existing facilities) to accommodate the replacement (reconductoring) of distribution wires below the Oro Loma-Canal #1 70 kV Power Line (existing easement). This segment will begin at Carmellia Avenue at Highway 33/Elgin Avenue and continue south down the east side of Highway

33/Elgin Avenue approximately one third mile until just north of Santos Street. Construction is scheduled to begin in February 2013, or as soon as possible, and is scheduled for completion in April 2013 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 exemptions:

- 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 filing a protest with the CPUC and the Company by **December 20, 2012**, which is 20 days after the date of this filing. Protests should be mailed to the following address:

CPUC Energy Division
ED Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
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 **December 30, 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) #: **4152-E**

Tier: **N/A**

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Oro Loma-Mendota 70 kV Power Line and Oro Loma-Canal #1 70 kV Power Line Pole Replacements - (Fresno and Merced Counties)**

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: **December 30, 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:

Director, Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

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: Oro Loma-Mendota 70 kV Power Line and Oro Loma-Canal #1 70 kV Power Line Pole Replacements - (Fresno and Merced Counties)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4152-E

Proposed Project: To accommodate improvements to the local electric distribution system, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace several wood poles along two existing power lines in Fresno and Merced Counties. In order to install a new distribution line below the Oro Loma-Mendota 70 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line (existing easement), PG&E will replace nine approximately 60 to 65-foot-tall wood poles with nine new wood poles the same height or approximately 10 feet taller (replacement of existing facilities) in rural northwestern Fresno County. The project will begin across the street from Oro Loma Substation, located on the west side of Russell Avenue south of Althea Avenue, and continue approximately half a mile north along the east side of Russell Avenue. At another location just north of Dos Palos in Merced County, PG&E will replace six approximately 60-foot-tall wood poles with six new wood poles approximately 5 feet taller (replacement of existing facilities) to accommodate the replacement (reconductoring) of distribution wires below the Oro Loma-Canal #1 70 kV Power Line (existing easement). This segment will begin at Carmellia Avenue at Highway 33/Elgin Avenue and continue south down the east side of Highway 33/Elgin Avenue approximately one third mile until just north of Santos Street. Construction is scheduled to begin in February 2013, or as soon as possible, and is scheduled for completion in April 2013 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 exemptions:

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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 December 20, 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

Oro Loma-Mendota 70 kV Power Line and Oro Loma-Canal #1 70 kV Power Line Pole Replacements – (Fresno and Merced Counties)

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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

California Department of Fish and Game

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

County of Fresno

Alan Weaver, Director
Public Works and Planning
2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor
Fresno, CA 93721

County of Merced

Mark J. Hendrickson, Interim Director
Planning & Community Development
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

Newspaper

The Los Banos Enterprise

PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Filing List

1st Light Energy	Department of General Services	North America Power Partners
AT&T	Department of Water Resources	North Coast SolarResources
Alcantar & Kahl LLP	Dept of General Services	Northern California Power Association
Ameresco	Douglass & Liddell	Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc.
Anderson & Poole	Downey & Brand	OnGrid Solar
BART	Duke Energy	PG&E
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.	Economic Sciences Corporation	Praxair
Bartle Wells Associates	Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP	R. W. Beck & Associates
Bloomberg	Foster Farms	RCS, Inc.
Bloomberg New Energy Finance	G. A. Krause & Assoc.	SCD Energy Solutions
Boston Properties	GLJ Publications	SCE
Braun Blaising McLaughlin, P.C.	GenOn Energy Inc.	SMUD
Brookfield Renewable Power	GenOn Energy, Inc.	SPURR
CA Bldg Industry Association	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
CENERGY POWER	Green Power Institute	Seattle City Light
CLECA Law Office	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 County Office of Education	Sun Light & Power
Casner, Steve	Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power	Sunrun Inc.
Center for Biological Diversity	MAC Lighting Consulting	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	McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP	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	
Defense Energy Support Center	Norris & Wong Associates	