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Advice Letter 4197-E

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SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to GO 131-D, for the Construction of the Vierra-Tracy-Kasson 115 KV Power Line Relocation Project in the City of Tracy

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4197-E is effective as of March 24, 2013.

Sincerely,

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

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division



Brian K. Cherry
Vice President
Regulatory Relations

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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San Francisco, CA 94177

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February 22, 2013

Advice 4197-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 Vierra-Tracy-Kasson 115 KV
Power Line Relocation Project in the City of Tracy**

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

In order to accommodate the City of Tracy's planned Grant Line Road Widening & Improvement, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested to relocate approximately 7,600 feet of the Vierra-Tracy-Kasson 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line along East Grant Line Road between North MacArthur Drive on the west and Banta Road on the east. PG&E will relocate the power line approximately 50 feet south of its current location (existing franchise). To relocate the line, PG&E will remove 29 wood poles on the south side of the existing alignment of East Grant Line Road and replace them with 31 wood poles on the south side of the widened alignment of East Grant Line Road (equivalent facilities). The existing poles are approximately 65 to 70 feet tall. The new poles will be approximately 10 to 20 feet taller. Construction is tentatively scheduled begin in the spring of 2013, or as soon as possible thereafter, with completion in summer 2013, 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 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.

Additionally, G.O. 131-D requires utilities to employ "no cost" and specified "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs) in accordance with CPUC Decision 06-01-042 and the "EMF Guidelines for Electrical Facilities." The following measures are proposed for this project:

- Increase the height of overhead line by 10 to 20 feet to reduce EMF strength at ground level.

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 **March 14, 2013**, 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 **March 24, 2013**, 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 and PGETariffs@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) #: **4197-E**

Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the Vierra-Tracy-Kasson 115 KV Power Line Relocation Project in the City of Tracy**

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: **March 24, 2013**

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
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: VIERRA-TRACY-KASSON 115 KV POWER LINE RELOCATION PROJECT (City of Tracy)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4197-E

Proposed Project: In order to accommodate the City of Tracy's planned Grant Line Road Widening & Improvement, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested to relocate approximately 7,600 feet of the Vierra-Tracy-Kasson 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line along East Grant Line Road between North MacArthur Drive on the west and Banta Road on the east. PG&E will relocate the power line approximately 50 feet south of its current location (existing franchise). To relocate the line, PG&E will remove 29 wood poles on the south side of the existing alignment of East Grant Line Road and replace them with 31 wood poles on the south side of the widened alignment of East Grant Line Road (equivalent facilities). The existing poles are approximately 65 to 70 feet tall. The new poles will be approximately 10 to 20 feet taller. Construction is tentatively scheduled begin in the spring of 2013, or as soon as possible thereafter, with completion in summer 2013, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF): Pacific Gas and Electric Company will employ "no cost" and specified "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to EMF in accordance with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Decision 06-01-042 and Pacific Gas and Electric Company's "EMF Design Guidelines for Electrical Facilities." The following measures are proposed for this project:

- Increase the height of overhead line by 10 to 20 feet to reduce EMF strength at ground level.

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:

- 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 March 14, 2013 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

VIERRA-TRACY-KASSON 115 KV POWER LINE RELOCATION PROJECT (City of Tracy)

Advice 4197-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

Lorie Hammerli
California Department of Fish & Game
Bay Delta Region
7329 Silverado Trail
Napa, California 94558

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region

Elizabeth M. Lee, P.E.
Supervisor
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

City of Tracy

Ripon Bhatia
Development & Engineering Services
325 Civic Center Plaza
Tracy, CA 95376

Newspaper

Tracy Press

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

, Helen	Douglass & Liddell	Pantelis, Petros
1st Light Energy	Downey & Brand	Praxair
AT&T	Duke Energy	R. W. Beck & Associates
Alcantar & Kahl LLP	Economic Sciences Corporation	RCS, Inc.
Ameresco	Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP	Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc.
Anderson & Poole	Foster Farms	Rutherford, Reid
BART	G. A. Krause & Assoc.	SCD Energy Solutions
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.	GLJ Publications	SCE
Bartle Wells Associates	GenOn Energy Inc.	SMUD
Bear Valley Electric Service	GenOn Energy, Inc.	SPURR
Bloomberg	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie	Salazar, Julie
Bloomberg New Energy Finance	Green Power Institute	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Boston Properties	Hamlin, Corey	Seattle City Light
Braun Blaising McLaughlin, P.C.	Hanna & Morton	Sempra Utilities
Brookfield Renewable Power	Hitachi	Shaw, Tim
CA Bldg Industry Association	In House Energy	Sheriff, Nora
CENERGY POWER	International Power Technology	Sierra Pacific Power Company
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn	Intestate Gas Services, Inc.	Silicon Valley Power
California Energy Commission	Kelly, Kate	Silo Energy LLC
California League of Food Processors	Lawrence Berkeley National Lab	Smith, Allison
California Public Utilities Commission	Los Angeles County Office of Education	SoCalGas
Calpine	Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power	Southern California Edison Company
Cardinal Cogen	MAC Lighting Consulting	Spark Energy, L.P.
Casner, Steve	MRW & Associates	Srinivasan, Seema
Castracane, Steve	Manatt Phelps Phillips	Stewart, Michael
Center for Biological Diversity	Marin Energy Authority	Sun Light & Power
Chris, King	McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP	Sunrun Inc.
City of Palo Alto	McKenzie & Associates	Sunshine Design
City of Palo Alto Utilities	Merced Irrigation District	Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
City of San Jose	Modesto Irrigation District	Tecogen, Inc.
City of Santa Rosa	Morgan Stanley	Terranova, Karen
Clean Energy Fuels	Morrison & Foerster	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
Clean Power	Morrison & Foerster LLP	TransCanada
Coast Economic Consulting	NLine Energy, Inc.	Turlock Irrigation District
Commercial Energy	NRG Solar	United Cogen
Consumer Federation of California	NaturEner	Utility Cost Management
Crossborder Energy	Norris & Wong Associates	Utility Specialists
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP	North America Power Partners	Verizon
Day Carter Murphy	North Coast SolarResources	Water and Energy Consulting
Day, Michael	Northern California Power Association	Wellhead Electric Company
Defense Energy Support Center	O'Brien, Ed	Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)
Department of General Services	Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc.	White, David
Department of Water Resources	OnGrid Solar	Wodtke, Alexis
Dept of General Services	PG&E	eMeter Corporation