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August 24, 2015

Advice Letter 4681-E

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San Francisco, California 94177

SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Frontier Solar 1 Interconnection Project Including Crow Creek Switching Station in the County of Stanislaus

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 4681-E is effective as of August 30, 2015.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph
Director, Energy Division

July 31, 2015

Advice 4681-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 Frontier Solar 1 Interconnection Project Including Crow Creek Switching Station in the County of Stanislaus

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 interconnect the proposed Frontier Solar 1 Project to the electric transmission system, the solar developer is proposing to construct a new approximately 5-acre 60 kilovolt (kV) switching station in rural Stanislaus County and transfer its ownership to PG&E. The new Crow Creek Switching Station will be located approximately 0.6 mile southwest of the intersection of Davis Road and Interstate 5. To interconnect the new switching station, located within the solar project boundaries and west of PG&E’s Salado-Newman #1 60 kV Power Line, PG&E will relocate and loop approximately 900 feet of the existing power line into and out of the switching station. To relocate the power line, PG&E will install approximately two tubular steel poles in-line with the existing power line and two light-duty steel poles west of the existing power line and adjacent to the switching station. The new poles will be approximately 80 to 90 feet tall. PG&E will also remove approximately 430 feet of the existing power line and one existing approximately 50-foot-tall wood pole to complete the loop. In addition, the solar developer will install and transfer to PG&E a new underground fiber optic cable

between the switching station and an existing PG&E telecommunication connection facility, located approximately 2.5 miles west of the switching station. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in September 2015, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is scheduled to be completed in January 2016, 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),

- 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."

The County of Stanislaus adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Frontier Solar 1 Project (referred to as Beltran Ranch Solar Facility Project in the MND) on November 4, 2010 and Addendum dated June 26, 2015, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed facilities. (State Clearinghouse # 2011112013)

This filing will not 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 August 20, 2015, 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
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

Erik Jacobson
Director, 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 August 30, 2015, 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/>.

_____/S/
Erik Jacobson
Director, 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: Kingsley Cheng

Phone #: (415) 973-5265

E-mail: k2c0@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) #: **4681-E**

Tier: **2**

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Frontier Solar 1 Interconnection Project Including Crow Creek Switching Station in the County of Stanislaus**

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 #: N/A

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: _____

Is AL requesting confidential treatment? If so, what information is the utility seeking confidential treatment for: No

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: _____

Resolution Required? Yes No

Requested effective date: **August 30, 2015**

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

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: 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:

California Public Utilities Commission
Director, Energy Division
505 Van Ness Ave., 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102
E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Attn: Erik Jacobson, Director, 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

Para más detalles llame 1-800-660-6789

PROJECT NAME: Frontier Solar 1 Interconnection Project Including Crow Creek Switching Station (Stanislaus County, P. No. 08572)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4681-E

Proposed Project: To interconnect the proposed Frontier Solar 1 Project to the electric transmission system, the solar developer is proposing to construct a new approximately 5-acre 60 kilovolt (kV) switching station in rural Stanislaus County and transfer its ownership to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). The new Crow Creek Switching Station will be located approximately 0.6 mile southwest of the intersection of Davis Road and Interstate 5. To interconnect the new switching station, located within the solar project boundaries and west of PG&E's Salado-Newman #1 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line, PG&E will relocate and loop approximately 900 feet of the existing power line into and out of the switching station. To relocate the power line, PG&E will install approximately two tubular steel poles in-line with the existing power line and two light-duty steel poles west of the existing power line and adjacent to the switching station. The new poles will be approximately 80 to 90 feet tall. PG&E will also remove approximately 430 feet of the existing power line and one existing approximately 50-foot-tall wood pole to complete the loop. In addition, the solar developer will install and transfer to PG&E a new underground fiber optic cable between the switching station and an existing PG&E telecommunication connection facility, located approximately 2.5 miles west of the switching station. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in September 2015, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is scheduled to be completed in January 2016, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

Exemption from CPUC Permit Requirement: CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1, exempts a utility from the CPUC's requirement to file an application requesting authority to construct if a project meets specific conditions. This project qualifies for the following exemptions:

- 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."

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Additional Project Information: To obtain further information on the proposed project, please call PG&E's Project Information Line at (415) 973-5530.

Public Review Process: Individuals or groups may protest the proposed construction if they believe that PG&E has incorrectly applied for an exemption or that the conditions set out in Section III.B.2 of General Order 131-D exist;

- 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
- The cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, is significant; or
- 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:

- Your name, mailing address and daytime telephone number.
- Reference to the CPUC Advice Letter Number and Project Name.
- A clear description of the reason for the protest.
- Whether you believe that evidentiary hearings are necessary to resolve factual disputes.

Protests for this project must be filed by August 20, 2015 at the following address:

Director, Energy Division
 ED Tariff Unit
 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

PG&E must respond within five business days of receipt and serve its response on each protestant and the Energy Division. Within 30 days after PG&E has submitted its response, the CPUC Executive Director will send you a copy of an Executive Resolution granting or denying PG&E's request and stating the reasons for the decision.

Assistance in Filing a Protest: If you need assistance in filing a protest, contact the CPUC Public Advisor:
email: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or call: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free), or (415) 703-2074, or TTY (415) 703-5258.

Public Comment: Even if you do not want to file an official protest, you may still comment on the request. To do so, send your comments to the Energy Division at the address noted above. Please reference Advice Letter 4681-E.

Notice Distribution List

Crow Creek Switching Station and Frontier Solar Project Interconnection
(Stanislaus County)

Advice 4681-E

Energy Commission

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California Energy Commission
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California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Ms. Sarah Bahm
California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Central Region
1234 E. Shaw Avenue
Fresno, CA 93710
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County of Stanislaus

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Newspaper

The Modesto Bee

PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Filing List

AT&T	Don Pickett & Associates, Inc.	Office of Ratepayer Advocates
Albion Power Company	Douglass & Liddell	OnGrid Solar
Alcantar & Kahl LLP	Downey & Brand	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Anderson & Poole	Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP	Praxair
BART	G. A. Krause & Assoc.	Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc.
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.	GenOn Energy Inc.	SCD Energy Solutions
Bartle Wells Associates	GenOn Energy, Inc.	SCE
Braun Blaising McLaughlin, P.C.	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie	SDG&E and SoCalGas
CENERGY POWER	Green Power Institute	SPURR
CPUC	Hanna & Morton	San Francisco Water Power and Sewer
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn	In House Energy	Seattle City Light
California Energy Commission	International Power Technology	Sempra Energy (Socal Gas)
California Public Utilities Commission	Intestate Gas Services, Inc.	Sempra Utilities
California State Association of Counties	Kelly Group	SoCalGas
Calpine	Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.	Southern California Edison Company
Casner, Steve	Linde	Spark Energy
Center for Biological Diversity	Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force	Sun Light & Power
City of Palo Alto	Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power	Sunshine Design
City of San Jose	MRW & Associates	Tecogen, Inc.
Clean Power	Manatt Phelps Phillips	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
Coast Economic Consulting	Marin Energy Authority	TransCanada
Commercial Energy	McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP	Troutman Sanders LLP
Cool Earth Solar, Inc.	McKenzie & Associates	Utility Cost Management
County of Tehama - Department of Public Works	Modesto Irrigation District	Utility Power Solutions
Crossborder Energy	Morgan Stanley	Utility Specialists
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP	NLine Energy, Inc.	Verizon
Day Carter Murphy	NRG Solar	Water and Energy Consulting
Defense Energy Support Center	Nexant, Inc.	Wellhead Electric Company
Dept of General Services	ORA	Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)
Division of Ratepayer Advocates	Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc.	YEP Energy