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July 22, 2016

**Advice Letter 4849-E**

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**SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Buena Vista Biomass 60 kV Power Line Tap and Valley Springs-Clay 60 kV Power Line Modification Project in the City of Ione, County of Amador**

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 4849-E is effective as of June 26, 2016.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division



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**Advice 4849-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 Buena Vista Biomass 60 kV Power Line Tap and Valley Springs-Clay 60 kV Power Line Modification Project in the City of Lone, County of Amador**

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 a distribution reconductoring project that is required to serve a new customer, PG&E is proposing to intersert and replace several wood poles with new wood poles to support both distribution wires and 60 kilovolt (kV) wires on two existing power lines in and adjacent to the Buena Vista Rancheria of the Band of the Mewuk Indians in Amador County. On the Buena Vista Biomass 60 kV Power Line Tap, PG&E will install approximately 12 new wood poles in existing easement and franchise to support the existing power line wires and the new distribution wires. This segment is located along Coal Mine Road beginning at its intersection with Buena Vista Drive and continuing south for approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. On this segment, one pole in existing easement on tribal lands will be replaced in a wetland under a Nationwide Section 404 permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a Section 401 certification issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, since the State of California does not have jurisdiction within sovereign tribal lands. The pole will be approximately 30 feet taller than the existing pole because a longer span is needed to avoid further

impacting the wetland. On the Valley Springs-Clay 60 kV Power Line, PG&E will replace three existing wood poles with three new poles and one interset pole in existing franchise on an approximately 650-foot-long segment along Buena Vista Drive near its intersection with Coal Mine Road. The new wood poles on both lines will be approximately 5 to 15 feet taller than the existing wood poles to accommodate the new distribution wires and comply with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2017 or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is scheduled to be completed by approximately December 2017, 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),

- 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 [Environmental Impact Report] finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts."

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 June 16, 2016, 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  
c/o Megan Lawson  
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.

### **Public Comment**

Individuals or groups who do not file an official protest may still submit a comment on the request to the Energy Division at the address noted above, referencing Advice Letter 4849-E.

### **Effective Date**

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice filing become effective on June 26, 2016, 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/>.

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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) #: **4849-E**

Tier: **2**

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Buena Vista Biomass 60 kV Power Line Tap and Valley Springs-Clay 60 kV Power Line Modification Project in the City of Ione, County of Amador**

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: **June 26, 2016**

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., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**San Francisco, CA 94102**

**E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov**

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

**Attn: Erik Jacobson, Director, Regulatory Relations**

**c/o Megan Lawson**

**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: BUENA VISTA BIOMASS 60 KV POWER LINE TAP AND VALLEY SPRINGS-CLAY 60 KV POWER LINE MODIFICATION PROJECT (Amador County, P.No. 08110)****ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4849-E**

**Proposed Project:** To accommodate a distribution reconductoring project that is required to serve a new customer, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to interconnect and replace several wood poles with new wood poles to support both distribution wires and 60 kilovolt (kV) wires on two existing power lines in and adjacent to the Buena Vista Rancheria of the Band of the Mewuk Indians in Amador County. On the Buena Vista Biomass 60 kV Power Line Tap, PG&E will install approximately 12 new wood poles in existing easement and franchise to support the existing power line wires and the new distribution wires. This segment is located along Coal Mine Road beginning at its intersection with Buena Vista Drive and continuing south for approximately ¾ mile. On this segment, one pole in existing easement on tribal lands will be replaced in a wetland under a Nationwide Section 404 permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a Section 401 certification issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, since the State of California does not have jurisdiction within sovereign tribal lands. The pole will be approximately 30 feet taller than the existing pole because a longer span is needed to avoid further impacting the wetland. On the Valley Springs-Clay 60 kV Power Line, PG&E will replace three existing wood poles with three new poles and one interconnect pole in existing franchise on an approximately 650-foot-long segment along Buena Vista Drive near its intersection with Coal Mine Road. The new wood poles on both lines will be approximately 5 to 15 feet taller than the existing wood poles to accommodate the new distribution wires and comply with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2017 or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is scheduled to be completed by approximately December 2017, 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 exemption:

- 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 [Environmental Impact Report] finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts."

**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 June 16, 2016 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](mailto: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 4849-E.



## **Notice Distribution List**

Buena Vista Biomass 60 kV Power Line Tap and Valley Springs-Clay 60 kV Power Line  
Modification Project (Amador County)

### **Advice 4849-E**

#### **Energy Commission**

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California Energy Commission  
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#### **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**

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California Department of Fish and Wildlife, North Central Region  
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#### **County of Amador**

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Jackson, CA 95642  
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#### **Newspaper**

The Amador Ledger Dispatch

## PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Filing List

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