September 18, 2006

Advice Letter 2857-E

Rose de la Torre  
Pacific Gas & Electric  
77 Beale Street, Room 1088  
Mail Code B10C  
San Francisco, CA 94105

Subject: Contra Costa-Balfour 60kV relocation project in the City of Brentwood, Contra Costa County

Dear Ms de la Torre:

Advice Letters 2857-E is withdrawn by your letter dated August 1, 2006. A copy of the advice letter is returned herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

Sean H. Gallagher, Director  
Energy Division

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July 7, 2006

Advice 2857-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 Contra Costa-Balfour 60kV Relocation Project in the City of Brentwood, Contra Costa County

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (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

The Company has been requested by Richman American Homes of Blueman Ranch Subdivision to relocate approximately 1,800 feet of its Contra Costa-Balfour 60kV power line (approximately 7 poles) roughly 30 feet west from its original location in the City of Brentwood in order to accommodate the widening of Ohara Avenue between Kay Lane and Brownstone Road. The relocated line will remain in franchise area. The new wood poles may be somewhat taller than existing poles, consistent with current CPUC standards, depending on final engineering. The portion of the line to be relocated currently runs along Ohara Avenue through commercial and industrial areas in Brentwood. Construction is expected to begin in July, 2006, or as soon possible thereafter, and to be completed by December 31, 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter.
This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements, pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1 which exempts, “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). The following measures are proposed for this project:

- Because there are no EMF mitigation measures available on this project that would meet the CPUC’s benchmark of 4% or less of the total project cost, no "no cost" or "low cost" measures will be employed.

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 July 27, 2006, which is 20 days after the filing date, at the following address:

CPUC Energy Division  
Attn: Tariff Unit, 4th Floor  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102  
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200  
E-Mail: jir@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov

In addition, protests and all other correspondence regarding this advice letter should also be sent by letter and transmitted via facsimile to the attention of:

David T. Kraska  
Attorney, Law Department  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
P.O. Box 7442  
San Francisco, California 94120  
Facsimile: (415) 973-0516
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 6, 2006**, 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**

In accordance with G.O. 96-A, Section III, Paragraph G, the Company is electronically and postal mailing copies of this advice letter to the utilities and interested 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. Address change requests should be directed to Rose de la Torre (415) 973-4716. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at: [http://www.pge.com/tariffs](http://www.pge.com/tariffs)

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Vice President -- Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Parties Listed in G.O. 131-D, Paragraphs B.1 and B.2
Company name/CPUC Utility No. **Pacific Gas and Electric Company (ID U39)**

Utility type: ☑ ELC ☐ GAS ☐ PLC ☐ HEAT ☐ WATER  
Contact Person: Michelle Brown  
Phone #: (415) 973-4662  
E-mail: mtt3@pge.com

**EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE**

ELC = Electric  
GAS = Gas  
PLC = Pipeline  
HEAT = Heat  
WATER = Water

Advice Letter (AL) #: **2857-E**

Subject of AL: **General Order 131-D, Contra Costa-Balfour 60kV Pole Relocation, City of Brentwood, Contra Costa County**

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): **Transmission 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: **N/A**

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL: ____________________________

Resolution Required? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Requested effective date: **August 6, 2006**  
No. of tariff sheets: **N/A**

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): ________________

Estimated system average rate effect (%): __________________

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: ____________________________

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: **N/A**

**Protests 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:**

**CPUC Energy Division**  
Attention: Tariff Unit, 4th Floor  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
jjr@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov

**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

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1 Discuss in AL if more space is needed.
NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME  CONTRA COSTA-BALFOUR 60kV Pole Relocation
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 2857-E

Proposed Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested by Richman American Homes of Blueman Ranch Subdivision to relocate approximately 1,800 feet of its Contra Costa-Balfour 60kV power line (approximately 7 poles) roughly 30 feet west from its original location in the City of Brentwood in order to accommodate the widening of Ohara Avenue between Kay Lane and Brownstone Road. The relocated line will remain in franchise area. The new wood poles may be somewhat taller than existing poles, consistent with current CPUC standards, depending on final engineering. The portion of the line to be relocated currently runs along Ohara Avenue through commercial and industrial areas in Brentwood. Construction is expected to begin in June, 2006, or as soon possible thereafter, and to be completed by September 1, 2006, or as soon as possible thereafter.

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 93-11-013 and Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s “EMF Design Guidelines of New Electrical Facilities: Transmission, Substation, and Distribution.” The following measure(s) is proposed for this project:

- Because there are no EMF mitigation measures available on this project that would meet the CPUC’s benchmark of 4% or less of the total project cost, no “no cost” or “low cost” measures will be employed.

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):

- 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

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 July 27, 2006, at the following address:

CPUC Energy Division
Attn: Tariff Unit, 4th Floor
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
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 1-866-848-8390 (toll-free) 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) 979-5530.
Notice Distribution List
Contra Costa-Balfour 60kV Pole Relocation
Advice 2857-E

Energy Commission
Mr. Stephen Rhoads, Executive Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39
Sacramento, CA 95814

Mr. Bob Therleksen
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39
Sacramento, CA 95814

City of Brentwood
Heidi Kline
104 Oak Street
Brentwood, CA 94513

Newspaper
Brentwood Press
248 Oak Street
Brentwood, CA 94513
PG&E Gas and Electric Advice
Filing List
General Order 96-A, Section III(G)

ABAG Power Pool
Accent Energy
Aglit Consumer Alliance
Agnew Developmental Center
Ahmed, Ali
Alcantar & Elaesser
Ancillary Services Coalition
Anderson Donovan & Poole P.C.
Applied Power Technologies
APS Energy Services Co Inc
Arter & Hadden LLP
Avista Corp
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.
BART
Bartle Wells Associates
Blue Ridge Gas
Bohannon Development Co
BP Energy Company
Braun & Associates
C & H Sugar Co.
CA Bldg Industry Association
CA Cotton Ginner & Growers Assoc.
CA League of Food Processors
CA Water Service Group
California Energy Commission
California Farm Bureau Federation
California Gas Acquisition Svs.
California ISO
Calpine
Calpine Corp
Calpine Girov Cogen
Cambridge Energy Research Assoc
Cameron McKenna
Cardinal Cogen
Cellnet Data Systems
Chevron Texaco
Chevron USA Production Co.
Childress, David A.
City of Glendale
City of Healdsburg
City of Palo Alto
City of Redding
CLECA Law Office
Commerce Energy
Constellation New Energy
CPUC
Cross Border Inc
Crossborder Inc
CSC Energy Services
Davis, Wright, Tremaine LLP
Defense Fuel Support Center
Department of the Army
Department of Water & Power City
DGS Natural Gas Services
Douglass & Liddell
Downey, Brand, Seymour & Rohwer
Duke Energy
Duke Energy North America
Duncan, Virgil E.
Dutcher, John
Dynegy Inc.
Ellison Schneider
Energy Law Group LLP
Energy Management Services, LLC
Exelon Energy Ohio, Inc
Exeter Associates
Foster Farms
Foster, Wheeler, Martinez
Franciscan Mobilehome
Future Resources Associates, Inc
G. A. Krause & Assoc
Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation
GLJ Energy Publications
Goodin, MacBride, Squier, Schlotz & Hanna & Morton
Heeg, Peggy A.
Hitachi Global Storage Technologies
Hogan Manufacturing, Inc
House, Lon
Imperial Irrigation District
Integrated Utility Consulting Group
International Power Technology
Interstate Gas Services, Inc.
IUCG/ Sunshine Design LLC
J. R. Wood, Inc
JTM, Inc
Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips
Marcus, David
Matthew V. Brady & Associates
Maynor, Donald H.
McKenzie & Assoc
McKenzie & Associates
Meek, Daniel W.
Mirant California, LLC
Modesto Irrigation Dist
Morrison & Foerster
Morse Richard Weisenmiller & Assoc.
Navigant Consulting
New United Motor Mfg, Inc
Norris & Wong Associates
North Coast Solar Resources
Northern California Power Agency
Office of Energy Assessments
OnGrid Solar
Palo Alto Muni Utilities
PG&E National Energy Group
Pinnacle CNG Company
Pitco
Pluriml, inc.
PPL EnergyPlus, LLC
Praxair, Inc.
Price, Roy
Product Development Dept
R. M. Hairston & Company
R. W. Beck & Associates
Recon Research
Regional Cogeneration Service
RMC Lonestar
Sacramento Municipal Utility District
SCD Energy Solutions
Seattle City Light
Sempra
Sempra Energy
Sequoia Union HS Dist
SESCO
Sierra Pacific Power Company
Silicon Valley Power
Smurfit Stone Container Corp
Southern California Edison
SPURR
St. Paul Assoc
Stanford University
Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
Tabors Caramanis & Associates
Tecogen, Inc
TFS Energy
Transcanada
Turlock Irrigation District
U S Borax, Inc
United Cogen Inc.
URM Groups
Utility Cost Management LLC
Utility Resource Network
Wellhead Electric Company
Western Hub Properties, LLC
White & Case
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