January 24, 2007

Advice Letter 2955-E

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

Subject: General Order 131-D, Merced-Merced Falls 70 kV Power Line Relocation, City of Merced

Dear Ms. de la Torre:

Advice Letter 2955-E is effective January 18, 2007. A copy of the advice letter is returned herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

Sean H. Gallagher, Director
Energy Division
December 19, 2006

Advice 2955-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 Relocation of Merced-Merced Falls 70 Kilovolt Power Line
Relocation and Melones-Wilson 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line Tower
Raise, City of Merced

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 the developers of the Bellevue Ranch
Development in the City of Merced to relocate approximately one mile of the Merced-
Merced Falls 70 Kilovolt Power Line in conjunction with the development of the new
subdivision westerly of “G” street between Bellevue Road and Cardella Road. This
relocation will allow development of the subdivision tract along with the improvement of
“G” Street. The Company will remove 22 existing wood poles and install 24 new wood
poles in a new alignment approximately 25 feet to the west in a new franchise location
along “G” Street. The new wood poles will be approximately 10 to 25 feet taller to
accommodate new street and signal lights and EMF mitigation. In addition, the
Company will raise two towers of the Melones-Wilson 230 Kilovolt transmission line
approximately 10 feet to accommodate the development. Work will commence in
February, 2007, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by May, 2007,
or as soon thereafter as possible.
This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements, pursuant to G.O. 131-D, Section III, Subsections B.1.g, which exempt the following:

   g) Transmission and power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement.

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:

- Ten poles of the Merced-Merced Falls 70 Kilovolt power line will be raised ten feet taller than otherwise required to reduce public exposure to EMF 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 letter sent via U.S. mail, by facsimile or electronically, any of which must be received no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, which is January 8, 2007, at the following address:

Tariff Files, Room 4005  
DMS Branch  
Energy Division  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102  
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200  
E-mail: inj@cpuc.ca.gov and msn@cpuc.ca.gov

Copies of protests also should be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004, at the address shown above.

The protests also should be sent via U.S. mail (and by facsimile and electronically, if possible) to PG&E at the addresses shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Attention: David T. Kraska  
Attorney, Law Department  
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 January 18, 2007, which is 30 calendar 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, a copy of this advice letter is being sent electronically and via U.S. mail to 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 changes should be directed to Rose de la Torre at (415) 973-4716. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at: http://www.pge.com/tariffs

Signed

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)**

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### EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

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Advice Letter (AL) #: **2955-E**

Subject of AL: **General Order 131-D, Merced-Merced Falls 70kV Power Line Relocation, City of Merced**

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: **January 18, 2007**

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:**

**Tariff Files, Room 4005**

**DMS Branch**

**Energy Division**

**505 Van Ness Avenue**

**San Francisco, CA 94102**

**E-mail: inj@cpuc.ca.gov and mas@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.
PROJECT NAME: Merced-Merced Falls 70 Kilovolt Power Line Relocation, City of Merced
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 2955-E

Proposed Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested by the developers of the Bellevue Ranch Development in the City of Merced to relocate approximately one mile of the Merced-Merced Falls 70 Kilovolt Power Line in conjunction with the development of the new subdivision westerly of “G” street between Bellevue Road and Cardella Road. This relocation will allow development of the subdivision tract along with the improvement of “G” Street. PG&E will remove 22 existing wood poles and install 24 new wood poles in a new alignment approximately 25 feet to the west in a new franchise location along “G” Street. The new wood poles will be approximately 10 to 25 feet taller to accommodate new street and signal lights and EMF mitigation. In addition, PG&E will raise two towers of the Melones-Wilson 230 Kilovolt transmission line approximately 10 feet to accommodate the development. Work will commence in February, 2007, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by May, 2007, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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 is proposed for this project:

- Ten poles of the Merced-Merced Falls 70 Kilovolt power line will be raised ten feet taller than otherwise required to reduce public exposure to EMF 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:

  g) transmission line and power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement.

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 January 8, 2007, at the following address:

Tariff Files, Room 4005
DMS Branch
Energy Division
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 1-866-849-8390 (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

Merced-Merced Falls 70 Kilovolt Power Line Relocation, City of Merced
Advice 2955-E

Energy Commission

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

Mr. Terry O’Brien, Deputy Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39
Sacramento, CA  95814

City of Merced

Merced Civic Center
Development Services Department
678 West 18th Street
Merced, CA  95340

Newspaper

Merced Sun Star