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Advice Letter 3253-E

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**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for
the Construction of Bogue 115 kV Loop Tower Replacement Project,
County of Yuba**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 3253-E is effective May 21, 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Lewis".

Kenneth Lewis, Acting Director
Energy Division

April 21, 2008

**Advice 3253-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 Bogue 115kV Loop Tower
Replacement Project, County of Yuba**

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

In order to accommodate a levee setback project by The Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA), Pacific Gas and Electric Company must replace five existing steel power line towers (supporting approximately 2500 feet of line) on its Bogue 115kV Loop power line (consisting of the Palermo-Bogue and Bogue-Rio Oso 115kV circuits) located approximately four-miles south of Marysville, east of the existing eastern Feather River levee and west of Feather River Boulevard. The levee setback project will result in these towers being subject to flooding, which will require PG&E to rebuild the foundations to withstand potential flooding. In accordance with the Commission's General Order 95, the subject towers will be approximately 30-feet taller to maintain ground clearances over the expanded floodplain and new levee. The project site is entirely agricultural land with only a few scattered residences (some to be

removed) in the vicinity. Since the power line, which serves over 12,000 power connections to the local area, cannot be taken out of service, temporary transmission lines (shoo-flies) will be constructed. The five subject towers plus two additional towers to the east will have shoo-fly support structures installed during construction. The shoo-fly structures will be wooden poles that will be approximately 30 feet taller than the existing structures to accommodate reduced ground clearance caused by the new levee. The shoo-fly lines will be located at least 50-feet away from and run parallel to the existing power line alignment, one on each side of the current alignment, each carrying one of the two existing circuits. Construction is scheduled to begin in June, 2008, and the new facilities are planned to be in operation beginning in November, 2008, or as soon as possible after project completion.

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 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 Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA) has approved an addendum to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Feather River Levee Repair Project, an Element of the Yuba-Feather Supplemental Flood Control Project, on April 15, 2008, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed facilities. (State Clearinghouse #2006062071.)

Effective Date

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **May 21, 2008**, 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.)

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by filing a protest with the CPUC and the Company by **May 12, 2008**¹, at the following address:

CPUC Energy Division
Attn: Tariff Unit, 4th Floor
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

¹ The 20-day protest period concludes on a weekend. PG&E is hereby moving this date to the following business day.

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200

E-Mail: jnj@cpuc.ca.gov and mas@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, Law Department
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
P.O. Box 7442
San Francisco, California 94120

Facsimile: (415) 973-0516

Brian 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.

Notice

In accordance with G.O. 96-B, Section IV, 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. Address change requests 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>.



Vice President, Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Parties Listed in G.O. 131-D, Paragraphs B.1 and B.2

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 M)**

Utility type:

☒ ELC

☒ GAS

☐ PLC

☐ HEAT

☐ WATER

Contact Person: Linda Tom-Martinez

Phone #: (415) 973-4612

E-mail: lmt1@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) #: **3253-E**

Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: Bogue 115kV Loop Tower Replacement Project (County of Yuba)

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 AL¹: _____

Is AL requesting confidential treatment? If so, what information is the utility seeking confidential treatment for:

Confidential information will be made available to those who have executed a nondisclosure agreement: ☐ Yes

☐ No

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: **May 21, 2008**

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 proposed¹: 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:

CPUC, Energy Division

Tariff Files, Room 4005

DMS Branch

505 Van Ness Ave.,

San Francisco, CA 94102

jnj@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

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: BOGUE 115kV LOOP TOWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT, COUNTY OF YUBA
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3253-E

Proposed Project: In order to accommodate a levee setback project by The Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA), Pacific Gas and Electric Company must replace five existing steel power line towers (supporting approximately 2500 feet of line) on its Bogue 115kV Loop power line (consisting of the Palermo-Bogue and Bogue-Rio Oso 115kV circuits) located approximately four-miles south of Marysville, east of the existing eastern Feather River levee and west of Feather River Boulevard. The levee setback project will result in these towers being subject to flooding, which will require PG&E to rebuild the foundations to withstand potential flooding. In accordance with the Commission's General Order 95, the subject towers will be approximately 30-feet taller to maintain ground clearances over the expanded floodplain and new levee. The project site is entirely agricultural land with only a few scattered residences (some to be removed) in the vicinity. Since the power line, which serves over 12,000 power connections to the local area, cannot be taken out of service, temporary transmission lines (shoo-flies) will be constructed. The five subject towers plus two additional towers to the east will have shoo-fly support structures installed during construction. The shoo-fly structures will be wooden poles that will be approximately 30 feet taller than the existing structures to accommodate reduced ground clearance caused by the new levee. The shoo-fly lines will be located at least 50-feet away from and run parallel to the existing power line alignment, one on each side of the current alignment, each carrying one of the two existing circuits. Construction is scheduled to begin in June, 2008, and the new facilities are planned to be in operation beginning in November, 2008, or as soon as possible after project completion.

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:

- "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."

TRLIA approved an addendum to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Feather River Levee Repair Project, an Element of the Yuba-Feather Supplemental Flood Control Project, on April 15, 2008, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed facilities. (State Clearinghouse #2006062071.)

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 May 12, 2008 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 1-866-849-8390 (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

BOGUE 115kV LOOP TOWER REPLACEMENT, COUNTY OF YUBA Advice 3253-E

Energy Commission

Ms. Melissa Jones, Executive Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39
Sacramento, California 95814

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

County of Yuba

Wendy Hartman
Acting Planning Director
915 8th Street, Suite 123
Marysville, CA 95901
(530) 749-5470

Newspaper

Appeal-Democrat
P.O. Box 431
Marysville, CA 95901
(800) 831-2345

**PG&E Gas and Electric
Advice Filing List
General Order 96-B, Section IV**

ABAG Power Pool
Accent Energy
Aglet Consumer Alliance
Agnews Developmental Center
Ahmed, Ali
Alcantar & Kahl
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 Ginners & Growers Assoc.
CA League of Food Processors
CA Water Service Group
California Energy Commission
California Farm Bureau Federation
California Gas Acquisition Svcs
California ISO
Calpine
Calpine Corp
Calpine Gilroy Cogen
Cambridge Energy Research Assoc
Cameron McKenna
Cardinal Cogen
Cellnet Data Systems
Chevron Texaco
Chevron USA Production Co.
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
Dynergy 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, Squeri, 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.
MBMC, Inc.
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
Plurimi, 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
Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
Tabors Caramanis & Associates
Tecogen, Inc
TFS Energy
Transcanada
Turlock Irrigation District
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URM Groups
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White & Case
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