

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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September 23, 2009

**Advice Letter 3510-E**

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**Subject: Notice of Proposed Construction of Facilities Pursuant to General  
Order 131-D, Keswick-Trinity-Weaverville 60 kV Pole Replacement,  
Counties of Shasta and Trinity**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 3510-E is effective September 18, 2009.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Fitch, Director  
Energy Division

August 19, 2009

**Advice 3510-E**  
**(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject:**     **Notice of Proposed Construction of Facilities Pursuant to General Order 131-D, Keswick-Trinity-Weaverville 60kV Pole Replacement, Counties of Shasta and Trinity**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) 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 provide reliable transmission service and reduce the risk of outages in its service area, PG&E proposes to replace approximately 40 wood poles (replacement of existing facilities) along the existing Keswick-Trinity-Weaverville 60kV Power Line within Shasta and Trinity Counties (existing easement). The existing wood poles, which have been recently tested and found in need of replacement; will be replaced with approximately 5 - to 10 - foot taller wood poles to maintain sufficient distance between the ground and lower distribution lines as required by the California Public Utility Commission's General Order 95. The replacement work will begin at a pole approximately 1.3 miles west of Keswick Substation (northwest of Redding) just north of Rock Creek Road and extends approximately 26 miles in a north westerly direction towards Weaverville Substation in Weaverville. The power line extends parallel to and adjacent to State Highway 299 for approximately 7 miles along the eastern shore of Whiskeytown Lake; another power line is also located in the same corridor for this segment of the project. The power line then leaves Hwy 299, extends roughly parallel to Highway 299 in a northerly direction (maximum separation of approximately 6.5 miles) and then rejoins Hwy 299 near the last pole replacement location, just southeast of Weaverville. Construction is proposed to begin October 2009 or as soon as possible

thereafter, and project completion is scheduled for December 2010 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, B.1, which states that a Permit to Construct is not required for;

- “The replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures.”
- “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.”

### **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 **September 8, 2009**, which is 20 days after the date of this filing. Protests should be mailed to:

CPUC Energy Division  
Tariff Files, Room 4005  
DMS Branch  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200  
E-mail: [jnj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jnj@cpuc.ca.gov) and [mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@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 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

Brian K. Cherry  
Vice President, Regulatory Relations  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C  
P.O. Box 770000  
San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-7226  
E-mail: [PGETariffs@pge.com](mailto:PGETariffs@pge.com)

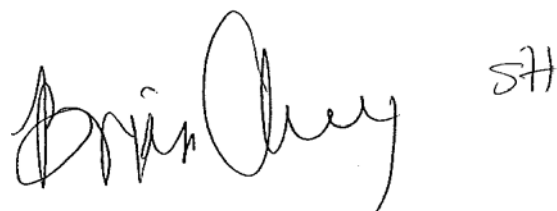
Persons or groups may protest the proposed construction if they believe that PG&E has incorrectly applied for an exemption or that the conditions set out in Section III.B.2 of G.O. 131-D exist.

### **Effective Date**

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on **September 18, 2009**, 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-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 changes to the General Order 96-B service list should be directed to San Heng at 415-973-2640. Send all electronic approvals to [PGETariffs@pge.com](mailto:PGETariffs@pge.com). 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: San Heng

Phone #: 415-973-2640

E-mail: S1HQ@PGE.COM

## EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric

GAS = Gas

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PLC = Pipeline

HEAT = Heat

WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 3510-ETier: N/ASubject of AL: Keswick-Trinity-Weaverville 60kV Pole Replacement, Counties of Shasta and TrinityKeywords (choose from CPUC listing): Power LinesAL 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 AL:

Is AL requesting confidential treatment? If so, what information is the utility seeking confidential treatment for: NoConfidential 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 ☒ NoRequested effective date: September 18, 2009No. of tariff sheets: N/AEstimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/AEstimated 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/AService affected and changes proposed: 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

jn@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

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

**PROJECT NAME: KESWICK-TRINITY-WEAVERVILLE 60kV POLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, Counties of Shasta and Trinity**

**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3510-E**

**Proposed Project:** In order to provide reliable transmission service and reduce the risk of outages in its service area, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proposes to replace approximately 40 wood poles (replacement of existing facilities) along the existing Keswick-Trinity-Weaverville 60kV Power Line within Shasta and Trinity Counties (existing easement). The existing wood poles, which have been recently tested and found in need of replacement; will be replaced with approximately 5- to 10- foot taller wood poles to maintain sufficient distance between the ground and lower distribution lines as required by the California Public Utility Commission's General Order 95. The replacement work will begin at a pole approximately 1.3 miles west of Keswick Substation (northwest of Redding) just north of Rock Creek Road and extends approximately 26 miles in a north westerly direction towards Weaverville Substation in Weaverville. The power line extends parallel to and adjacent to State Highway 299 for approximately 7 miles along the eastern shore of Whiskeytown Lake; another power line is also located in the same corridor for this segment of the project. The power line then leaves Hwy 299, extends roughly parallel to Highway 299 in a northerly direction (maximum separation of approximately 6.5 miles) and then rejoins Hwy 299 near the last pole replacement location, just southeast of Weaverville. Construction is proposed to begin October 2009 or as soon as possible thereafter, and project completion is scheduled for December 2010 or as soon as possible thereafter.

**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):

- b) The replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures.
- 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 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
- 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 September 8, 2009 at the following address:***

Director, Energy Division  
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

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](mailto: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**

### **KESWICK-TRINITY-WEAVERVILLE 60Kv POLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

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#### **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 Shasta**

Richard W. Simon,  
Assistant Director/Planning Division Manager  
1855 Placer Street, Suite 103  
Redding, CA 96001  
(530) 225-5532

#### **County of Trinity**

Richard Tippet  
Planning Director  
PO Box 2819  
Weaverville, CA 96093  
(530) 623-1351

#### **Newspaper**

The Trinity Journal  
P. O. Box 340  
Weaverville, CA 96093  
(530) 623-2055

Record Searchlight  
P.O. Box 492397  
Redding, CA 96049  
(530) 243-2424

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

Alcantar & Kahl	Day Carter Murphy	Norris & Wong Associates
Ameresco	Defense Energy Support Center	North Coast SolarResources
Anderson & Poole	Department of Water Resources	Northern California Power Association
Arizona Public Service Company	Department of the Army	Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc.
BART	Dept of General Services	OnGrid Solar
BP Energy Company	Division of Business Advisory Services	Praxair
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.	Douglas & Liddell	R. W. Beck & Associates
Bartle Wells Associates	Douglass & Liddell	RCS, Inc.
C & H Sugar Co.	Downey & Brand	Recon Research
CA Bldg Industry Association	Duke Energy	SCD Energy Solutions
CAISO	Dutcher, John	SCE
CLECA Law Office	Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP	SMUD
CSC Energy Services	FPL Energy Project Management, Inc.	SPURR
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn	Foster Farms	Santa Fe Jets
California Energy Commission	G. A. Krause & Assoc.	Seattle City Light
California League of Food Processors	GLJ Publications	Sempra Utilities
	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie	Sierra Pacific Power Company
California Public Utilities Commission	Green Power Institute	
Calpine	Hanna & Morton	Silicon Valley Power
Cameron McKenna	Hitachi	Southern California Edison Company
Cardinal Cogen	International Power Technology	Sunshine Design
Casner, Steve	Intestate Gas Services, Inc.	Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
Chamberlain, Eric	Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power	Tabors Caramanis & Associates
Chevron Company	Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP	Tecogen, Inc.
Chris, King	MBMC, Inc.	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
City of Glendale	MRW & Associates	Tioga Energy
City of Palo Alto	Manatt Phelps Phillips	TransCanada
City of San Jose	Matthew V. Brady & Associates	Turlock Irrigation District
Clean Energy Fuels	McKenzie & Associates	U S Borax, Inc.
Coast Economic Consulting	Merced Irrigation District	United Cogen
Commerce Energy	Mirant	Utility Cost Management
Commercial Energy	Modesto Irrigation District	Utility Specialists
Consumer Federation of California	Morgan Stanley	Verizon
Crossborder Energy	Morrison & Foerster	Wellhead Electric Company
		Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP	New United Motor Mfg., Inc.	eMeter Corporation