September 23, 2009

Advice Letter 3513-E

Brian K. Cherry
Vice President, Regulatory Relations
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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San Francisco, CA  94177

Subject:  Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the Wilson-Le Grand 115 kV Relocation Project in the County of Merced

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 3513-E is effective September 20, 2009.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Fitch, Director
Energy Division
August 21, 2009

Advice 3513-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 Wilson-Le Grand 115kV Relocation Project in the County of Merced

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

To accommodate the State Route 99 (SR-99) Freeway-Widening Project in a rural agricultural area of Merced County, PG&E has been requested by the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to relocate approximately 1,180 feet of the Wilson-Le Grand 115 kilovolt power line (relocation of existing facilities) that crosses over SR-99 approximately 850 feet southeasterly of the SR-99 and Le Grand Road intersection in Merced County. To accomplish the relocation while meeting legal clearance requirements over the Caltrans improvements, four 70-foot-tall wood poles will be replaced with two taller tubular steel poles. The relocation will start southerly of the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks (UPRR) and extend northerly in the existing Pacific Gas & Electric Company easement (existing public utility easement) for approximately 1,180 feet to a point just northeasterly of the new Caltrans improvements. The first new pole, approximately 120 feet tall, will be located approximately 10 feet southerly of the existing wood pole located southerly of the UPRR Right of Way; the other new pole, approximately 100 feet tall, will be located approximately 205 feet northerly of the first existing wood pole north of Le Grand Road (just northeasterly of the new Freeway improvements). Work is scheduled to begin in
October 2009, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by May 2010, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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. PG&E believes this project qualifies for the following exemption(s):

c) the minor relocation of existing power line facilities up to 2,000 feet in length, or the intersetting of additional support structures between existing support 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.

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 PG&E by **September 10, 2009**, which is 20 days after the date of this filing. Protests should be mailed to the following address:

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 and mas@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:
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 20, 2009** 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-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. 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
Company name/CPUC Utility No. **Pacific Gas and Electric Company (ID U39 M)**

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**EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE**

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

Advice Letter (AL) #: **3513-E**

Subject of AL: **Wilson-Le Grand 115kV Relocation Project – Merced County**

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): **Power Lines**

AL filing type: ☑ One-Time  ☐ Monthly  ☐ Quarterly  ☐ Annual  ☐ 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: **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: **September 20, 2009**

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**

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
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, CA 94177
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com
NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: Wilson-Le Grand 115kV Relocation Project - Merced County
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3513-E

Proposed Project: To accommodate the State Route 99 (SR-99) Freeway-Widening Project in a rural agricultural area of Merced County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested by the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to relocate approximately 1,180 feet of the Wilson-Le Grand 115 kilovolt power line (relocation of existing facilities) that crosses over SR-99 approximately 850 feet southeasterly of the SR-99 and Le Grand Road intersection in Merced County. To accomplish the relocation while meeting legal clearance requirements over the Caltrans improvements, four 70-foot-tall wood poles will be replaced with two taller tubular steel poles. The relocation will start southeasterly of the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks (UPRR) and extend northerly in the existing PG&E easement (existing public utility easement) for approximately 1,180 feet to a point just northeasterly of the new Caltrans improvements. The first new pole, approximately 120 feet tall, will be located approximately 10 feet southerly of the existing wood pole located southeasterly of the UPRR Right of Way; the other new pole, approximately 100 feet tall, will be located approximately 205 feet northerly of the first existing wood pole north of Le Grand Road (just northeasterly of the new Freeway improvements). Work is scheduled to begin in October 2009, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by May 2010, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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):

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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 10, 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.

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

Wilson-Le Grand 115kV Relocation Project - Merced County

Advice 3513-E

Energy Commission

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 Merced

Merced Planning & Community Development Department
Attn: Robert (Bobby) A. Lewis
Development Services Director
2222 M St.
Merced, CA 95340

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