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June 18, 2010

Advice Letter 3650-E

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**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, for
the Construction of Westside Parkway Phase 4 – PG&E
Transmission Tower Relocation in the City of Bakersfield,
County of Kern**

Dear Ms. Yura:

Advice Letter 3650-E is effective May 8, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie A. Fitch".

Julie A. Fitch, Director
Energy Division



Jane K. Yura
Vice President
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April 8, 2010

**Advice 3650-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 Westside Parkway Phase 4 - PG&E Transmission Tower Relocation in the City of Bakersfield, County of Kern

Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E" or "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

To accommodate the Westside Parkway Phase 4 Project in the City of Bakersfield, Kern County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested by the City of Bakersfield (City) to relocate two 100-foot tall electric transmission towers. The northerly tower is part of the Kern-Magunden-Witco 115 kilovolt (115kV) and the Kern-Magunden 70kV tower lines (relocation of existing facilities) and the southerly tower is part of the Kern-Westpark #1 and #2 115kV power lines (relocation of existing facilities). Both towers are located north of Truxtun Avenue (and north of the bike trail), south of the Kings River and west of the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad underpass on Truxtun Avenue in the City of Bakersfield. The northerly tower will be moved approximately 30 feet easterly in the existing power line alignment, and the southerly tower will be moved approximately 50 feet easterly in its existing power line alignment (existing public utility easement). To accomplish the relocation while meeting legal clearance requirements over the City's new improvements, the two steel towers will be replaced with towers that are approximately 40' taller. Work is

scheduled to begin in May 2010, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by December 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. The Company 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 the Company by **April 28, 2010**, 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:

David T. Kraska
Attorney, Law Department
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
P.O. Box 7442
San Francisco, California 94120

Facsimile: (415) 973-0516

Jane K. Yura
Vice President, Regulation and Rates
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
P.O. Box 770000, Mail Code B10B
San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-6520
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.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **May 8, 2010**, 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 and all electronic approvals should be sent to e-mail PGETariffs@pge.com. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at <http://www.pge.com/tariffs/>.

Handwritten signature of Jane Yura in cursive script, followed by a vertical line and the initials 'jmt'.

Vice President - Regulation and Rates

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

Attachments

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) #: **3650-E**

Tier: **N/A**

Subject of AL: **Westside Parkway Phase 4 – PG&E Transmission Tower Relocation, City of Bakersfield (Kern County)**

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 8, 2010**

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: Jane K. Yura

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: Westside Parkway Phase 4 - PG&E Transmission Tower Relocation, City of Bakersfield, Kern County
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3650-E

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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:

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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 April 28, 2010 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

**Westside Parkway Phase 4 - PG&E Transmission Tower Relocation
City of Bakersfield, Kern County**

Advice 3650-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

City of Bakersfield

Jim Eggert
Planning Director
1600 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, California 93301

Newspaper

Bakersfield Californian

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

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