August 30, 2010

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Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D
for the Construction of Pease – Rio Oso 115 kV Tower
Replacement Project at Bear River in the Counties of
Sutter and Yuba

Dear Ms. Yura:

Advice Letter 3702-E is effective August 17, 2010.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Fitch, Director
Energy Division
Advice 3702-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 Pease – Rio Oso 115 kV Tower Replacement Project at Bear River in the Counties of Sutter and Yuba  

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**  

In order to provide safe and reliable electric service to customers in the Sacramento Valley, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to remove six deteriorated lattice steel transmission towers and replace them with five new tubular steel poles (replacement of existing facilities, existing easement). The existing towers are located approximately 2,000 feet east of Highway 70 and run parallel to the highway between Feather River Boulevard in Yuba County and Rio Oso Road in Sutter County. The new poles will be approximately 15 feet taller than the existing towers in order to provide the required clearances specified in General Order 95 and match the pole heights on the existing parallel transmission line. After the new poles are installed, approximately 3,500 feet of the existing deteriorated wires (conductors) will be replaced with new conductors (reconductor). The project has been scheduled and designed to avoid and minimize biological impacts to the Giant Garter Snake and the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle (VELB). Additionally, it has been appended to the Fish and Wildlife Service’s November 13, 1997 “Programmatic Formal Consultation for Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permitted Projects With Relatively Small Effects on
the Giant Garter Snake within Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Fresno, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter and Yolo Counties,” and is covered by the June 23, 2003, Biological Opinion issued for PG&E’s VELB Conservation Program. Construction is expected to begin in August 2010, or as soon as possible thereafter, and be completed in December 2012, or as soon as possible thereafter.

CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1.b,g 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 exemptions:

b. The replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures, and

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

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 **July 29, 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:
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 **August 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/.

Vice President - Regulation and Rates

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

Attachments
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

**Advice Letter (AL) #:** 3702-E  
**Tier:** N/A

**Subject of AL:** Pease-Rio Oso 115kV Tower Replacement Project at Bear River, Counties of Sutter and 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 AL**: _____________________________

**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:**

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**Resolution Required?**  [☐] Yes  [☑] No

**Requested effective date:** **August 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 proposed**: N/A

**Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:** N/A

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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**  
Vice President, Regulation and Rates  
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10B  
P.O. Box 770000  
San Francisco, CA 94177  
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com
NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: Pease-Rio Oso 115 kV Tower Replacement Project at Bear River, Counties of Sutter and Yuba

ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3702-E

Proposed Project: In order to provide safe and reliable electric service to customers in the Sacramento Valley, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to remove six deteriorated lattice steel transmission towers and replace them with five new tubular steel poles (replacement of existing facilities, existing easement). The existing towers are located approximately 2,000 feet east of Highway 70 and run parallel to the highway between Feather River Boulevard in Yuba County and Rio Oso Road in Sutter County. The new poles will be approximately 15 feet taller than the existing towers in order to provide the required clearances specified in General Order 95 and match the pole heights on the existing parallel transmission line. After the new poles are installed, approximately 3,500 feet of the existing deteriorated wires (conductors) will be replaced with new conductors (reconductor). The project has been scheduled and designed to avoid and minimize biological impacts to the Giant Garter Snake and the Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle (VELB). Additionally, it has been appended to the Fish and Wildlife Service’s November 13, 1997 “Programmatic Formal Consultation for Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permitted Projects With Relatively Small Effects on the Giant Garter Snake within Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Fresno, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter and Yolo Counties,” and is covered by the June 23, 2003, Biological Opinion issued for PG&E’s VELB Conservation Program. Construction is expected to begin in August 2010, or as soon as possible thereafter, and be completed in December 2012, 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:

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.

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 July 29, 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

Pease – Rio Oso 115 kV Tower Replacement Project at Bear River, Counties of Sutter and Yuba

Advice 3702-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 Yuba

Wendy Hartman, Director
Planning Department
915 8th Street, Suite 123
Marysville, CA 95901

County of Sutter

Lisa Purvis-Wilson, Division Chief
Planning Department
1160 Civic Center Boulevard
Yuba City, CA 95993

Newspaper

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