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**Advice Letter 3710-E**

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**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order  
131-D, for the Manteca-Louise 60 kV Relocation Project in  
the City of Lathrop**

Dear Ms. Yura:

Advice Letter 3710-E is effective September 3, 2010.

Sincerely,

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

Julie A. Fitch, Director  
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**Advice 3710-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 Manteca-Louise 60 kV Relocation Project in the City of Lathrop**

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**

The City of Lathrop has requested PG&E to relocate approximately 3,581 feet of the existing Manteca-Louise 60 kV Power Line along the north side of Louise Avenue so that Louise Avenue can be widened as part of the City of Lathrop's Louise Avenue Widening and Rehabilitation Phase II Project. PG&E will move the power line between Villa Tacion Drive and 5<sup>th</sup> Street approximately 15 to 30 feet north of its present location, still on the north side of Louise Avenue. To accomplish this, and to ensure legal ground to wire clearance, seven wood poles that are 75 feet tall will be replaced with seven light-duty steel poles approximately the same height; seven 80- to 100-foot tall wood poles will be replaced with approximately 5- to 25-foot shorter light-duty steel poles; one new approximately 90-foot tall light-duty steel pole will be installed northeast of the intersection of McKinley Avenue and Louise Avenue; and two 25- to 35-foot tall wood poles will be replaced with approximately 10-foot taller wood poles. Light-duty steel poles are stronger and more fire resistant than wood poles and

weather to resemble the appearance of wood poles. Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2010 or as soon thereafter as possible, with completion in approximately eight weeks or as soon as possible after construction begins.

CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1.f, 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),

- "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 City of Lathrop adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration on December 18, 2007, with supporting Addendum on August 2, 2010, for the City of Lathrop Louise Avenue Widening and Rehabilitation Phase II Project, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed facilities.

Additionally, G.O. 131-D requires utilities to employ "no cost" and specified "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs) in accordance with CPUC Decision 06-01-042 and the "EMF Guidelines for Electrical Facilities." The following measures are proposed for this project:

- Because there are no EMF mitigation measures available on this project that would meet the CPUC's benchmark of 4% or less of the total project cost, no "no cost" or "low-cost" measures will be employed.

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 **August 24, 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](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

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](mailto: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 **September 3, 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



## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

**PROJECT NAME:** Manteca-Louise 60 kV Relocation Project (City of Lathrop)

**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER:** 3710-E

**Proposed Project:** The City of Lathrop has requested PG&E to relocate approximately 3,581 feet of the existing Manteca-Louise 60 kV Power Line along the north side of Louise Avenue so that Louise Avenue can be widened as part of the City of Lathrop's Louise Avenue Widening and Rehabilitation Phase II Project. PG&E will move the power line between Villa Tacion Drive and 5<sup>th</sup> Street approximately 15 to 30 feet north of its present location, still on the north side of Louise Avenue. To accomplish this, and to ensure legal ground to wire clearance, seven wood poles that are 75 feet tall will be replaced with seven light-duty steel poles approximately the same height; seven 80- to 100-foot tall wood poles will be replaced with approximately 5- to 25-foot shorter light-duty steel poles; one new approximately 90-foot tall light-duty steel pole will be installed northeast of the intersection of McKinley Avenue and Louise Avenue; and two 25- to 35-foot tall wood poles will be replaced with approximately 10-foot taller wood poles. Light-duty steel poles are stronger and more fire resistant than wood poles and weather to resemble the appearance of wood poles. Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2010 or as soon thereafter as possible, with completion in approximately eight weeks or as soon as possible after construction begins.

**Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF):** Pacific Gas and Electric Company will employ "no cost" and specified "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to EMF in accordance with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Decision 06-01-042 and Pacific Gas and Electric Company's "EMF Design Guidelines for Electrical Facilities." The following measures are proposed for this project:

- Because there are no EMF mitigation measures available on this project that would meet the CPUC's benchmark of 4% or less of the total project cost, no "no cost" or "low cost" measures will be employed.

**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.

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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 August 24, 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](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**

**Manteca-Louise 60 kV Relocation Project**

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**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 Lathrop**

Tom Ruark, Acting Director  
Community Development  
390 Towne Center Drive  
Lathrop, CA 95330

**Newspaper**

Stockton Record  
209-546-8214

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

Alcantar & Kahl	Department of Water Resources	Northern California Power Association
Ameresco	Department of the Army	Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc.
Anderson & Poole	Dept of General Services	OnGrid Solar
Arizona Public Service Company	Division of Business Advisory Services	Praxair
BART	Douglass & Liddell	R. W. Beck & Associates
BP Energy Company	Downey & Brand	RCS, Inc.
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.	Duke Energy	Recon Research
Bartle Wells Associates	Dutcher, John	Recurrent Energy
Bloomberg New Energy Finance	Economic Sciences Corporation	SCD Energy Solutions
Boston Properties	Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP	SCE
Brookfield Renewable Power	Foster Farms	SMUD
C & H Sugar Co.	G. A. Krause & Assoc.	SPURR
CA Bldg Industry Association	GLJ Publications	Santa Fe Jets
CAISO	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie	Seattle City Light
CLECA Law Office	Green Power Institute	Sempra Utilities
CSC Energy Services	Hanna & Morton	Sierra Pacific Power Company
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn	Hitachi	Silicon Valley Power
California Energy Commission	International Power Technology	Silo Energy LLC
California League of Food Processors	Intestate Gas Services, Inc.	Southern California Edison Company
California Public Utilities Commission	Lawrence Berkeley National Lab	Sunshine Design
Calpine	Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power	Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
Cameron McKenna	Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP	Tabors Caramanis & Associates
Cardinal Cogen	MAC Lighting Consulting	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
Day Carter Murphy	Norris & Wong Associates	Communities Association (WMA)
Defense Energy Support Center	North America Power Partners	eMeter Corporation
	North Coast SolarResources	