

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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September 16, 2010

**Advice Letter 3713-E**

Jane K. Yura  
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Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10B  
P.O. Box 770000  
San Francisco, CA 94177

**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D,  
for the Construction of the Salado – Newman #2 60 kV  
Maintenance Project in Stanislaus County**

Dear Ms. Yura:

Advice Letter 3713-E is effective September 10, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie A. Fitch".

Julie A. Fitch, Director  
Energy Division

August 11, 2010

**Advice 3713-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 Salado – Newman #2 60 kV Maintenance Project in Stanislaus County**

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 Stanislaus County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace the deteriorated wire (reconductor) on four spans of the Salado–Newman #2 60 kV Power Line near Elm Avenue between East Las Palmas Avenue and Orange Avenue (existing easement) in Stanislaus County. In order to replace this wire, four of the existing wood poles will be replaced with four new light-duty steel poles that will weather to resemble wood poles (replacement of existing facilities, existing easement). The new poles will be approximately 10 feet taller than the existing poles in order to provide the required clearances specified in the Commission’s General Order 95. Additionally, three adjacent poles that are not currently being utilized will be removed. The project has been scheduled and designed to avoid and minimize biological impacts and is covered under PG&E’s existing San Joaquin Valley Habitat Conservation Plan of December 2007 for any biological impacts that may occur during construction. Construction is expected to begin in September 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 **August 31, 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: [anj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:anj@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

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 10, 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**

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. 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/>.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Yura" followed by a slanted line and the word "ent" in a smaller script.

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) #: **3713-E**

Tier: **N/A**

Subject of AL: **Salado-Newman #2 60kV Maintenance Project (Stanislaus 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 AL<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

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: **September 10, 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<sup>1</sup>: 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**

**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:** Salado–Newman #2 60 kV Maintenance Project in Stanislaus County  
**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER:** 3713-E

**Proposed Project:** In order to provide safe and reliable electric service to customers in Stanislaus County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace the deteriorated wire (reconductor) on four spans of the Salado–Newman #2 60 kV Power Line near Elm Avenue between East Las Palmas Avenue and Orange Avenue (existing easement) in Stanislaus County. In order to replace this wire, four of the existing wood poles will be replaced with four new light-duty steel poles that will weather to resemble wood poles (replacement of existing facilities, existing easement). The new poles will be approximately 10 feet taller than the existing poles in order to provide the required clearances specified in the Commission's General Order 95. Additionally, three adjacent poles that are not currently being utilized will be removed. The project has been scheduled and designed to avoid and minimize biological impacts and is covered under PG&E's existing San Joaquin Valley Habitat Conservation Plan of December 2007 for any biological impacts that may occur during construction. Construction is expected to begin in September 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, and
- 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 August 31, 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**

### **Salado–Newman #2 60 kV Maintenance Project in Stanislaus County**

#### **Advice 3713-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 Stanislaus**

Mr. Ron Freitas  
Director of Planning  
County of Stanislaus  
1010 - 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Modesto, CA 95354

#### **Newspaper**

Modesto Bee

## **PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Filing List**

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
	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie	Seattle City Light
CAISO	Green Power Institute	Sempra Utilities
CLECA Law Office	Hanna & Morton	Sierra Pacific Power Company
CSC Energy Services	Hitachi	Silicon Valley Power
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn	International Power Technology	Silo Energy LLC
California Energy Commission	Intestate Gas Services, Inc.	Southern California Edison Company
California League of Food Processors	Lawrence Berkeley National Lab	Sunshine Design
California Public Utilities Commission	Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power	Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
Calpine	Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP	Tabors Caramanis & Associates
Cameron McKenna	MAC Lighting Consulting	Tecogen, Inc.
Cardinal Cogen	MBMC, Inc.	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
Casner, Steve	MRW & Associates	Tioga Energy
Chris, King	Manatt Phelps Phillips	TransCanada
City of Glendale	McKenzie & Associates	Turlock Irrigation District
City of Palo Alto	Merced Irrigation District	U S Borax, Inc.
Clean Energy Fuels	Mirant	United Cogen
Coast Economic Consulting	Modesto Irrigation District	Utility Cost Management
Commerce Energy	Morgan Stanley	Utility Specialists
Commercial Energy	Morrison & Foerster	Verizon
Consumer Federation of California	NRG West	Wellhead Electric Company
Crossborder Energy	New United Motor Mfg., Inc.	Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)
		eMeter Corporation
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP	Norris & Wong Associates	
Day Carter Murphy	North America Power Partners	
Defense Energy Support Center	North Coast SolarResources	