September 16, 2010

Advice Letter 3713-E

Jane K. Yura
Vice President, Regulation and Rates
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,

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: 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 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
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/.

\[signature\]

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)

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**EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE**

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

**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:

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:** 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:

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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.

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

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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

County of Stanislaus

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

Newspaper

Modesto Bee
PG&E Gas and Electric
Advice Filing List

Alcantar & Kahl
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Arizona Public Service Company
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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
Casner, 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
Dutcher, John
Economic Sciences Corporation
Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP
Foster Farms
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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
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MBMC, Inc.
MRW & Associates
Manatt Phelps Phillips
McKenzie & Associates
Merritt
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