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Advice Letter 3742-E

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

**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order
131-D, for the Construction of the Haas-Woodchuck 70 kV
Reconductoring Project in the County of Fresno**

Dear Ms. Yura:

Advice Letter 3742-E is effective October 27, 2010.

Sincerely,

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

Julie A. Fitch, Director
Energy Division

September 27, 2010

Advice 3742-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 Haas-Woodchuck 70 kV Reconductoring Project in the County of Fresno

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

PG&E proposes to replace existing wires (conductors) with new wires (reconductor) on approximately 7 miles of the Haas-Woodchuck 70 kV Power Line in eastern Fresno County in order to continue meeting energy demands and to improve electric transmission reliability in rural Fresno County. The reconductoring will involve installing new conductors within this power line section and replacing approximately eighteen wood poles with new wood poles (replacement of existing facilities) at various locations along the length of the power line. The Haas-Woodchuck 70 kV Power Line is located within an existing PG&E easement (existing utility easement) in the Sierra National Forest and begins at the Haas Power House, located off of Black Rock Road in rural Fresno County approximately six miles northeast of Balch Camp, and ending at Woodchuck Substation on McKinley Grove Road, approximately 0.7 miles south of Wishon Village near Wishon Reservoir. The poles being replaced will be approximately 10 to 15 feet taller than the existing poles to support the new conductors and maintain required ground clearances. Work will begin in November 2010, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by December 2011, 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):

- 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, 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 **October 18, 2010**, which is 21 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:

* Because the protest period ends on a weekend, PG&E is moving the end of the protest period to the following business day.

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 **October 27, 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 /emt".

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) #: **3742-E**

Tier: **N/A**

Subject of AL: **Haas-Woodchuck 70 kV Reconductoring Project (Fresno 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: **October 27, 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

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: Haas-Woodchuck 70 kV Reconductoring Project (Fresno County)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3742-E

Proposed Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proposes to replace existing wires (conductors) with new wires (reconductor) on approximately 7 miles of the Haas-Woodchuck 70 kV Power Line in eastern Fresno County in order to continue meeting energy demands and to improve electric transmission reliability in rural Fresno County. The reconductoring will involve installing new conductors within this power line section and replacing approximately eighteen wood poles with new wood poles (replacement of existing facilities) at various locations along the length of the power line. The Haas-Woodchuck 70 kV Power Line is located within an existing PG&E easement (existing utility easement) in the Sierra National Forest and begins at the Haas Power House, located off of Black Rock Road in rural Fresno County approximately six miles northeast of Balch Camp, and ending at Woodchuck Substation on McKinley Grove Road, approximately 0.7 miles south of Wishon Village near Wishon Reservoir. The poles being replaced will be approximately 10 to 15 feet taller than the existing poles to support the new conductors and maintain required ground clearances. Work will begin in November 2010, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by December 2011, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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(s):

- 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, 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.

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 October 18, 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

Haas-Woodchuck 70 kV Reconductoring Project Advice 3742-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 Fresno

Alan Weaver, Director
Public Works and Planning Department
County of Fresno
2220 Tulare Street, 6th floor
Fresno, CA 93721

Newspaper

Fresno Bee

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

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