December 21, 2011

Brian K. Cherry  
Vice President, Regulation and Rates  
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San Francisco, CA 94177

Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, for the Reconductoring Project in the Counties of Madera and Merced

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 3745-E is effective November 18, 2010.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Randolph, Director  
Energy Division
October 19, 2010

Advice 3745-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 LeGrand-Dairyland 115 kV Reconductoring Project in the Counties of Madera and Merced

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 12 miles of the LeGrand-Dairyland 115 kV Power Line in the Counties of Madera and Merced in order to continue meeting energy demands and to improve electric transmission reliability in the Central Valley. The reconductoring will include replacing the existing conductors and replacing approximately 123 wood poles with new direct-buried, light-duty steel poles at various locations along the length of the power line (replacement of existing facilities). The LeGrand-Dairyland 115 kV Power Line is located within the county franchise and existing PG&E easements (existing franchise or public utility easement) and begins at the LeGrand substation, located on Porters Road, approximately three miles south of the community of LeGrand in Merced County. The power line then proceeds south for approximately four miles along Minturn Road, crossing over State Route 99. At Avenue 26, the power line alignment turns west for approximately two miles and then proceeds south for approximately four miles along Road 13. The final section of the power line extends southeasterly along Road 13, approximately 2000 feet to Railroad Avenue, then turns southwest for approximately one mile, to PG&E’s Dairyland substation, which is
located near the intersection of Avenue 21 and Railroad Avenue in Madera County. The replacement poles, which weather to resemble wood poles, 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 November 8, 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:
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 **November 18, 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/.

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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<td>☑ ELC ☑ GAS</td>
<td>Phone #: (415) 973-4612</td>
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<td>E-mail: <a href="mailto:lmt1@pge.com">lmt1@pge.com</a></td>
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**EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE**

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Advice Letter (AL) #: **3745-E**

**Tier:** N/A

Subject of AL: **LeGrand-Dairyland 115 kV Reconductoring Project (Counties of Madera and Merced)**

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: **November 18, 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:

**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: LeGrand-Dairyland 115 kV Reconductoring Project (Counties of Madera and Merced)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3745-E

Proposed Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proposes to replace existing wires (conductors) with new wires (reconductor) on approximately 12 miles of the LeGrand-Dairyland 115 kV Power Line in the Counties of Madera and Merced in order to continue meeting energy demands and to improve electric transmission reliability in the Central Valley. The reconductoring will include replacing the existing conductors and replacing approximately 123 wood poles with new direct-buried, light-duty steel poles at various locations along the length of the power line (replacement of existing facilities). The LeGrand-Dairyland 115 kV Power Line is located within the county franchise and existing PG&E easements (existing franchise or public utility easement) and begins at the LeGrand substation, located on Porters Road, approximately three miles south of the community of LeGrand in Merced County. The power line then proceeds south for approximately four miles along Minturn Road, crossing over State Route 99. At Avenue 26, the power line alignment turns west for approximately two miles and then proceeds south for approximately four miles along Road 13. The final section of the power line extends southeasterly along Road 13, approximately 2000 feet to Railroad Avenue, then turns southwest for approximately one mile, to PG&E’s Dairyland substation, which is located near the intersection of Avenue 21 and Railroad Avenue in Madera County. The replacement poles, which weather to resemble wood poles, 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):

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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 November 8, 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

LeGrand-Dairyland 115 kV Reconductoring Project

Advice 3745-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 Madera

Norman L. Allinder
Planning Director
County of Madera
2037 W. Cleveland Ave M.S. G
Madera, CA 93637

County of Merced

Robert A. Lewis
Development Services Director
County of Merced
2222 M St.
Merced, CA 95340

Newspapers

Madera Tribune
Merced Sun Star
PG&E Gas and Electric
Advice Filing List

Alcantar & Kahl LLP
Ameresco
Anderson & Poole
Arizona Public Service Company
BART
BP Energy Company
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.
Bartle Wells Associates
Bloomberg
Bloomberg New Energy Finance
Boston Properties
Braun Blasing McLaughlin, P.C.
Brookfield Renewable Power

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
Cardinal Cogen
Casner, Steve
City of Glendale
City of Palo Alto
City of Palo Alto Utilities
Clean Energy Fuels
Coast Economic Consulting
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
G. A. Krause & Assoc.
GLJ Publications
Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie
Green Power Institute
Hanna & Morton
Hitachi
In House Energy
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
Modesto Irrigation District
Morgan Stanley
Morrison & Foerster
NRG West
Navigant Consulting
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
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Santa Fe Jets
Seattle City Light
Sempra Utilities
Sierra Pacific Power Company
Silicon Valley Power
Silo Energy LLC
Southern California Edison Company
Spark Energy, L.P.
Sunshine Design
Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
Tabors Caramanis & Associates
Tecogen, Inc.
Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
Tioga Energy
TransCanada
Turlock Irrigation District
United Cogen
Utility Cost Management
Utility Specialists
Verizon
Wellhead Electric Company
Western Manufactured Housing
Communities Association (WMA)
eMeter Corporation