March 29, 2011

Advice Letter 3771-E

Jane K. Yura  
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Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, for the  
Construction of Merced-Merced Falls 70 KV Relocation – Bellevue  
High School, City of Merced, County of Merced

Dear Ms. Yura:

Advice Letter 3771-E is effective March 18, 2011.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Fitch, Director  
Energy Division
December 7, 2010

Advice 3771-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 Merced-Merced Falls 70 kV Relocation – Bellevue High School, City of Merced, County of 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 has been requested by the City of Merced and the Merced Union High School District to relocate approximately 2500 feet of the existing Merced-Merced Falls 70 kV Power Line within a franchise located in the City of Merced, Merced County. The power line, which is currently located on the west side of "G" Street just north of East Bellevue Road, will be relocated into a new location, still in the franchise (existing franchise), on the east side of "G" street, and will allow improvements to be made along the west side of "G" Street in connection with the construction of the new Bellevue High School. PG&E will remove approximately seven existing wood poles (approximately 60 feet in height), and install approximately three new wood poles and five new light-duty steel poles approximately 65 to 75 feet in height (the taller poles are required to provide EMF reduction and to maintain adequate clearances for distribution underbuild). Work will begin in January 2011, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by April 2011, or as soon thereafter as possible.
CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1.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 exemption(s):

g) Power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise, road-widening setback easement, or public utility easement.

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:

- Increase the height of eight poles by five feet more than otherwise required to reduce EMF strength at ground level.

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 **December 27, 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 **January 6, 2011**, 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. Address changes to the 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
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

Advice Letter (AL) #: **3771-E**  Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: **Merced-Merced Falls 70 kV Power Line Relocation – Bellevue High School (City of 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 AL²: ____________________

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: **January 6, 2011**  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
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: Merced-Merced Falls 70 kV Power Line Relocation – Bellevue High School (City of Merced)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3771-E

Proposed Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been requested by the City of Merced and the Merced Union High School District to relocate approximately 2500 feet of the existing Merced-Merced Falls 70 kV Power Line within a franchise located in the City of Merced, Merced County. The power line, which is currently located on the west side of "G" Street just north of East Bellevue Road, will be relocated into a new location, still in the franchise (existing franchise), on the east side of "G" street, and will allow improvements to be made along the west side of "G" Street in connection with the construction of the new Bellevue High School. PG&E will remove approximately seven existing wood poles (approximately 60 feet in height), and install approximately three new wood poles and five new light-duty steel poles approximately 65 to 75 feet in height (the taller poles are required to provide EMF reduction and to maintain adequate clearances for distribution underbuild). Work will begin in January 2011, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by April 2011, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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:

- Increase the height of eight poles by five feet more than otherwise required to reduce EMF strength at ground level.

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):

- 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:

- 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
- The cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, is significant; or
- 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 December 27, 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

Merced-Merced Falls 70kV Power Line Relocation
Bellevue High School (City of Merced)

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Energy Commission

Melissa Jones, Executive Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39
Sacramento, California 95814

Terry O’Brien, Deputy Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39
Sacramento, California 95814

City of Merced

Planning Director
Merced Civic Center
678 West 18th Street
Merced, CA  95340

County of Merced

James L. Brown, Director
Planning & Community Development
2222 “M” Street
Merced, CA  95340

Newspaper

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

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
Mered2 Irrigation District
Modesto Irrigation District
Morgan Stanley
Morrison & Foerster
NL2ne Energy, Inc.
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.
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.
TransCanada
Turlock Irrigation District
United Cogen
Utility Cost Management
Utility Specialists
Verizon
Wellhead Electric Company
Western Manufactured Housing
Communities Association (WMA)
eMeter Corporation