July 10, 2012

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San Francisco, CA  94177

Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the Arco-Tulare Lake 70 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project in the County of Kings

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 3839-E is effective June 2, 2011.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Randolph, Director  
Energy Division
May 3, 2011

Advice 3839-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 Arco-Tulare Lake 70 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project in the County of Kings

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 install a new 12 kilovolt (kV) distribution line below the existing Arco-Tulare Lake 70 kV Power Line, PG&E proposes to replace approximately 65 poles along a 4.5-mile of segment of the power line (existing easement) with approximately 65 new 10- to 30-foot taller light-duty steel poles, which will weather to resemble wood. The new distribution line is needed to meet increasing demand and improve electrical capacity and reliability in the greater Kings County area. Most poles will be 30 feet taller to accommodate the new underbuild and meet current design standards, as well as the California Public Utilities Commission’s General Order 95 clearance requirements. The power line segment begins at Tulare Lake Substation, located along 25th Avenue approximately 1,500 feet south of Racine Road in Kings County, and extends diagonally in a southeasterly direction for approximately 4.5 miles through irrigated farmland to and over Interstate 5. Work is scheduled to begin in July 2011, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by January 2013, 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:

Power line facilities or substations to be located in an existing franchise roadwaywidening setback easement, or 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 May 23, 2011, 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 show 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 **June 2, 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. 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
**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY**

**ENERGY UTILITY**

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

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<td>Contact Person: Linda Tom-Martinez</td>
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<td>☐ ELC ☑ GAS</td>
<td>Phone #: (415) 973-4612</td>
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**EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE**

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Advice Letter (AL) #: **3839-E**

Subject of AL: **Arco-Tulare Lake 70 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project (Kings 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: **June 2, 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 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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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: Arco-Tulare Lake 70 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project (Kings County)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3839-E

Proposed Project: In order to install a new 12 kilovolt (kV) distribution line below the existing Arco-Tulare Lake 70 kV Power Line, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proposes to replace approximately 65 poles along a 4.5-mile segment of the power line (existing easement) with approximately 65 new 10- to 30-foot taller light-duty steel poles, which will weather to resemble wood. The new distribution line is needed to meet increasing demand and improve electrical capacity and reliability in the greater Kings County area. Most poles will be 30 feet taller to accommodate the new underbuild and meet current design standards as well as the California Public Utilities Commission’s General Order 95 clearance requirements. The power line segment begins at Tulare Lake Substation, located along 25th Avenue approximately 1,500 feet south of Racine Road in Kings County, and extends diagonally in a southeasterly direction for approximately 4.5 miles through irrigated farmland to and over Interstate 5. Work is scheduled to begin in July 2011, or as soon thereafter as possible, and will be completed by January 2013, 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. PG&E 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; 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 May 23, 2011, 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

Arco-Tulare Lake 70 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project
Kings County

Advice 3839-E

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

Kings County

Mr. Gregory R. Gatzka
Director of Community Development
Kings County Planning Department
1400 West Lacey Boulevard
Hanford, CA 93230

Newspaper

Hanford Sentinel
AT&T
Alcantar & Kahl LLP
Ameresco
Anderson & Poole
Arizona Public Service Company
BART
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.
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Boston Properties
Braun Blaising McLaughlin, P.C.
Brookfield Renewable Power
CA Bldg Industry Association
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
Chris, King
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
Dept of General Services
Douglass & Liddell
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Lawrence Berkeley National Lab
Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power
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MAC Lighting Consulting
MBMC, Inc.
MRW & Associates
Manatt Phelps Phillips
McKenzie & Associates
Merced Irrigation District
Modesto Irrigation District
Morgan Stanley
Morrison & Foerster
NLine Energy, Inc.
NRG West
Navigant Consulting
Norris & Wong Associates
North America Power Partners
North Coast SolarResources
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.
Sun Light & Power
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