October 25, 2011

Advice Letter 3867-E-A

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San Francisco, CA 94177

Subject: Supplemental Filing – Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, for the Construction Laytonville-Garberville 60 KV Pole Replacement Project in the County of Mendocino

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 3867-E-A is effective October 10, 2011.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Fitch, Director
Energy Division
August 11, 2011

Advice 3867-E-A
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Supplemental Filing - Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction Laytonville-Garberville 60 Kilovolt Pole Replacement Project in the County of Mendocino

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.

This advice letter supersedes Advice 3867-E in its entirety.

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 continue to operate a reliable electric transmission system in the region, PG&E is proposing to replace 17 poles (replacement of existing facilities) along the Garberville-Laytonville 60 kV Power Line (existing easement) in Mendocino County as part of required maintenance to maintain service reliability. The proposed project will remove approximately 16 existing wooden transmission poles and one distribution pole (part of the 12kV underbuild that is present along this portion of the 60 kV line) and replace them with light-duty steel poles, which will weather to resemble wood. The poles will be replaced along an approximately 1.5-mile power line segment that runs north/south to the west of Bell Springs Road, approximately 18 miles southeast of the town of Garberville west of Bell Springs Road. In order to meet California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements and current design standards, 15 of the 17 new poles will be approximately 5 to 15 feet taller and two poles will remain the same height. Poles will generally be
replaced adjacent to the existing pole locations, within the current easement. Work is scheduled to begin in September 2011 and to be completed in November 2011, or as soon thereafter as weather conditions, permitting and construction issues allow.

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):

- The replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures.

- “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.

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, 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 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 **September 10, 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 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)  

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<td>☑ ELC</td>
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<td>(415) 973-4612</td>
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**EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE**  
ELC = Electric  
GAS = Gas  
PLC = Pipeline  
HEAT = Heat  
WATER = Water  

**Advice Letter (AL) #:** 3867-E-A  
**Tier:** N/A  
**Subject of AL:** Supplemental Filing - Laytonville-Garberville 60 Kilovolt Pole Replacement Project (County of Mendocino)  
**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, 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:  

**CPUC, Energy Division**  
Tariff Files, Room 4005  
DMS Branch  
505 Van Ness Ave.,  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
jinj@cpuc.ca.gov and mas@cpuc.ca.gov  

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**  
Attn: Brian K. Cherry  
Vice President, Regulation and Rates  
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P.O. Box 770000  
San Francisco, CA 94177  
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com
NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: Laytonville-Garberville 60 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project (Mendocino County)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 3867-E-A

Proposed Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proposes to replace 17 poles (replacement of existing facilities) along the Garberville-Laytonville 60 kV Power Line (existing easement) in Mendocino County as part of required maintenance to maintain service reliability. The proposed project will remove approximately 16 existing wooden transmission poles and one distribution pole (part of the 12kV underbuild that is present along this portion of the 60 kV line) and replace them with light-duty steel poles, which will weather to resemble wood. The poles will be replaced along an approximately 1.5-mile power line segment that runs north/south to the west of Bell Springs Road, approximately 18 miles southeast of the town of Garberville west of Bell Springs Road. In order to meet California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements and current design standards, 15 of the 17 new poles will be approximately 5 to 15 feet taller and two poles will remain the same height. Poles will generally be replaced adjacent to the existing pole locations, within the current easement. Work is scheduled to begin in September 2011 and to be completed in November 2011, or as soon thereafter as weather conditions, permitting and construction issues allow.

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):

- The replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures.
- 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 August 31, 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

Laytonville-Garberville 60 kV Power Line CPUC Pole Replacement Project
Mendocino County

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Energy Commission

Ms. 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 Mendocino

Mr. Nash Gonzalez, Director
Merced County Planning & Building Services Department
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1440
Ukiah, CA 95482

Newspaper

Ukiah Daily Journal
AT&T  
Alcantar & Kahl LLP  
Ameresco  
Anderson & Poole  
Arizona Public Service Company  
BART  
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.  
Bartle Wells Associates  
Bloomberg  
Bloomberg New Energy Finance  
Boston Properties  
Braun Blaising McLaughlin, P.C.  
Brookfield Renewable Power  
CA Bldg Industry Association  
CLECA Law Office  
CSC Energy Services  
California Cotton Ginders & 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  
City of San Jose  
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  
Downey & Brand  
Duke Energy  
Economic Sciences Corporation  
Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP  
Foster Farms  
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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  
NLine Energy, Inc.  
NRG West  
Navigant Consulting  
Norris & Wong Associates  
North America Power Partners  
North Coast Solar Resources  
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  
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