

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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June 10, 2013

**Advice Letter 4219-E**

Brian K. Cherry  
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Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
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San Francisco, CA 94177

**SUBJECT: Notice of Construction, Pursuant to GO 131-D, For the Construction  
of Transmission Facilities for the CalTrans Hwy 101 Bypass in the  
City of Willits, County of Mendocino**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4219-E is effective as of May 26, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward F. Randolph".

Edward F. Randolph, Director  
Energy Division

April 26, 2013

**Advice 4219-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 Transmission Facilities for the  
Caltrans Highway 101 Bypass in the City of Willits, 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.

**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**

To accommodate a new Highway 101 Bypass north of Ukiah (larger project), the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has requested Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to modify two segments (approximately 1,850 feet total) of the existing Mendocino-Willits-Fort Bragg 60 kV Power Line (existing easement and franchise) in Willits. One segment runs along East Hill Road, beginning approximately 470 feet east of its intersection with San Hedrin Circle, and continuing east for approximately 1,000 feet. The second segment begins in grasslands approximately 850 feet northeast of the beginning of the first segment and continues northeast for approximately 850 feet. On the northern segment, PG&E will replace one existing wood pole (existing easement), interset one new pole (intersetting structures), and relocate two existing poles to nearby locations along the existing alignment (minor relocation). On the southern segment, PG&E will replace two existing wood poles, interset one new pole, relocate one existing pole, install two approximately 40-foot-tall guy stub polls, and shorten one of the existing transmission poles. On both segments, the existing approximately 40- to 60-foot-tall wood poles will be

replaced with approximately 70- to 90-foot-tall wood and light-duty steel poles, which weather to resemble wood. The taller poles are needed to clear Caltrans' elevated roadway and comply with CPUC General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements as well as accommodate electric distribution and communication wires on the power line poles. Construction activities are scheduled to begin in June 2013, or as soon thereafter possible, with completion in September 2013, or as soon thereafter 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),

- c. the minor relocation of existing power line facilities up to 2,000 feet in length, or the intersetting of additional support structures between existing support structures.
  
- 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.

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 16, 2013, which is 20 days after the date of this filing. Protests should be mailed to the following address:

CPUC Energy Division  
ED Tariff Unit  
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200  
E-Mail: EDTariffUnit@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:

David T. Kraska  
Attorney, Law Department  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
P.O. Box 7442  
San Francisco, California 94120

Facsimile: (415) 973-0516

Brian K. Cherry  
Vice President, Regulatory Relations  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
P.O. Box 770000, Mail Code B10C  
San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-7226  
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 May 26, 2013, 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 – Regulatory Relations

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 E)**

Utility type:

ELC       GAS  
 PLC       HEAT       WATER

Contact Person: Igor Grinberg

Phone #: 415-973-8580

E-mail: ixg8@pge.com and PGETariffs@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) #: **4219-E**

Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Transmission Facilities for the Caltrans Highway 101 Bypass in the City of Willits, 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: N/A

Is AL requesting confidential treatment? If so, what information is the utility seeking confidential treatment for: N/A

Confidential information will be made available to those who have executed a nondisclosure agreement: N/A

Name(s) and contact information of the person(s) who will provide the nondisclosure agreement and access to the confidential information: N/A

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Requested effective date: **May 26, 2013**

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

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:

Director, Energy Division  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Attn: Brian K. Cherry, Vice President, Regulatory Relations  
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C  
P.O. Box 770000  
San Francisco, CA 94177  
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

**PROJECT NAME: Mendocino-Willits-Fort Bragg 60 kV Power Line Relocation - (Willits)**  
**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4219-E**

**Proposed Project:** To accommodate a new Highway 101 Bypass north of Ukiah (larger project), the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has requested Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to modify two segments (approximately 1,850 feet total) of the existing Mendocino-Willits-Fort Bragg 60 kV Power Line (existing easement and franchise) in Willits. One segment runs along East Hill Road, beginning approximately 470 feet east of its intersection with San Hedrin Circle, and continuing east for approximately 1,000 feet. The second segment begins in grasslands approximately 850 feet northeast of the beginning of the first segment and continues northeast for approximately 850 feet. On the northern segment, PG&E will replace one existing wood pole (existing easement), interset one new pole (intersetting structures), and relocate two existing poles to nearby locations along the existing alignment (minor relocation). On the southern segment, PG&E will replace two existing wood poles, interset one new pole, relocate one existing pole, install two approximately 40-foot-tall guy stub polls, and shorten one of the existing transmission poles. On both segments, the existing approximately 40- to 60-foot-tall wood poles will be replaced with approximately 70- to 90-foot-tall wood and light-duty steel poles, which weather to resemble wood. The taller poles are needed to clear Caltrans' elevated roadway and comply with CPUC General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements as well as accommodate electric distribution and communication wires on the power line poles. Construction activities are scheduled to begin in June 2013, or as soon thereafter possible, with completion in September 2013, or as soon thereafter 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):

- c. the minor relocation of existing power line facilities up to 2,000 feet in length, or the intersetting of additional support structures between existing support structures.
- 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 16, 2013 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](mailto: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**

Mendocino-Willits-Fort Bragg 60 kV Power Line Relocation (Willits)

### **Advice 4219-E**

#### **Energy Commission**

Mr. Robert Oglesby, Executive Director  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39  
Sacramento, California 95814

Mr. Roger Johnson, Deputy Director  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39  
Sacramento, California 95814

#### **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**

Lorie Hammerli  
California Department of Fish & Wildlife  
Bay Delta Region  
7329 Silverado Trail  
Napa, California 94558

#### **City of Willits**

Alan Falleri, Director  
Community Development Agency  
Willits City Hall  
111 East Commercial Street  
Willits, CA 95490

#### **Newspaper**

The Willits News

**PG&E Gas and Electric  
Advice Filing List**

1st Light Energy	Douglass & Liddell	North America Power Partners
AT&T	Downey & Brand	Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc.
Alcantar & Kahl LLP	Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP	OnGrid Solar
Anderson & Poole	G. A. Krause & Assoc.	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
BART	GenOn Energy Inc.	Praxair
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.	GenOn Energy, Inc.	Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc.
Bartle Wells Associates	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie	SCD Energy Solutions
Bear Valley Electric Service	Green Power Institute	SCE
Braun Blaising McLaughlin, P.C.	Hanna & Morton	SDG&E and SoCalGas
CENERGY POWER	In House Energy	SPURR
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn	International Power Technology	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
California Energy Commission	Intestate Gas Services, Inc.	Seattle City Light
California Public Utilities Commission	Kelly Group	Sempra Utilities
Calpine	Lawrence Berkeley National Lab	SoCalGas
Casner, Steve	Linde	Southern California Edison Company
Center for Biological Diversity	Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power	Sun Light & Power
City of Palo Alto	MAC Lighting Consulting	Sunshine Design
City of San Jose	MRW & Associates	Tecogen, Inc.
Clean Power	Manatt Phelps Phillips	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
Coast Economic Consulting	Marin Energy Authority	TransCanada
Commercial Energy	McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP	Utility Cost Management
Consumer Federation of California	McKenzie & Associates	Utility Power Solutions
Crossborder Energy	Modesto Irrigation District	Utility Specialists
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP	Morgan Stanley	Verizon
Day Carter Murphy	NLine Energy, Inc.	Water and Energy Consulting
Defense Energy Support Center	NRG Solar	Wellhead Electric Company
Dept of General Services	Nexant, Inc.	Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)