July 12, 2013

Advice Letter 4236-E

Brian K. Cherry
Vice President, Regulation and Rates
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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San Francisco, CA 94177

SUBJECT: Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Westlands Solar Farm Project in Fresno County

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4236-E is effective as of July 7, 2013.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division
June 7, 2013

Advice 4236-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 Westlands Solar Farm Project in Fresno Counties

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (“PG&E” or “the Company”) hereby submits notice pursuant to General Order (G.O.) 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1, 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 is proposing a new 70 kV switching station to accept electricity generated from the Westlands Solar Farms Photovoltaic (PV) Generating Plant, a new solar energy project to be located approximately one-half mile to the south of W. Jayne Avenue between Interstate Route 5 and S. Lassen Avenue (larger project CEQA). The new switching, Jayne Switching Station, will be located on approximately five acres south of West Jayne Avenue one-half mile north of the Westlands solar facility and approximately 0.7 miles east of PG&E’s existing Gates Substation. PG&E’s existing single-circuit Gates-Coalinga 70 kV No. 1 Power Line, located along the south side of West Jayne Avenue (existing easement) will loop in and out of the new Jayne Switching Station. To accomplish this interconnection, PG&E will install approximately 4 new tubular steel poles, approximately the same height as the existing poles, two within the existing easement and two outside of the new switching station. Approximately 2 existing wood poles on the existing line will be removed. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in July 2013, or as soon thereafter as possible and is scheduled for completion by January 2014, 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 exemptions:

f: power lines or substations to be relocated or constructed which have undergone environmental review pursuant to CEQA as part of a larger project, and for which the final CEQA document (Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration) finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or substation.

The County of Fresno adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration on November 3, 2011 (Notice of Determination was filed on November 8, 2011), which concluded there would be no significant unavoidable environmental impacts as a result of the PG&E interconnection facilities.

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 June 27, 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, 4th 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 shall also be sent to PG&E either via E-mail or U.S. mail (and by facsimile, if possible) at the addresses 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 **July 7, 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/.

Signature

Vice President – Regulatory Relations

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 E)

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

☐ ELC = Electric   ☐ GAS = Gas
☐ PLC = Pipeline   ☐ HEAT = Heat   ☐ WATER = Water

Advice Letter (AL) #: 4236-E   Tier: N/A
Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Westlands Solar Farm Project in Fresno Counties
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: July 7, 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: Westlands Solar Farms Switching Station Interconnection Project (Fresno County)

ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4236-E

Proposed Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing a new 70 kV switching station to accept electricity generated from the Westlands Solar Farms Photovoltaic (PV) Generating Plant, a new solar energy project to be located approximately one-half mile to the south of W. Jayne Avenue between Interstate Route 5 and S. Lassen Avenue (larger project CEQA). The new switching, Jayne Switching Station, will be located on approximately five acres south of West Jayne Avenue one-half mile north of the Westlands solar facility and approximately 0.7 miles east of PG&E's existing Gates Substation. PG&E’s existing single-circuit Gates-Coalinga 70 kV No. 1 Power Line, located along the south side of West Jayne Avenue (existing easement) will loop in and out of the new Jayne Switching Station. To accomplish this interconnection, PG&E will install approximately 4 new tubular steel poles, approximately the same height as the existing poles, two within the existing easement and two outside of the new switching station. Approximately 2 existing wood poles on the existing line will be removed. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in July 2013, or as soon thereafter as possible and is scheduled for completion by January 2014, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Exemption from CPUC Permit Requirement: California Public Utilities Commission (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):

f. power lines or substations to be relocated or constructed which have undergone environmental review pursuant to CEQA as part of a larger project, and for which the final CEQA document (Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration) finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or substation.

The County of Fresno adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration on November 3, 2011 (Notice of Determination was filed on November 8, 2011), which concluded there would be no significant unavoidable environmental impacts as a result of the PG&E interconnection facilities.

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

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 June 27, 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.

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

Westlands Solar Farms Interconnection and Switching Station Project – (Fresno County)

Advice 4236-E

Energy Commission

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

Mr. Drew Bohan, Chief Deputy Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39
Sacramento, California 95814

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Sarah Bahm
Environmental Scientist
California Department of Fish and Game, Central Region
1234 E. Shaw Avenue
Fresno, CA 93710

County of Fresno

Alan Weaver, Director
Public Works and Planning
2220 Tulare Street, 6th floor
Fresno, CA 93721

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