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Advice Letter 4245-E

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**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D,
for the Construction of Kirkwood Meadows Power Line
Reliability Project in Amador County**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4245-E is effective July 21, 2013.

Sincerely,

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

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division



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June 21, 2013

Advice 4245-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 Kirkwood Meadows Power Line Reliability Project in Amador County

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

In order to provide reliable electrical service and replace diesel-fired generators as the primary source of power, Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District (KPMUD) has requested that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) install a new approximately 1.4-mile 115 kilovolt (kV) power line to interconnect the proposed Kirkwood Meadows Power Line Reliability Project (larger project CEQA) with PG&E's existing Salt Springs-Tiger Creek 115 kV Power Line in Amador County. Constructed on approximately 65- to 100-foot-tall light-duty and tubular-steel poles, the new power line will begin at PG&E's Salt Springs Powerhouse on the west end of Salt Springs Reservoir at Salt Springs Road, and continue due north across El Dorado National Forest to KPMUD's new KM Green Substation on Forest Service Road 08N17. The new power line will follow the same alignment as an existing wood pole distribution line, and the distribution wires will be transferred to the new power line poles before the existing wood poles are removed. Construction is anticipated to begin in August 2013, or as soon as possible thereafter, with completion in November 2014, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

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.

KPMUD adopted an Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report for the Kirkwood Meadows Power Line Reliability Project, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed facilities. (State Clearinghouse #2009022100)

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 July 11, 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 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

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 July 21, 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) #: **4245-E**

Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Kirkwood Meadows Power Line Reliability Project in Amador 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: 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 21, 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
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: KIRKWOOD MEADOWS POWER LINE RELIABILITY PROJECT – AMADOR COUNTY
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4245-E

Proposed Project: In order to provide reliable electrical service and replace diesel-fired generators as the primary source of power, Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District (KPMUD) has requested that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) install a new approximately 1.4-mile 115 kilovolt (kV) power line to interconnect the proposed Kirkwood Meadows Power Line Reliability Project (larger project CEQA) with PG&E's existing Salt Springs-Tiger Creek 115 kV Power Line in Amador County. Constructed on approximately 65- to 100-foot-tall light-duty and tubular-steel poles, the new power line will begin at PG&E's Salt Springs Powerhouse on the west end of Salt Springs Reservoir at Salt Springs Road, and continue due north across El Dorado National Forest to KPMUD's new KM Green Substation on Forest Service Road 08N17. The new power line will follow the same alignment as an existing wood pole distribution line, and the distribution wires will be transferred to the new power line poles before the existing wood poles are removed. Construction is anticipated to begin in August 2013, or as soon as possible thereafter, with completion in November 2014, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

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:

- 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.

KPMUD adopted an Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report for the Kirkwood Meadows Power Line Reliability Project, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed facilities. (State Clearinghouse #2009022100)

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 July 11, 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

KIRKWOOD MEADOWS POWER LINE RELIABILITY PROJECT

Advice 4245-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

Mr. J.B. Garcia
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
PG&E Coordinator, North Central Region
1701 Nimbus Road
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region

Ms. Elizabeth M. Lee, P.E.
401 Water Quality Certification/Municipal Storm Water Unit Supervisor
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Amador County

Susan Grijalva
Planning Director, Amador County
810 Court Street
Jackson, CA 95642

Newspaper

Amador Ledger-Dispatch

PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Filing List

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