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Advice Letter 4256-E

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Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to GO 131-D, for the Construction of the Caribou-Palermo 115 KV Power Line Repairs in Butte and Plumas Counties

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letters 4256-E is effective August 15, 2013.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division
Advice 4256-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 Caribou-Palermo 115 KV Power Line Repairs in Butte and Plumas Counties

Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E" or "the Company") hereby submits notice pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC" or "Commission") 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 repair damage caused by a winter storm event, PG&E proposes to replace six consecutive lattice-steel towers with new towers on the Caribou-Palermo 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line. Spanning the Plumas-Butte County border, the repair segment is located up slope and west of Highway 70 and generally parallel to the unpaved Pulga Road in a remote area of the Feather River Canyon within Plumas National Forest. Five towers collapsed and were removed on the power line in December 2012, and the line is currently supported on wood poles that PG&E installed to temporarily restore service. After transferring the line to the new towers, PG&E will either remove the wood poles or leave them in place for distribution use. To achieve appropriate ground clearances, the new H-frame towers will be approximately the same height or somewhat taller than the original towers (existing easement, replacement with equivalent structures), which vary in height due to the extreme topography. Replacement of conductors is not anticipated and there will be no increase in capacity. At another location approximately 8 miles further south on the same power line, PG&E will address a ground clearance issue by intersetting three new approximately 34- to 40-foot-tall...
light-duty steel poles (one for each wire) midway between two existing lattice-steel towers (intersetting structures). The poles will be located down slope on the east side of Highway 70. Helicopters will be used to facilitate installation of all structures in both locations. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2013, or as soon as possible thereafter, with completion in winter of 2013, 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 exemption(s):

b. the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures;

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; and

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 letter sent via U.S. mail, by facsimile or electronically, any of which must be received no later than August 5, 2013, which is 20 days after the date of this filing. Protests should be mailed to:

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**

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on August 15, 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
Company name/CPUC Utility No. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (ID U39 E)

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<th>Contact Person: Igor Grinberg</th>
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<td>Phone #: 415-973-8580</td>
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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

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

Advice Letter (AL) #: 4256-E  Tier: N/A
Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the Caribou-Palermo 115 KV Power Line Repairs in Butte and Plumas 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: August 15, 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  Pacific Gas and Electric Company
California Public Utilities Commission  Attn: Brian K. Cherry, Vice President, Regulatory Relations
505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor  77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C
San Francisco, CA 94102  P.O. Box 770000
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com
San Francisco, CA 94177
NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: CARIBOU-PALERMO 115 KV POWER LINE REPAIRS (Butte and Plumas County)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4256-E

Proposed Project: To repair damage caused by a winter storm event, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) proposes to replace six consecutive lattice-steel towers with new towers on the Caribou-Palermo 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line. Spanning the Plumas-Butte County border, the repair segment is located up slope and west of Highway 70 and generally parallel to the unpaved Pulga Road in a remote area of the Feather River Canyon within Plumas National Forest. Five towers collapsed and were removed on the power line in December 2012, and the line is currently supported on wood poles that PG&E installed to temporarily restore service. After transferring the line to the new towers, PG&E will either remove the wood poles or leave them in place for distribution use. To achieve appropriate ground clearances, the new H-frame towers will be approximately the same height or somewhat taller than the original towers (existing easement, replacement with equivalent structures), which vary in height due to the extreme topography. Replacement of conductors is not anticipated and there will be no increase in capacity. At another location approximately 8-miles further south on the same power line, PG&E will address a ground clearance issue by intersetting three new approximately 34- to 40-foot-tall light-duty steel poles (one for each wire) midway between two existing lattice-steel towers (intersetting structures). The poles will be located down slope on the east side of Highway 70. Helicopters will be used to facilitate installation of all structures in both locations. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the fall of 2013, or as soon as possible thereafter, with completion in winter of 2013, 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. PG&E believes this project qualifies for the following exemptions:

b. the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures.
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 August 5, 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

CARIBOU-PALERMO 115 KV POWER LINE REPAIRS

Advice 4256-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 Game
Ms. Sarah Bahm
Environmental Scientist
California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Central Region
1234 E. Shaw Avenue
Fresno, CA 93710

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
Ms. Elizabeth M. Lee, P.E.
Supervisor
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Plumas National Forest
Ms. Karen Hayden
District Ranger
875 Mitchell Ave
Oroville, CA 95965

Butte County
Mr. Chuck Thistlethwaite, Planning Manager
7 County Drive
Oroville, CA 95965

Plumas County
Mr. Randy Wilson, Planning Director
555 Main Street
Quincy CA 95971

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