

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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October 2, 2013

**Advice Letter 4258-E**

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**SUBJECT: Notice of Construction, Pursuant to GO 131-D, For the Construction of the Ravenswood-Palo Alto 115kV Powerline and Cooley Land-Palo Alto 115kV Powerline Relocation in the Cities of East Palo Alto and Palo Alto**

Dear Mr. Cherry,

Advice Letter 4258-E is effective as of August 18, 2013.

Sincerely,

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

Edward F. Randolph, Director  
Energy Division



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**Advice 4258-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 Ravenswood–Palo Alto 115 kV Power Line and Cooley Land–Palo Alto 115 kV Power Line Relocation, in the Cities of East Palo Alto and Palo Alto**

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**

In order to accommodate the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority’s (SFCJPA) proposed San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection Project, PG&E has been requested to modify two 115 kV power lines in East Palo Alto and Palo Alto. Both lines are located along San Francisquito Creek west of the Palo Alto Golf Course and east of Jasmine Way, generally east of its intersection with Daphne Way. On the Cooley Landing–Palo Alto 115 kV Power Line, PG&E will relocate approximately 827 feet of the line (minor relocation) by removing four existing wood poles on either side of the creek crossing and installing three light-duty steel poles (which are weathered to resemble wood) and one wood pole. The new poles will be approximately the same height, or up to 25 feet taller than the existing poles to accommodate the additional width of the creek and height of the new levee, and will be installed southwest of the existing alignment. On the Ravenswood–Palo Alto 115 kV Power Line, two towers will be raised approximately 15 feet (placing accessories on existing structures) and one tower will be moved approximately 25 feet north (minor relocation) along the current alignment (existing easement) and be placed on piers that will raise the tower

approximately 25 feet to accommodate the widened creek area. To avoid taking the existing line out of service during the tower replacement, PG&E will install four temporary, approximately 77-foot-tall wood poles, approximately 24 feet west of the existing towers to safely support the active power lines while construction is underway. Construction activities are tentatively scheduled to begin in September 2013 or as soon as possible thereafter, and will be completed 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):

- 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;
- e. the placing of new or additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on supporting structures already built.
- 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 8, 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200  
E-mail: [EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto: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 August 18, 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) #: **4258-E**

Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the Ravenswood-Palo Alto 115 kV Power Line and Cooley Land-Palo Alto 115 kV Power Line Relocation, in the Cities of East Palo Alto and Palo Alto**

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 18, 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  
E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

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

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

**PROJECT NAME: Ravenswood–Palo Alto 115 kV Power Line and Cooley Land–Palo Alto 115 kV Power Line Relocation, Cities of East Palo Alto and Palo Alto**  
**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4258-E**

**Proposed Project:** In order to accommodate the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority's (SFCJPA) proposed San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection Project, PG&E has been requested to modify two 115 kV power lines in East Palo Alto and Palo Alto. Both lines are located along San Francisquito Creek west of the Palo Alto Golf Course and east of Jasmine Way, generally east of its intersection with Daphne Way. On the Cooley Landing–Palo Alto 115 kV Power Line, PG&E will relocate approximately 827 feet of the line (minor relocation) by removing four existing wood poles on either side of the creek crossing and installing three light-duty steel poles (which are weathered to resemble wood) and one wood pole. The new poles will be approximately the same height, or up to 25 feet taller than the existing poles to accommodate the additional width of the creek and height of the new levee, and will be installed southwest of the existing alignment. On the Ravenswood–Palo Alto 115 kV Power Line, two towers will be raised approximately 15 feet (placing accessories on existing structures) and one tower will be moved approximately 25 feet north (minor relocation) along the current alignment (existing easement) and be placed on piers that will raise the tower approximately 25 feet to accommodate the widened creek area. To avoid taking the existing line out of service during the tower replacement, PG&E will install four temporary, approximately 77-foot-tall wood poles, approximately 24 feet west of the existing towers to safely support the active power lines while construction is underway. Construction activities are tentatively scheduled to begin in September 2013 or as soon as possible thereafter, and will be completed 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:

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- g. power line facilities or substation 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 8, 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**

Ravenswood– Palo Alto 115 kV Power Line and Cooley Land – Palo Alto 115 kV Power  
Line Relocation, Cities of East Palo Alto and Palo Alto

### **Advice 4258-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**

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

#### **City of East Palo Alto**

John Doughty  
Director of Community Development  
City of East Palo Alto  
1960 Tate St.  
East Palo Alto, CA 94303

#### **City of Palo Alto**

Curtis Williams, Director  
Planning & Community Environment  
250 Hamilton Avenue  
Palo Alto, CA 94301

#### **Newspaper**

Palo Alto Daily News

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

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