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Advice Letter 4268-E

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, CA 94177

Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to GO 131-D, for the Construction of FRV Adobe Solar Switching Station Project in the County of Kern

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4268-E is effective September 1, 2013 per Resolution E-4619.

Sincerely,

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

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division

August 2, 2013

Advice 4268-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 FRV Adobe Solar Switching Station Project in the County of Kern

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 the interconnection of Sun Edison’s planned FRV Adobe Solar Project, to be located on the south side of Crider Road approximately 1.4 miles east of State Route 99 in Kern County, PG&E is proposing to install a new approximately 2½-acre, 115 Kilovolt (kV) Adobe Switching Station, located on the northeast corner of West Adobe Road and Crider Road. The new switching station will be constructed by SunEdison and owned by PG&E (larger-project CEQA). To interconnect the new switching station, PG&E will replace two existing approximately 65-foot-tall wood poles with similar-sized light-duty steel poles on the existing Wheeler Ridge-Lamont 115 kV Power Line, which extends along West Adobe Road, and install three new approximately 70- to 80-foot-tall tubular steel poles to reroute and loop the power line into and out of Adobe Switching Station. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in September 2013, or as soon thereafter as possible, with completion in March 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 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.

Kern County adopted an EIR for the FRV Valley Solar Project, including the Adobe Solar Site (Site 2), on December 11, 2012 (State Clearinghouse #2011111027), 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 letter sent via U.S. mail, by facsimile or electronically, any of which must be received no later than August 23, 2013, which is 21 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

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on September 1, 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) #: **4268-E**

Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of FRV Adobe Solar Switching Station Project in the County of Kern**

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: **September 1, 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 21 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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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: FRV Adobe Solar Switching Station Project - (Kern County)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4268-E

Proposed Project: In order to connect California's electric power grid to electricity generated from the SunEdison FRV Adobe Solar Photovoltaic (PV) facility, to be located approximately 8 miles southwest of the City of Arvin just south of Crider Road on the east side of State Route 99, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing the construction of the new Adobe Switching Station, an approximately 2.27-acre, 115 kV switching station located approximately one mile west of FRV Adobe Solar's facility on Crider Road. The new switching station will be constructed by SunEdison and owned by PG&E (larger-project CEQA). To interconnect the new switching station to the existing Wheeler Ridge-Lamont 115kV Power Line, PG&E will replace two existing 65-foot wood poles with two new 65-foot light-duty steel poles within the existing power line and install three new 70- to 80-foot-tall tubular steel poles to reroute and loop the 115kV Wheeler Ridge-Lamont Power Line into the Adobe Switching Station. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in September 2013, or as soon thereafter as possible, and is scheduled for completion in March 2014, or as soon thereafter as 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):

- 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 Kern certified an EIR for the FRV Adobe Solar Project on December 11, 2012 (State Clearinghouse #2011111027), 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
- 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 23, 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

FRV Adobe Solar Switching Station Project – (Kern County)

Advice 4268-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 Kern

Ms. Lorelei H. Oviatt, Director
2700 "M" Street, Suite 100
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Newspaper

The Bakersfield Californian

**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	