March 25, 2014

Advice Letters 4341-E

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Subject: Notice of Construction, Pursuant to GO 131-D, for the Construction of the Gates-Talare Lade 70kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project in the County of Fresno

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4341-E is effective February 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2014.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division
January 3, 2014

Advice 4341-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 Gates-Tulare Lake 70 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project in the County of Fresno

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 improve electric service reliability in Fresno County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is replacing existing distribution wires beneath an approximately 1.3-mile segment of the Gates-Tulare Lake 70 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line in rural Fresno County approximately 13 miles east of Coalinga (existing easement). In order to accommodate the new distribution conductors, PG&E proposes to replace approximately 12 of the existing approximately 55- to 65-foot-tall wood poles with new wood poles approximately 15 feet taller. One additional existing pole will be shortened to distribution height. The project begins at Gates Substation on West Jayne Avenue near its intersection with South Trinity Avenue and continues east along West Jayne Avenue Road for approximately 0.3 miles before turning south for approximately 1 mile along an unnamed dirt agricultural road.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in February 2014, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place, with completion in April 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:

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 filing a protest with the CPUC and the Company by January 23, 2014, 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
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 regular notice, February 2, 2014, which is 30 calendar 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

Attachments

cc: Parties Listed in G.O. 131-D, Paragraphs B.1 and B.2
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

Advice Letter (AL) #: 4341-E
Tier: N/A
Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the Gates-Tulare Lake 70 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project in the County of Fresno

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: February 2, 2014
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

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 94110  P.O. Box 770000
E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov  San Francisco, CA 94177
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com
NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: GATES-TULARE LAKE 70 KV POWER LINE POLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (FRESNO COUNTY)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4341-E

Proposed Project: To improve electric service reliability in Fresno County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is replacing existing distribution wires beneath an approximately 1.3-mile segment of the Gates-Tulare Lake 70 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line in rural Fresno County approximately 13 miles east of Coalinga (existing easement). In order to accommodate the new distribution conductors, PG&E proposes to replace approximately 12 of the existing approximately 55- to 65-foot-tall wood poles with new wood poles approximately 15 feet taller. One additional existing pole will be shortened to distribution height. The project begins at Gates Substation on West Jayne Avenue near its intersection with South Trinity Avenue and continues east along West Jayne Avenue Road for approximately 0.3 miles before turning south for approximately 1 mile along an unnamed dirt agricultural road. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in February 2014, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place, with completion in April 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 exemptions:

- 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 January 23, 2014 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 Kraske, 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

Gates-Tulare Lake 70 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project

Advice 4341-E

Energy Commission

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

Mr. Roger Johnson, Deputy Director
California Energy Commission
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Fresno, CA 93721

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