February 20, 2014

Advice Letter 4349-E

Brian K. Cherry
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Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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San Francisco, CA 94177

Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, for the
Construction of the Cortina #3 60 kV Power Line Pole Replacement
Project in the City of Colusa and Colusa County

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4349-E is effective February 14, 2014.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division
Advice 4349-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 Cortina #3 60 KV Power Line Pole Replacement Project in the City of Colusa and Colusa County

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 provide reliable electric transmission service and reduce the risk of outages in Colusa County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace approximately 68 of the approximately 146 existing 42- to 62-foot-tall wooden poles on an approximately 4½-mile segment of the existing Cortina #3 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line (existing easement). The new wooden poles will be approximately the same height or approximately 10 feet taller to provide the required ground-to-conductor clearance established in the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 (equivalent structures). PG&E will also perform minor modifications to existing poles on the line, such as reframing the arms, installing vibration dampers, and placing bird strike deterrents. The segment generally encircles the southern half of Colusa. It begins near the bend on Wilson Avenue, and parallels the road heading south for approximately 1 mile before continuing southerly across rice fields for approximately ½ mile. The segment then runs easterly across the agricultural lands on the southern edge of developed areas of the city for approximately 2½ miles. Approximately ½ mile east of Highway 20, the segment turns northerly for
approximately 1½ miles to terminate at Colusa Substation, located at the corner of Main and 1st streets. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in February 2014, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place, with completion in December 2014, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, B.1, exempts a utility from the CPUC’s requirement to file an application requesting authority to construct if a project meets specific conditions. This project qualifies for the following exemptions:

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

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 February 11, 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
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 21, 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
- ☐ HEAT
- ☐ WATER

**Contact Person:** Igor Grinberg  
**Phone #:** 415-973-8580  
**E-mail:** ixg8@pge.com and PGETariffs@pge.com

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**EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE**

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**Advice Letter (AL) #:** 4349-E

**Subject of AL:** Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the Cortina #3 60 KV Power Line Pole Replacement Project in the City of Colusa (Colusa County)

**Keywords (choose from CPUC listing):** Power Lines

**AL filing type:** ☑ One-Time  
**Tier:** N/A

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 21, 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

**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**

Director, Energy Division  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
E-mail: EDITariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

Atttn: Brian K. Cherry, Vice President, Regulatory Relations  
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C  
P.O. Box 770000  
San Francisco, CA 94177  
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com
NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT NAME: CORTINA #3 60 KV POWER LINE POLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – (City of Colusa, Colusa County, P. No. 04885)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4349-E

Proposed Project: In order to provide reliable electric transmission service and reduce the risk of outages in Colusa County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace approximately 68 of the approximately 146 existing 42- to 62-foot-tall wooden poles on an approximately 4½-mile segment of the existing Cortina #3 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line (existing easement). The new wooden poles will be approximately the same height or approximately 10 feet taller to provide the required ground-to-conductor clearance established in the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 (equivalent structures). PG&E will also perform minor modifications to existing poles on the line, such as reframing the arms, installing vibration dampers, and placing bird strike deterrents. The segment generally encircles the southern half of Colusa. It begins near the bend on Wilson Avenue, and parallels the road heading south for approximately 1 mile before continuing southerly across rice fields for approximately ½ mile. The segment then runs easterly across the agricultural lands on the southern edge of developed areas of the city for approximately 2½ miles. Approximately ½ mile east of Highway 20, the segment turns northerly for approximately 1½ miles to terminate at Colusa Substation, located at the corner of Main and 1st streets. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in February 2014, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place, with completion in December 2014, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

Exemption from CPUC Permit Requirement: CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, B.1, exempts a utility from the CPUC’s requirement to file an application requesting authority to construct if a project meets specific conditions. This project qualifies for the following exemptions:

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

Additional Project Information: To obtain further information on the proposed project, please call PG&E’s Project Information Line at (415) 973-5530.

Public Review Process: Individuals or groups may protest the proposed construction if they believe that PG&E 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

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 February 11, 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 Kraska, Law Department
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
P.O. Box 7442
San Francisco, California 94120

PG&E must respond within five business days of receipt of a protest and serve copies of its response on each protestant and the Energy Division. Within 30 days after PG&E has submitted its response, the CPUC Executive Director 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: If you need assistance in filing a protest, contact the CPUC Public Advisor:

email: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov
call: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free), or (415) 703-2074, or TTY (415) 703-5258

Public Comment: Even if you do not want to file an official protest to the request, you may still comment on it. To do so, you should send your comments to the Energy Division at the address noted above. Please reference Advice Letter 4349-E.
Notice Distribution List

Cortina #3 60 kV Power Line Reliability Project – (City of Colusa, Colusa County)

Advice 4349-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
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39
Sacramento, California 95814

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Ms. 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

County of Colusa

Mr. Stephen Hackney
Director of Planning and Building
220 12th St.
Colusa, CA 95932

City of Colusa

Mr. Brian Stice
Director of Planning
425 Webster St.
Colusa, CA 95932

Newspaper

Colusa County Sun Herald
PG&E Gas and Electric
Advice Filing List

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AT&T
Alcantar & Kahl LLP
Anderson & Poole
BART
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.
Bartle Wells Associates
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
Division of Ratepayer Advocates

Douglass & Liddell
Downey & Brand
Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP
G. A. Krause & Assoc.
GenOn Energy Inc.
GenOn Energy, Inc.
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Hanna & Morton
In House Energy
International Power Technology
Intestate Gas Services, Inc.
K&L Gates LLP
Kelly Group
Linde
Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power
MRW & Associates
Manatt Phelps Phillips
Marin Energy Authority
McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP
McKenzie & Associates
Modesto Irrigation District
Morgan Stanley
NLIne Energy, Inc.
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)