May 7, 2014

Advice Letter 4395-E

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San Francisco, CA  94177

Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, for the Construction of Lost Hills Solar Project Interconnection to the Arco-Carneras 70 kV Power Line in the County of Kern

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4395-E is effective May 3, 2014.

Sincerely,

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

Advice 4395-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 Lost Hills Solar Project Interconnection to the Arco-Carneras 70 kV Power Line 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

The developer of Lost Hills Solar Project in Kern County has requested that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) connect the existing Arco-Carneras 70 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line to the solar project’s substation. The substation is located approximately 3,700 feet northeast of the intersection of State Route 33 and State Route 46.

PG&E will replace two existing 45-foot-tall wood poles with two new tubular-steel poles (existing easement). PG&E will add one new tubular-steel pole on the existing line (existing easement, intersetting additional structures). The three new poles will be approximately 70 to 80 feet tall to meet California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum clearance requirements. The poles will also meet current design standards, and one pole will support switches. One existing 56-foot-tall wood pole will be shortened to support existing distribution wires. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in October 2014, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is
tentatively scheduled to be completed in December 2014, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, Subsection 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 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.”

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 [Environmental Impact Report] 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 April 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:
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.

**Public Comment**

Individuals or groups who do not file an official protest may still submit a comment on the request to the Energy Division at the address noted above, referencing Advice Letter 4395-E.

**Effective Date**

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **May 3, 2014**, 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)

Utility type:   Contact Person: Igor Grinberg
☑ ELC   ☐ GAS          Phone #: 415-973-8580
☐ PLC   ☐ HEAT        E-mail: ixg8@pge.com and PGETariffs@pge.com
☐ WATER

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE
ELC = Electric         GAS = Gas
PLC = Pipeline         HEAT = Heat   WATER = Water

Advice Letter (AL) #: 4395-E       Tier: N/A
Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Lost Hills Solar Project Interconnection to the Arco-Carneras 70 kV Power Line in the County of Kern

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Power Lines
AL filing type: ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annual ☑ One-Time ☐ Other _____________________________

If AL file 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: May 3, 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                      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: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov                 San Francisco, CA 94177
                                                      E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com
PROJECT NAME: Lost Hills Solar Project Interconnection to the Arco-Cameras 70 kV Power Line (Kern County, P. No. 03855)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4395-E

Proposed Project: The developer of Lost Hills Solar Project in Kern County has requested that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) connect the existing Arco-Cameras 70 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line to the solar project’s substation. The substation is located approximately 3,700 feet northeast of the intersection of State Route 33 and State Route 46.

PG&E will replace two existing 45-foot-tall wood poles with two new tubular-steel poles (existing easement). PG&E will add one new tubular-steel pole on the existing line (existing easement, interseting additional structures). The three new poles will be approximately 70 to 80 feet tall to meet California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum clearance requirements. The poles will also meet current design standards, and one pole will support switches. One existing 56-foot-tall wood pole will be shortened to support existing distribution wires.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in October 2014, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is tentatively scheduled to be completed 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 exemption(s):

c. “the minor relocation of existing power line facilities up to 2,000 feet in length, or the interseting 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 [Environmental Impact Report] 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 following 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;
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 April 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 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 and serve 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 PG&E’s 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 or 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, you may still comment on the request. To do so, send your comments to the Energy Division at the address noted above. Please reference Advice Letter 4395-E.
Notice Distribution List

Lost Hills Solar Project Interconnection to the Arco-Carneras 70 kV Power Line
(Kern County)

Advice 4395-E

Energy Commission

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

Mr. Drew Bohan, Deputy Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39
Sacramento, California 95814

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Ms. Sarah Bahm
California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Central Region
1234 E. Shaw Avenue
Fresno, CA  93710

County of Kern

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

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