

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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August 15, 2014

**Advice Letter 4455-E**

Brian Cherry  
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**SUBJECT: SUBMITS NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION, PURSUANT TO G.O. 131-D, FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE HERDLYN-BALFLOUR 60 kV POWER LINE  
RELOCATION PROJECT IN THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, CONTRA COSTA  
COUNTY**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4455-E is effective as of August 14, 2014.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division



**Brian K. Cherry**  
Vice President  
Regulatory Relations

Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
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July 2, 2014

**Advice 4455-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 Herdlyn-Balfour 60 kV Power Line Relocation Project in the City of Brentwood, Contra Costa 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**

Contra Costa County has requested PG&E to relocate approximately 3 miles of the existing Herdlyn-Balfour 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line from the south side of Balfour Road to the north side to accommodate the county's Balfour Road Shoulder Widening Project (existing franchise). PG&E will remove approximately 90 wood poles that support the power line in its current location, and will install approximately 90 new wood poles on the north side of Balfour Road. A majority of the new poles will be approximately 5 to 10 feet taller than the existing poles to comply with CPUC General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements; approximately 5 poles will be 15 to 20 feet taller because existing distribution and telephone lines will be relocated to the same poles as the power line. In addition to relocation of the line, associated in-ground utility vaults and PCC pad with anode test well & gas line warning signs at "B" Sta. 147+53/ 32'Rt will also be moved. The segment of the line to be relocated begins at the intersection of Sellers Avenue and Balfour Road in Brentwood and extends east along Balfour Road ending at the intersection of Bixler Road and Balfour Road in Discovery Bay. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin September 2014 or

as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is 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 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),

- 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."

The County of Contra Costa adopted a Categorical Exemption for the Balfour Road Shoulder Widening Project, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from the project, including the relocation of PG&E's 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 filing a protest with the CPUC and the Company by July 22, 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  
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.

### **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, reference Advice Letter 4455-E.

### **Effective Date**

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on August 1, 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/>.

*Brian Cherry /KHC*

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: Kingsley Cheng

Phone #: (415) 973-5265

E-mail: k2c0@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) #: **4455-E**

Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the Herdlyn-Balfour 60 kV Power Line Relocation Project in the City of Brentwood, Contra Costa County**

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 #: N/A

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Is AL requesting confidential treatment? If so, what information is the utility seeking confidential treatment for: No

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Requested effective date: **August 1, 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

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: 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:

**California Public Utilities Commission**  
**Director, Energy Division**  
**505 Van Ness Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**P.O. Box 770000**  
**San Francisco, CA 94177**  
**E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION**

Para más detalles llame 1-800-660-6789

**PROJECT NAME: HERDLYN-BALFOUR 60 KV POWER LINE RELOCATION (City of Brentwood and Contra Costa County, P. No. 04520)**  
**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4455-E**

**Proposed Project:** Contra Costa County has requested PG&E to relocate approximately 3 miles of the existing Herdlyn-Balfour 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line from the south side of Balfour Road to the north side to accommodate the county's Balfour Road Shoulder Widening Project (existing franchise). PG&E will remove approximately 90 wood poles that support the power line in its current location, and will install approximately 90 new wood poles on the north side of Balfour Road. A majority of the new poles will be approximately 5 to 10 feet taller than the existing poles to comply with CPUC General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements; approximately 5 poles will be 15 to 20 feet taller because existing distribution and telephone lines will be relocated to the same poles as the power line. In addition to relocation of the line, associated in-ground utility vaults and PCC pad with anode test well & gas line warning signs at "B" Sta. 147+53/ 32'Rt will also be moved. The segment of the line to be relocated begins at the intersection of Sellers Avenue and Balfour Road in Brentwood and extends east along Balfour Road ending at the intersection of Bixler Road and Balfour Road in Discovery Bay. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin September 2014 or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is 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:

- 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 conditions set out in Section III.B.2 of General Order 131-D exist;

- 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
- The cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, is significant; or
- 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:

- Your name, mailing address and daytime telephone number.
- Reference to the CPUC Advice Letter Number and Project Name.
- A clear description of the reason for the protest.
- Whether you believe that evidentiary hearings are necessary to resolve factual disputes.

**Protests for this project must be filed by July 22, 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](mailto: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 4455-E.

## **Notice Distribution List**

Herdlyn-Balfour 60 kV Power Line Relocation (Brentwood and Contra Costa County)

### **Advice 4455-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**

Mr. Serge Glushkoff  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bay Delta Region  
7329 Silverado Trail  
Yountville, California 94559

#### **County of Contra Costa**

Catherine Katsuris, Director  
Conservation and Development  
651 Pine Street North Wing 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Martinez, CA 94553

#### **City of Brentwood**

Erik Nolthenius, Principal Planner  
Planning Division  
118 Oak Street  
Brentwood, CA 94513

#### **Newspaper**

The Contra Costa Times

## PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Filing List

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Anderson & Poole	Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
BART	G. A. Krause & Assoc.	Praxair
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.	GenOn Energy Inc.	Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc.
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Braun Blaising McLaughlin, P.C.	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie	SCE
CENERGY POWER	Green Power Institute	SDG&E and SoCalGas
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn	Hanna & Morton	SPURR
California Energy Commission	In House Energy	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
California Public Utilities Commission	International Power Technology	Seattle City Light
California State Association of Counties	Intestate Gas Services, Inc.	Sempra Utilities
Calpine	K&L Gates LLP	SoCalGas
Casner, Steve	Kelly Group	Southern California Edison Company
Center for Biological Diversity	Linde	Spark Energy
City of Palo Alto	Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force	Sun Light & Power
City of San Jose	Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power	Sunshine Design
Clean Power	MRW & Associates	Tecogen, Inc.
Coast Economic Consulting	Manatt Phelps Phillips	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
Commercial Energy	Marin Energy Authority	TransCanada
Cool Earth Solar, Inc.	McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP	Utility Cost Management
County of Tehama - Department of Public Works	McKenzie & Associates	Utility Power Solutions
Crossborder Energy	Modesto Irrigation District	Utility Specialists
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