

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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September 2, 2014

Advice Letter 4470-E

Brian Cherry
Vice President, Regulation and Rates
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, CA 94177

SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Wilson Merced #2 115 kV Power Line Pole Replacements Project in the County of Merced

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4470-E is effective as of August 31, 2014.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph
Director, Energy Division

August 1, 2014

Advice 4470-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 Wilson-Merced #2 115 kV Power Line Pole Replacements Project in the County of Merced

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 the Bear Creek Solar site in Merced County has requested a distribution interconnection to PG&E's Merced Substation, located at the southeast corner of East Mission Avenue and State Route 59. Because PG&E plans to install the new distribution line as underbuild on the same poles as the existing Wilson-Merced 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line, PG&E will replace four approximately 40- to 65-foot-tall wood poles with four new approximately 65- to 85-foot-tall wood poles (existing easement). To support the new distribution wires, PG&E will also interset two approximately 33-foot-tall wood distribution poles at the point of interconnection with the solar facility. The affected segment of power line extends south from Merced Substation to the solar site located in an agricultural area east of State Route 59. The taller poles are needed to accommodate the new distribution line and meet California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum clearance requirements. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in September 2014, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is scheduled to be complete in October 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:

- 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 August 21, 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 shown 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

Meredith Allen
Senior Director, 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 4470-E.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on August 31, 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/>.

Handwritten signature of Meredith Allen in black ink, followed by the initials /KHC.

Senior Director – 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) #: **4470-E**

Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Wilson-Merced #2 115 kV Power Line Pole Replacements Project in the County of Merced**

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 31, 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., 4th Floor

San Francisco, CA 94102

E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Attn: Meredith Allen, Senior Director, 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: WILSON-MERCED #2 115 KV POWER LINE POLE REPLACEMENTS PROJECT - (PM 30976628, Merced County)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4470-E

Proposed Project: The developer of the Bear Creek Solar site in Merced County has requested a distribution interconnection to PG&E's Merced Substation, located at the southeast corner of East Mission Avenue and State Route 59. Because PG&E plans to install the new distribution line as underbuild on the same poles as the existing Wilson-Merced 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line, PG&E will replace four approximately 40- to 65-foot-tall wood poles with four new approximately 65- to 85-foot-tall wood poles (existing easement). To support the new distribution wires, PG&E will also interconnect two approximately 33-foot-tall wood distribution poles at the point of interconnection with the solar facility. The affected segment of power line extends south from Merced Substation to the solar site located in an agricultural area east of State Route 59. The taller poles are needed to accommodate the new distribution line and meet California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum clearance requirements. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in September 2014, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is scheduled to be complete in October 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;

- 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 21, 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 4470-E

Notice Distribution List

WILSON-MERCED #2 115 KV POWER LINE POLE REPLACEMENTS PROJECT
(Merced County)

Advice 4470-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 Merced

Mark J. Hendrickson, Director
Planning & Community Development Department
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

Newspaper

Merced Sun-Star

**PG&E Gas and Electric
Advice Filing List**

AT&T	Douglass & Liddell	Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc.
Alcantar & Kahl LLP	Downey & Brand	OnGrid Solar
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
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP	Morgan Stanley	Verizon
Day Carter Murphy	NLine Energy, Inc.	Water and Energy Consulting
Defense Energy Support Center	NRG Solar	Wellhead Electric Company
Dept of General Services	Nexant, Inc.	Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)
Division of Ratepayer Advocates	North America Power Partners	