September 2, 2014

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 G.O. 131-D, for the
Construction of Kings River-Sanger-Reedley 115 kV Switch Replacement
in the County of Fresno

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4475-E is effective as of September 4, 2014.

Sincerely,

Edward Randolph
Director, Energy Division
August 5, 2014

Advice 4475-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 Kings River-Sanger-Reedley 115 kV Switch Replacement 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

The project proposes to install new switches on the Kings River-Sanger-Reedley 115 kV Power Line, to have the capacity to sectionalize the Rainbow Tap 115 kV Power Line from the Kings River-Sanger-Reedley 115 kV. The project is located in a rural agricultural area of central Fresno County about 0.75 miles north of State Route 180 and about 0.75 miles east of Academy Avenue.

Two existing lattice steel towers will be replaced with two new tubular steel poles to install the new switches. The new poles will be installed at approximately the same location (12 feet over or less) as the existing towers and the towers will be removed after the new poles are installed. As such, the new poles will be located within the existing PG&E easement for this electric line. The existing towers and new poles are located within dirt fields and orchards. No sensitive environmental habitat has been identified in the project work areas.

One pole will be approximately 20 feet taller and the other 35 feet taller than the existing towers. The increase in height occurs in part because the vertical conductor spacing on new steel poles is required to be greater than for lattice
towers. The project provides an additional increase in pole height to increase the mid span conductor ground clearance.

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.”

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 25, 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
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 4475-E.

**Effective Date**

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on September 4, 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/.

Meredith Allen
Senior Director – 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: ☑ 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
PLC = Pipeline
GAS = Gas
HEAT = Heat
WATER = Water

Advice Letter (AL) #: 4475-E
Tier: N/A
Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Kings River-Sanger-Reedley 115 kV Switch Replacement in the County of Fresno

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Power Lines

AL filing type: ☑ 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: September 4, 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: Kings River-Sanger-Reedley 115 kV Switch Replacement - (P.No. 5507681, Fresno County)

ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4475-E

Proposed Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) will install new switches on the Kings River-Sanger-Reedley 115 kV Power Line to improve electric reliability and transmission system flexibility in Fresno County. The project is located in a rural agricultural area of central Fresno County approximately ¾ mile north of State Route 180 and approximately ¾ mile east of Academy Avenue. To accommodate the new switches, PG&E will replace two approximately 85-foot-tall lattice steel towers with two new tubular steel poles, approximately 105 and 120 feet tall (existing easement). The new poles will be installed at approximately the same location as the existing towers and the towers will be removed. The taller poles are needed to meet current design standards for switch poles and comply with CPUC General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in October 2014, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is scheduled to be completed 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(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.”

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 25, 2014 at the following address:

With a copy mailed to:

Director, Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor
San Francisco, California 94102

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 4475-E.
Notice Distribution List

Kings River-Sanger-Reedley 115 kV Switch Replacement

Advice 4475-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

**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 Fresno**

Alan Weaver, Planning Director  
Fresno County, Public Works and Planning  
2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor  
Fresno, CA  93721

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