December 2, 2014

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SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Tranquility Switching Station and Solar Project Interconnection in the County of Fresno

Dear Ms. Allen:

Advice Letter 4523-E is effective as of November 28, 2014.

Sincerely,

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division
October 29, 2014

Advice 4523-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 Tranquillity Switching Station and Solar Project Interconnection 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 or Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

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

To interconnect the Tranquillity Solar Project to the electric transmission system, the solar project developer is proposing to construct a new approximately 6-acre 230 kilovolt (kV) switching station in Fresno County (larger project CEQA) and transfer its ownership to PG&E. The proposed solar facility is centered along State Route 33 (South Derrick Avenue) between West Manning Avenue and West Mountain View Avenue, approximately 11 miles west of the City of San Joaquin. Tranquillity Switching Station will be located within the proposed solar project boundaries, centered approximately 0.25 miles northwest of the intersection of South Ohio Avenue and West Dinuba Avenue. To interconnect the new switching station, PG&E will relocate and loop approximately 1,100 and 1,300 feet of the existing Helm-Panoche 230 kV and Kearney-Panoche 230 kV transmission lines, respectively, into and out of the switching station (minor relocation). To relocate the transmission lines, PG&E will install approximately eight tubular steel poles, 4 poles in-line with the existing Helm-Panoche 230 kV and Kearney-Panoche 230 kV transmission lines, and 4 poles south of the
existing lines adjacent to the switching station. The new poles will be approximately 80 to 105 feet tall, which is approximately the same height or shorter than the existing towers. PG&E will also remove two existing approximately 105-foot-tall lattice steel transmission towers. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2015, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is scheduled to be completed in January 2016, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III.A (transmission line relocations) and III.B.1 (switching station) 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),

III.A: “the minor relocation of existing power line facilities”

III.B.f: “power lines or substations to be relocated or constructed which have undergone environmental review pursuant to CEQA as part of a larger project, and for which the final CEQA document (Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration) finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or substation.”

The County of Fresno certified an EIR for the Tranquillity Solar Generating Facility Project on October 9, 2014 (State Clearinghouse #2013111056), which concluded there would be no significant unavoidable environmental impacts as a result of the PG&E interconnection 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 November 18, 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

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, referencing Advice Letter 4523-E.

**Effective Date**

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on November 28, 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/.
/S/

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)

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**EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE**

| ELC = Electric | GAS = Gas |
| PLC = Pipeline | HEAT = Heat |
| WATER = Water |

**Advice Letter (AL) #:** 4523-E  
**Tier:** N/A

**Subject of AL:** Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Tranquility Switching Station and Solar Project Interconnection in the County of Fresno

**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:** November 28, 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: Tranquility Switching Station and Solar Project Interconnection (Fresno County, P. No. 07918)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4523-E

Proposed Project: To interconnect the Tranquility Solar Project to the electric transmission system, the solar project developer is proposing to construct a new approximately 6-acre 230 kilovolt (kV) switching station in Fresno County (larger project CEQA) and transfer its ownership to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). The proposed solar facility is centered along State Route 33 (South Derrick Avenue) between West Manning Avenue and West Mountain View Avenue, approximately 11 miles west of the City of San Joaquin. Tranquility Switching Station will be located within the proposed solar project boundaries, centered approximately 0.25 miles northwest of the intersection of South Ohio Avenue and West Dinuba Avenue. To interconnect the new switching station, PG&E will relocate and loop approximately 1,100 and 1,300 feet of the existing Helm-Panoche 230 kV and Kearney-Panoche 230 kV transmission lines, respectively, into and out of the switching station (minor relocation). To relocate the transmission lines, PG&E will install approximately eight tubular steel poles, 4 poles in-line with the existing Helm-Panoche 230 kV and Kearney-Panoche 230 kV transmission lines, and 4 poles south of the existing lines adjacent to the switching station. The new poles will be approximately 80 to 105 feet tall, which is approximately the same height or shorter than the existing towers. PG&E will also remove two existing approximately 105-foot-tall lattice steel transmission towers. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in January 2015, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is scheduled to be completed in January 2016, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

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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 November 18, 2014 at the following address:

Director, Energy Division
ED Tariffs Unit
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 4523-E.
Notice Distribution List

Tranquillity Switching Station and Solar Project Interconnection
(Fresno County)

Advice 4523-E

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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 Fresno

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

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