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Advice Letter 4526-E

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SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Cuyama Solar Project Interconnection to the Cuyama-Taft #1 70 kV Power Line, in the County of Santa Barbara

Dear Ms. Allen:

Advice Letter 4526-E is effective as of November 29, 2014.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph
Director, Energy Division



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Advice 4526-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 Cuyama Solar Project Interconnection to the Cuyama-Taft #1 70 kV Power Line, in the County of Santa Barbara

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 Cuyama Solar Project in Santa Barbara County has requested that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) connect the existing Cuyama-Taft #1 70 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line to the solar project’s switchyard (larger project CEQA). The customer-owned switchyard is located in a remote agricultural area approximately 100 feet north of PG&E’s existing Cuyama Substation and approximately 2.5 miles west of the intersection of Kirschenmann Road and Washington Street. Beginning at the northwest corner of the Cuyama Substation, PG&E will relocate approximately 150 feet of the Taft-Cuyama #1 70 kV Power Line approximately 20 feet to the north, and extend an approximately 65-foot-long power line to a customer-owned pole located just outside of the new switchyard. To support the lines, PG&E will remove two existing 65-foot-tall wood poles, and install five new approximately 70- to 90-foot-tall light-duty steel or tubular steel poles between the substation and the switchyard. In addition, approximately one mile east of the substation, PG&E will raise the Taft-Cuyama #2 70 kV Power Line to allow the solar company’s new power line to cross under the PG&E line. For this work, PG&E will replace one 65-foot-tall wood pole with

up to approximately five new wood poles, approximately 80-to-100-feet tall. The taller poles are needed to comply with California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum clearance requirements. To allow the existing line to remain energized during the crossing work, PG&E will temporarily relocate approximately 450 feet of the line by installing one or more temporary wood poles, which will be removed following construction. Project construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in February 2015, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction will be completed in April 2015, 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),

- 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."

County of Santa Barbara adopted an Environmental Impact Report for the Cuyama Solar Generation Facility, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed facilities (State Clearinghouse No. 2011121009 [Weblink: <http://www.sbcountyplanning.org/energy/projects/CuyamaSolarArrayFEIR.asp>])

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 19, 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 4526-E.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on **November 29, 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

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) #: **4526-E**

Tier: **N/A**

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Cuyama Solar Project Interconnection to the Cuyama-Taft #1 70 kV Power Line, in the County of Santa Barbara**

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 29, 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:

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
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San Francisco, CA 94177

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

Para más detalles llame 1-800-660-6789

**PROJECT NAME: Cuyama Solar Project Interconnection to the Cuyama-Taft #1 70 kV Power Line
(Santa Barbara County, P.No. 04671)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4526-E**

Proposed Project: The developer of the Cuyama Solar Project in Santa Barbara County has requested that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) connect the existing Cuyama-Taft #1 70 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line to the solar project's switchyard (larger project CEQA). The customer-owned switchyard is located in a remote agricultural area approximately 100 feet north of PG&E's existing Cuyama Substation and approximately 2.5 miles west of the intersection of Kirschenmann Road and Washington Street. Beginning at the northwest corner of the Cuyama Substation, PG&E will relocate approximately 150 feet of the Taft-Cuyama #1 70 kV Power Line approximately 20 feet to the north, and extend an approximately 65-foot-long power line to a customer-owned pole located just outside of the new switchyard. To support the lines, PG&E will remove two existing 65-foot-tall wood poles, and install five new approximately 70- to 90-foot-tall light-duty steel or tubular steel poles between the substation and the switchyard. In addition, approximately one mile east of the substation, PG&E will raise the Taft-Cuyama #2 70 kV Power Line to allow the solar company's new power line to cross under the PG&E line. For this work, PG&E will replace one 65-foot-tall wood pole with up to approximately five new wood poles, approximately 80-to-100-feet tall. The taller poles are needed to comply with California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum clearance requirements. To allow the existing line to remain energized during the crossing work, PG&E will temporarily relocate approximately 450 feet of the line by installing one or more temporary wood poles, which will be removed following construction. Project construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in February 2015, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction will be completed in April 2015, 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):

- 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"

Santa Barbara County adopted an Environmental Impact Report for the Cuyama Solar Array Project, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed facilities. (State Clearinghouse #2011121009.) [Weblink: <http://www.sbcountyplanning.org/energy/projects/CuyamaSolarArrayFEIR.asp>]

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 November 19, 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 4526-E.

Notice Distribution List

Cuyama Solar Project Power Line Interconnection
(Santa Barbara County)

Advice 4526-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 Santa Barbara

Mr. Glenn Russell
Planning and Development Director
123 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Newspaper

Santa Barbara News-Press

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.
Bartle Wells Associates	GenOn Energy, Inc.	SCD Energy Solutions
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	