December 2, 2014

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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,

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division
October 30, 2014

Advice 4526-E
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

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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
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)

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

Advice Letter (AL) #: 4526-E
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: No
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 94110
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: 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:

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 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
Alcantar & Kahl LLP
Anderson & Poole
BART
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.
Bartle Wells Associates
Braun Blaising McLaughlin, P.C.
CENERGY POWER
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn
California Energy Commission
California Public Utilities Commission
California State Association of Counties
Calpine
Casner, Steve
Center for Biological Diversity
City of Palo Alto
City of San Jose
Clean Power
Coast Economic Consulting
Commercial Energy
Cool Earth Solar, Inc.
County of Tehama - Department of Public Works
Crossborder Energy
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
Day Carter Murphy
Defense Energy Support Center
Dept of General Services
Division of Ratepayer Advocates

Douglass & Liddell
Downey & Brand
Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP
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GenOn Energy Inc.
GenOn Energy, Inc.
Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlottz & Ritchie
Green Power Institute
Hanna & Morton
In House Energy
International Power Technology
Intestate Gas Services, Inc.
K&L Gates LLP
Kelly Group
Linde
Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power
MRW & Associates
Manatt Phelps Phillips
Marin Energy Authority
McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP
McKenzie & Associates
Modesto Irrigation District
Morgan Stanley
NLine Energy, Inc.
NRG Solar
Nexant, Inc.
North America Power Partners
Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc.
OnGrid Solar
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Praxair
Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc.
SCD Energy Solutions
SCE
SDG&E and SoCalGas
SPURR
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Seattle City Light
Sempra Utilities
SoCalGas
Southern California Edison Company
Spark Energy
Sun Light & Power
Sunshine Design
Tecogen, Inc.
Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
TransCanada
Utility Cost Management
Utility Power Solutions
Utility Specialists
Verizon
Water and Energy Consulting
Wellhead Electric Company
Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)