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Advice Letter 4536-E

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**Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, for
the Construction of Freshwater Solar Project Interconnection
in the County of Kings**

Dear Ms. Allen:

Advice Letter 4536-E is effective December 20, 2014.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph
Director, Energy Division



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Senior Director
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November 20, 2014

Advice 4536-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 Freshwater Solar Project Interconnection in the County of Kings

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 Freshwater Solar Project in Kings County has requested that PG&E connect the existing Kingsburg-Corcoran 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line to the solar project's substation. The substation is located in a remote agricultural area approximately 4 miles northwest of the City of Corcoran, just east of the intersection of State Route 43 and Nevada Avenue. To connect the power line into the customer-owned substation, PG&E will install approximately three new tubular-steel poles approximately 90 to 110 feet tall, one with switches, adjacent to existing lattice steel towers approximately 75 feet tall (existing easement). The additional height on the new poles is needed to support the switches and to comply with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 clearance requirements. From the new switchpole, PG&E will extend an approximately 100-foot-long power line to a new pole owned by the developer outside of its solar project substation (categorical exemption). Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in February 2015, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is scheduled to be complete 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),

- 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."
- h. "the construction of projects that are statutorily or categorically exempt pursuant to § 15260 et seq. of the Guidelines adopted to implement the CEQA, 14 Code of California Regulations § 15000 et seq. (CEQA Guidelines)."

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by filing a protest with the CPUC and the Company by December 10, 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 4536-E.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on December 20, 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

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) #: **4536-E**

Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Freshwater Solar Project Interconnection in the County of Kings**

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: **December 20, 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: Freshwater Solar Project Interconnection (Kings County, P. No. 07456)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4536-E

Proposed Project: The developer of the Freshwater Solar Project in Kings County has requested that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) connect the existing Kingsburg-Corcoran 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line to the solar project's substation. The substation is located in a remote agricultural area approximately 4 miles northwest of the City of Corcoran, just east of the intersection of State Route 43 and Nevada Avenue. To connect the power line into the customer-owned substation, PG&E will install approximately three new tubular-steel poles approximately 90 to 110 feet tall, one with switches, adjacent to existing lattice steel towers approximately 75 feet tall (existing easement). The additional height on the new poles is needed to support the switches and to comply with the CPUC's General Order 95 clearance requirements. From the new switchpole, PG&E will extend an approximately 100-foot-long power line to a new pole owned by the developer outside of its solar project substation (categorical exemption). Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in February 2015, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is scheduled to be complete 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):

- 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."
- h. "the construction of projects that are statutorily or categorically exempt pursuant to § 15260 et seq. of the Guidelines adopted to implement the CEQA, 14 Code of California Regulations § 15000 et seq. (CEQA Guidelines)."

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 December 10, 2014 at the following address:

Director, Energy Division
 ED Tariff 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 4536-E.

Notice Distribution List

Freshwater Solar Project Interconnection

Advice 4536-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 Kings

Mr. Gregory Gatzka
Director of Community Development
Kings County Planning Department
1400 West Lacey Boulevard
Hanford, CA 93230

Newspaper

Hanford Sentinel

PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Filing List

AT&T	Division of Ratepayer Advocates	North America Power Partners
Albion Power Company	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	Seattle City Light
California Public Utilities Commission	International Power Technology	Sempra Utilities
California State Association of Counties	Intestate Gas Services, Inc.	SoCalGas
Calpine	K&L Gates LLP	Southern California Edison Company
Casner, Steve	Kelly Group	Spark Energy
Center for Biological Diversity	Linde	Sun Light & Power
City of Palo Alto	Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force	Sunshine Design
City of San Jose	Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power	Tecogen, Inc.
Clean Power	MRW & Associates	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
Coast Economic Consulting	Manatt Phelps Phillips	TransCanada
Commercial Energy	Marin Energy Authority	Utility Cost Management
Cool Earth Solar, Inc.	McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP	Utility Power Solutions
County of Tehama - Department of Public Works	McKenzie & Associates	Utility Specialists
Crossborder Energy	Modesto Irrigation District	Verizon
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP	Morgan Stanley	Water and Energy Consulting
Day Carter Murphy	NLine Energy, Inc.	Wellhead Electric Company
Defense Energy Support Center	NRG Solar	Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)
Dept of General Services	Nexant, Inc.	