March 24, 2015

Advice Letter 4589-E

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SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of E&B Resources Interconnection to the Kern-Kern Front 115kV Power Line, County of Kern

Dear Ms. Allen:

Advice Letter 4589-E is effective as of March 21, 2015.

Sincerely,

Edward Randolph
Director, Energy Division
February 19, 2015

Advice 4589-E
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of E&B Resources Interconnection to the Kern-Kern Front 115 kV Power Line, County of Kern

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

E&B Natural Resources, an oil and gas company, has requested Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to connect the existing Kern-Kern Front 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line to a new customer-owned switchyard in Kern County. The switchyard is located in a remote mineral and petroleum area approximately ½ mile east of the intersection of Highway 65 and Lerdo Highway. To connect the power line into the customer’s switchyard, PG&E will replace two existing wood poles on its existing line (approximately 56 and 68 feet tall) with three new light-duty steel or tubular steel poles (existing easement, intersetting additional structures). The new poles will be approximately 70- to 85-feet-tall to meet California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements. PG&E will also extend an approximately 55-foot-long power line to a new 81-foot-tall customer-owned tubular steel pole located south of the new switchyard (categorical exemption). To allow the existing power line to remain in service during this work, PG&E will temporarily relocate approximately 440 feet of the line supported by approximately four temporary wood poles, which will be removed following construction (minor relocation). Project construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in October 2015, or as soon as
project plans and approvals are in place. Construction will be completed in January 2016, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, Subsection 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),

c. “the minor relocation of existing power line facilities up to 2,000 feet in length, or the intersetting of additional support structures between existing support structures.”

g. “power lines 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 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).”

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 letter sent via U.S. mail, by facsimile or electronically, any of which must be received no later than March 11, 2015, which is 20 days after the date of this filing. Protests should be mailed to:

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 shown 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 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, reference Advice Letter 4589-E.

**Effective Date**

This Company requests that this advice filing become effective on March 21, 2015, 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: k2e0@pge.com and PGETariffs@pge.com

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

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

Advice Letter (AL) #: 4589-E
Tier: N/A

Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of E&B Resources Interconnection to the Kern-Kern Front 115 kV Power Line, County of Kern

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: March 21, 2015
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: E&B Natural Resources Interconnection to the Kern-Kern Front 115 kV Power Line
(Kern County, P.No. 06728)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4589-E

Proposed Project: E&B Natural Resources, an oil and gas company, has requested Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to connect the existing Kern-Kern Front 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line to a new customer-owned switchyard in Kern County. The switchyard is located in a remote mineral and petroleum area approximately ½ mile east of the intersection of Highway 65 and Lerdo Highway. To connect the power line into the customer’s switchyard, PG&E will replace two existing wood poles on its existing line (approximately 56 and 68 feet tall) with three new light-duty steel or tubular steel poles (existing easement, interseting additional structures). The new poles will be approximately 70- to 85-feet tall to meet California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements. PG&E will also extend an approximately 55-foot-long power line to a new 81-foot-tall customer-owned tubular steel pole located south of the new switchyard (categorical exemption). To allow the existing power line to remain in service during this work, PG&E will temporarily relocate approximately 440 feet of the line supported by approximately four temporary wood poles, which will be removed following construction (minor relocation). Project construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in October 2015, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction will be completed in January 2016, 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):

  c. “the minor relocation of existing power line facilities up to 2,000 feet in length, or the interseting of additional support structures between existing support structures.”
  g. “power lines 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 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 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 March 11, 2015 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

(P.No. 06728/SAP Order No.30925262/MWC 82)
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 4589-E.
Notice Distribution List

E&B Natural Resources Load Interconnection
(Kern County)

Advice 4589-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 Kern

Ms. Lorelei H. Oviatt, Director
2700 “M” Street, Suite 100
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Newspaper

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PG&E Gas and Electric
Advice Filing List

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California Cotton Ginters & Growers Assn
California Energy Commission
California Public Utilities Commission
California State Association of Counties
Calpine
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Center for Biological Diversity
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City of San Jose
Clean Power
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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
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)
YEP Energy