July 10, 2015

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Senior Director, Regulatory Relations
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, for
the Construction of Lakeview Substation Expansion for
Maricopa East Solar Project Interconnection in the County
of Kern

Dear Ms. Allen:

Advice Letter 4629-E is effective July 8, 2015.

Sincerely,

Edward Randolph
Director, Energy Division
May 1, 2015

Advice 4629-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 Lakeview Substation Expansion for Maricopa East Solar Project Interconnection in the 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

The developer of Maricopa East Solar Project in Kern County has requested a distribution interconnection to PG&E’s Lakeview Substation. The substation is located in a remote agricultural area at the southwest corner of Copus Road and Schallock Road in Kern County. PG&E will expand the substation by approximately ½ acre to the south of the existing substation to accommodate new distribution facilities for the solar interconnection (larger-project CEQA). In addition to a ½-mile 12 kV distribution line, PG&E will install two new approximately 85-foot-tall tubular-steel poles within the south end of the substation expansion to reroute approximately 600 feet of the Wheeler Ridge-Lakeview 70 kV Power Line (larger-project CEQA). Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in June 2015, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place, with completion in December 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:

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 Kern certified an Environmental Impact Report for the Maricopa Sun Solar Complex Project (March 29, 2011) and Addendum (April 14, 2015), which found no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E’s proposed facilities. (State Clearinghouse #2010031034.)

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 May 21, 2015, 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
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 4629-E.

**Effective Date**

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice filing become effective on May 31, 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)

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

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

Advice Letter (AL) #: 4629-E

Tier: 2

Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Lakeview Substation Expansion for Maricopa East Solar Project Interconnection in the 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: **May 31, 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
PROJECT NAME: LAKEVIEW SUBSTATION EXPANSION FOR MARICOPA EAST SOLAR PROJECT  
INTERCONNECTION - (Kern County, P. No. 06745)  
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4629-E

Proposed Project: The developer of Maricopa East Solar Project in Kern County has requested a distribution interconnection to Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Lakeview Substation. The substation is located in a remote agricultural area at the southwest corner of Copus Road and Schallock Road in Kern County. PG&E will expand the substation by approximately ½ acre to the south of the existing substation to accommodate new distribution facilities for the solar interconnection (larger-project CEQA). In addition to a ½-mile 12 kV distribution line, PG&E will install two new approximately 85-foot-tall tubular-steel poles within the south end of the substation expansion to reroute approximately 600 feet of the Wheeler Ridge-Lakeview 70 kV Power Line (larger-project CEQA). Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in June 2015, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place, with completion in December 2015, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

Exemption from CPUC Permit Requirement: 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:

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.”

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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
b. 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 May 21, 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

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 4629-E.
Notice Distribution List

Lakeview Substation Expansion for Maricopa East Solar Project Interconnection
(Kern County)

Advice 4629-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, Planning Director
County of Kern
2700 M Street, Suite 100
Bakersfield, CA 93301

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