July 10, 2015

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Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, for the Construction of CA Flats Solar Project Switching Station and Transmission Line Interconnection in the County of Monterey

Dear Ms. Allen:

Advice Letter 4644-E is effective July 8, 2015.

Sincerely,

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division
May 21, 2015

Advice 4644-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 CA Flats Solar Project Switching Station and Transmission Line Interconnection in the County of Monterey

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 [or Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for major electric transmission facilities 200 kV and above.

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

To accommodate the interconnection of the CA Flats Solar Project, PG&E is proposing to install a new approximately 6-acre switching station in rural southeastern Monterey County between Cholame Valley Road and Turkey Flat Road (larger project CEQA). The new switching station will be constructed by First Solar and owned by PG&E. To interconnect the new switching station to PG&E’s existing Morro Bay-Gates 230 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line, PG&E will reroute and loop approximately 1,600 feet of the line into and out of the proposed switching station (minor relocation). To support the transmission line loop, PG&E will install approximately four new tubular steel poles, two adjacent to the switching station and two interset in the existing alignment. All tubular steel poles will be approximately 125 feet tall. In addition, PG&E will interset approximately two “H Frame” structures that will be approximately 80 feet tall. PG&E will also interconnect two fiber optic communication lines from the switching station to the
transmission line using underground conduits installed by the solar developer. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in August 2015 or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is scheduled to be completed in April 2016, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

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

III.A: “the minor relocation of existing power line facilities”

III.B.1.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 Monterey adopted an EIR for the CA Flats Solar Project on February 10, 2015. The EIR found no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E’s proposed facilities. (State Clearinghouse #2013041031)

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 June 10, 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 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:
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 4644-E.

**Effective Date**

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice filing become effective on June 20, 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/.
**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

**EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE**

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

**Advice Letter (AL) #:** 4644-E

**Tier:** 2

**Subject of AL:** Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of CA Flats Solar Project Switching Station and Transmission Line Interconnection in the County of Monterey

**Keywords** (choose from CPUC listing): Power Lines

**AL filing type:** ☑ One-Time

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:** June 20, 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: CA Flats Solar Project Switching Station and Transmission Line Interconnection - (Monterey County, P. No.120294)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4644-E

Proposed Project: To accommodate the interconnection of the CA Flats Solar Project, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to install a new approximately 6-acre switching station in rural southeastern Monterey County between Cholame Valley Road and Turkey Flat Road (larger project CEQA). The new switching station will be constructed by First Solar and owned by PG&E. To interconnect the new switching station to PG&E’s existing Morro Bay-Gates 230 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line, PG&E will reroute and loop approximately 1,600 feet of the line into and out of the proposed switching station (minor relocation). To support the transmission line loop, PG&E will install approximately four new tubular steel poles, two adjacent to the switching station and two interset in the existing alignment. All tubular steel poles will be approximately 125 feet tall. In addition, PG&E will interset approximately two “H Frame” structures that will be approximately 80 feet tall. PG&E will also interconnect two fiber optic communication lines from the switching station to the transmission line using underground conduits installed by the solar developer. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in August 2015 or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is scheduled to be completed in April 2016, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

Exemption from CPUC Permit Requirement: CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, Subsection A and B1, 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):

III.A: “the minor relocation of existing power line facilities”

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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
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 June 10, 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 4644-E.
Notice Distribution List

CA Flats Solar Project Power Line Interconnection
(Monterey County)

Advice 4644-E

Energy Commission

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California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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County of Monterey

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Planning Service Manager
Monterey County Resource Planning Department
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Salinas, CA 93901
E-Mail: fordjh@co.monterey.ca.us

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