August 24, 2015

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SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Frontier Solar 1 Interconnection Project Including Crow Creek Switching Station in the County of Stanislaus

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 4681-E is effective as of August 30, 2015.

Sincerely,

Edward Randolph
Director, Energy Division
July 31, 2015

Advice 4681-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

To interconnect the proposed Frontier Solar 1 Project to the electric transmission system, the solar developer is proposing to construct a new approximately 5-acre 60 kilovolt (kV) switching station in rural Stanislaus County and transfer its ownership to PG&E. The new Crow Creek Switching Station will be located approximately 0.6 mile southwest of the intersection of Davis Road and Interstate 5. To interconnect the new switching station, located within the solar project boundaries and west of PG&E’s Salado-Newman #1 60 kV Power Line, PG&E will relocate and loop approximately 900 feet of the existing power line into and out of the switching station. To relocate the power line, PG&E will install approximately two tubular steel poles in-line with the existing power line and two light-duty steel poles west of the existing power line and adjacent to the switching station. The new poles will be approximately 80 to 90 feet tall. PG&E will also remove approximately 430 feet of the existing power line and one existing approximately 50-foot-tall wood pole to complete the loop. In addition, the solar developer will install and transfer to PG&E a new underground fiber optic cable.
between the switching station and an existing PG&E telecommunication connection facility, located approximately 2.5 miles west of the switching station. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in September 2015, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is scheduled to be completed in January 2016, 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.”

The County of Stanislaus adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Frontier Solar 1 Project (referred to as Beltran Ranch Solar Facility Project in the MND) on November 4, 2010 and Addendum dated June 26, 2015, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E’s proposed facilities. (State Clearinghouse # 2011112013)

This filing will not 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 August 20, 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:
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.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on August 30, 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/
Erik Jacobson
Director, Regulatory Relations

cc: Parties Listed in G.O. 131-D, Paragraphs B.1 and B.2

Attachments
**ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY**

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Advice Letter (AL) #: **4681-E**

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Frontier Solar 1 Interconnection Project Including Crow Creek Switching Station in the County of Stanislaus**

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: **August 30, 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: Erik Jacobson, 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: Frontier Solar 1 Interconnection Project Including Crow Creek Switching Station
(Stanislaus County, P. No. 08572)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4681-E

Proposed Project: To interconnect the proposed Frontier Solar 1 Project to the electric transmission system, the solar developer is proposing to construct a new approximately 5-acre 60 kilovolt (kV) switching station in rural Stanislaus County and transfer its ownership to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). The new Crow Creek Switching Station will be located approximately 0.6 mile southwest of the intersection of Davis Road and Interstate 5. To interconnect the new switching station, located within the solar project boundaries and west of PG&E’s Salado-Newman #1 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line, PG&E will relocate and loop approximately 900 feet of the existing power line into and out of the switching station. To relocate the power line, PG&E will install approximately two tubular steel poles in-line with the existing power line and two light-duty steel poles west of the existing power line and adjacent to the switching station. The new poles will be approximately 80 to 90 feet tall. PG&E will also remove approximately 430 feet of the existing power line and one existing approximately 50-foot-tall wood pole to complete the loop. In addition, the solar developer will install and transfer to PG&E a new underground fiber optic cable between the switching station and an existing PG&E telecommunication connection facility, located approximately 2.5 miles west of the switching station. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in September 2015, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is scheduled to 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, 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 exemptions:

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

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 August 20, 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. 08572/SAP Order No. 30855185/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 4681-E.
Notice Distribution List

Crow Creek Switching Station and Frontier Solar Project Interconnection
(Stanislaus County)

Advice 4681-E

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