December 29, 2015

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SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, for the Construction of Willits-Garberville 60 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project in Unincorporated Humboldt County

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 4730-E is effective as of November 29, 2015.

Sincerely,

Edward Randolph
Director, Energy Division
October 30, 2015

Advice 4730-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 Willits-Garberville 60 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project in Unincorporated Humboldt County

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 accommodate a distribution project that will improve electric service reliability in Humboldt County, PG&E will replace 9 poles holding both distribution and transmission wires on the Willits-Garberville 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line. The project is adjacent to Alderpoint Road and Bell Springs Road, approximately 6 miles east of the town of Garberville, within unincorporated Humboldt County. Nine wood poles are being replaced with new wood and light-duty steel poles of approximately the same height or up to approximately 23 feet taller. Approximately 8 of the replacement poles are located adjacent to Bell Springs Road, beginning approximately 3,300 feet southeast of the junction of Bell Springs Road and Alderpoint Road, and ending approximately 300 feet south of the junction of Bell Springs Road and Alderpoint Road. One of the replacement poles is located adjacent to Alderpoint Road, approximately 1,000 feet northwest of the intersection. Numerous swales in the project vicinity have been assumed to be federal jurisdictional wetlands, and will largely be avoided during project construction. The one exception is removal of an anchor bolt about 300 feet
south of the junction of Bell Springs Road and Alderpoint Road, which will disturb less than one square foot of soil and is covered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers section 404 maintenance exemption under 33 CFR 323.4 (a)(2). Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in late 2015, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction will be completed in early 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),

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.”

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 November 19, 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
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 4730-E.

**Effective Date**

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on November 29, 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
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY
ENERGY UTILITY

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

Advice Letter (AL) #: 4730-E
Tier: 2
Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Willits-Garberville 60 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project in Unincorporated Humboldt County

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: November 19, 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: WILLITS-GARBerville 60 KV POWER LINE POLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
(Humboldt County, P. No. 07846)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4730-E

Proposed Project:
To accommodate a distribution project that will improve electric service reliability in Humboldt County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) will replace 9 poles holding both distribution and transmission wires on the WillisGarberville 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line. The project is adjacent to Alderpoint Road and Bell Springs Road, approximately 6 miles east of the town of Garberville, within unincorporated Humboldt County. Nine wood poles are being replaced with new wood and light-duty steel poles of approximately the same height or up to approximately 23 feet taller. Approximately 8 of the replacement poles are located adjacent to Bell Springs Road, beginning approximately 3,300 feet southeast of the junction of Bell Springs Road and Alderpoint Road, and ending approximately 300 feet south of the junction of Bell Springs Road and Alderpoint Road. One of the replacement poles is located adjacent to Alderpoint Road, approximately 1,000 feet northwest of the intersection. Numerous swales in the project vicinity have been assumed to be federal jurisdictional wetlands, and will largely be avoided during project construction. The one exception is removal of an anchor bolt about 300 feet south of the junction of Bell Springs Road and Alderpoint Road, which will disturb less than one square foot of soil and is covered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers section 404 maintenance exemption under 33 CFR 323.4 (a)(2). Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in late 2015, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction will be completed in early 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:
  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.”

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 November 19, 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:
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 4730-E.
Notice Distribution List

Willits-Garberville 60 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project
(Humboldt County)

Advice 4730-E

Energy Commission

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Rob.Oglesby@energy.ca.gov

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California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39
Sacramento, California 95814
Drew.Bohan@energy.ca.gov

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Northern Region
601 Locust Street
Redding, CA 96001
askregion1@dfg.ca.gov

County of Humboldt

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Humboldt County Planning Director
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501
khamblin@co.humboldt.ca.us

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