December 8, 2015

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Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, for the Construction of Wasco-Famoso 70 kV Power Line Relocation Project in the County of Kern

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 4734-E is effective December 7, 2015.

Sincerely,

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division
November 2, 2015

Advice 4734-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 Wasco-Famoso 70 kV Power Line Relocation Project 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 State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has requested PG&E to relocate approximately 3,100 feet of the Wasco-Famoso 70 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line to accommodate proposed bridge and other improvements at the intersection of State Routes 46 and 99. The existing power line follows State Route 46 on the south side of the road west of State Route 99, and crosses over to the north side of State Route 46 just before the bridge to continue along the north side of State Route 46. The relocation will begin approximately 2,300 feet west of State Route 99 where the new power line will be relocated from the south side to the north side of State Route 46. The new power line will remain on the north side of State Route 46, crossing over State Route 99 in an alignment further north to accommodate the widened bridge, until it rejoins the existing power line alignment approximately 600 feet east of State Route 99. To relocate the line, PG&E will remove approximately 10 existing wood poles, ranging in height from approximately 55 to approximately 65 feet tall. PG&E will install approximately 10 new wood and light-duty steel poles (which weather to resemble wood), ranging in height from approximately 58 to approximately 97
feet tall. The taller poles are needed to support the new wires over longer spans, meet current design standards, comply with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements, and reduce electric and magnetic fields near commercial/industrial land use areas. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in August 2016, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. The project is scheduled to be completed in December 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.”

Caltrans adopted a Negative Declaration for the Kern 46/99 Separation Bridge Replacement Project in July 2014, as revalidated in April 2015, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E’s proposed facilities. (State Clearinghouse #2014021006.)

Additionally, G.O. 131-D requires utilities to employ "no cost" and specified "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs) in accordance with CPUC Decision 06-01-042 and the “EMF Guidelines for Electrical Facilities” prepared in compliance with that decision. The following measures are proposed for this project:

- Increase the height of overhead lines 5 feet more than otherwise required to reduce EMF strength at ground level for approximately two poles near commercial/industrial land use areas.

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 23, 2015, which is 21 days after the date of this filing. Protests should be mailed to the following address:

1 The 20-day protest period concludes on a weekend. PG&E is hereby moving this date to the following business day.
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 4734-E.
Effective Date

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice filing become effective on December 2, 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
Company name/CPUC Utility No. **Pacific Gas and Electric Company (ID U39 E)**

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**Advice Letter (AL) #: 4734-E**

**Tier: 2**

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Wasco-Famoso 70 kV Power Line Relocation Project in the County of Kern**

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

AL filing type: ☑ 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: **December 2, 2015**

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 21 days¹ 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
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San Francisco, CA 94177
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION
Para más detalles llame 1-800-660-6789

PROJECT NAME: WASCO-FAMOSO 70 kV POWER LINE RELOCATION PROJECT
(Kern County, P. No. 08793)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4734-E

Proposed Project: The State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has requested Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&E) to relocate approximately 3,100 feet of the Wasco-Famoso 70 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line to accommodate proposed bridge and other improvements at the intersection of State Routes 46 and 99. The existing power line follows State Route 46 on the south side of the road west of State Route 99, and crosses over to the north side of State Route 46 just before the bridge to continue along the north side of State Route 46. The relocation will begin approximately 2,300 feet west of State Route 99 where the new power line will be relocated from the south side to the north side of State Route 46. The new power line will remain on the north side of State Route 46, crossing over State Route 99 in an alignment further north to accommodate the widened bridge, until it rejoins the existing power line alignment approximately 600 feet east of State Route 99. To relocate the line, PG&E will remove approximately 10 existing wood poles, ranging in height from approximately 55 to approximately 65 feet tall. PG&E will install approximately 10 new wood and light-duty steel poles (which weather to resemble wood), ranging in height from approximately 58 to approximately 97 feet tall. The taller poles are needed to support the new wires over longer spans, meet current design standards, comply with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements, and reduce electric and magnetic fields near commercial/industrial land use areas. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in August 2016, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. The project is scheduled to be completed in December 2016, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF): PG&E will employ “no cost” and specified “low cost” measures to reduce public exposure to EMF in accordance with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Decision 06-01-042 and the “EMF Design Guidelines for Electrical Facilities” prepared in compliance with that decision. The following measures are proposed for this project:

- Increase the height of overhead lines 5 feet more than otherwise required to reduce EMF strength at ground level for approximately two poles near commercial/industrial land use areas.

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
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 23, 2015 at the following address:

(P.No. 08793/SAP Order No. 31064422/MWC 82)
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 4734-E.
Notice Distribution List

Wasco-Famoso 70 kV Power Line Relocation (Kern County)

Advice 4734-E

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