January 28, 2016

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Attn: Erik Jacobson, Director, Regulatory Relations
Senior Director, Regulatory Relations
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, CA  94177

SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Beale AFB to Wheatland 60 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project in the City of Wheatland, County of Yuba

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 4753-E is effective as of January 9, 2016.

Sincerely,

Edward Randolph
Director, Energy Division
December 10, 2015

Advice 4753-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 Beale AFB to Wheatland 60 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project in the City of Wheatland, County of Yuba

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 improve electric service reliability by replacing aging infrastructure in the City of Wheatland and surrounding areas, PG&E is proposing to replace approximately 114 existing wood poles and approximately 5 miles of wires on approximately 6 miles of the Smartville-Nicolaus #2 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line in the City of Wheatland and unincorporated Yuba County. The project begins just south of the Beale Air Force Base (AFB) guard station and continues southwest along Monarch Trail for approximately 1 mile. The project continues southwest along Spenceville Road for approximately 4.5 miles and then continues generally southwest for approximately 0.5 miles through open fields and across Camp Beale Highway to terminate at Wheatland Substation located on 6th Street near Camp Beale Highway in the City of Wheatland. PG&E will replace the existing wood poles with new light-duty steel and wood poles of the same height or approximately 10 feet taller to comply with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements and to reduce electric and magnetic fields at ground level in
residential areas. Approximately two poles are located within or adjacent to roadside ditches that are non-jurisdictional wetlands according to current U.S. Army Corps of Engineers guidelines. Even if the wetlands were jurisdictional, PG&E’s work would be covered by the Section 404(f) maintenance exemption under 33 CFR 323.4 (a)(2). Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2016, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is anticipated to be completed in spring 2017, 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”

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 10 poles in residential areas by 10 feet taller than required for meeting clearance requirements.

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 December 30, 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

Erik Jacobson  
Director, Regulatory Relations  
c/o Megan Lawson  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
P.O. Box 770000, Mail Code B10C  
San Francisco, California 94177  
Facsimile: (415) 973-7226  
E-Mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

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 4753-E.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice filing become effective on January 9, 2016, 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)**

**Utility type:** Contact Person: Kingsley Cheng
- ☑ ELC
- □ GAS
- □ PLC
- □ HEAT
- □ WATER
  Phone #: (415) 973-5265
  E-mail: k2c0@pge.com and PGETariffs@pge.com

**EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE**

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**Advice Letter (AL) #: 4753-E**

**Tier: 2**

**Subject of AL:** Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Beale AFB to Wheatland 60 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project in the City of Wheatland, County of Yuba

**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:

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**Requested effective date:** January 9, 2016

**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
c/o Megan Lawson
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: Beale AFB to Wheatland 60 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project
(City of Wheatland and Yuba County, P. No. 05270)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 4753-E

Proposed Project: To improve electric service reliability by replacing aging infrastructure in the City of Wheatland and surrounding areas, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace approximately 114 existing wood poles and approximately 5 miles of wires on approximately 6 miles of the Smartville-Nicolaus #2 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line in the City of Wheatland and unincorporated Yuba County. The project begins just south of the Beale Air Force Base (AFB) guard station and continues southwest along Monarch Trail for approximately 1 mile. The project continues southwest along Spenceville Road for approximately 4.5 miles and then continues generally southwest for approximately 0.5 miles through open fields and across Camp Beale Highway to terminate at Wheatland Substation located on 6th Street near Camp Beale Highway in the City of Wheatland. PG&E will replace the existing wood poles with new light-duty steel and wood poles of the same height or approximately 10 feet taller to comply with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements and to reduce electric and magnetic fields at ground level in residential areas. Approximately two poles are located within or adjacent to roadside ditches that are non-jurisdictional wetlands according to current U.S. Army Corps of Engineers guidelines. Even if the wetlands were jurisdictional, PG&E’s work would be covered by the Section 404(f) maintenance exemption under 33 CFR 323.4 (a)(2). Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2016, or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction is anticipated to be completed in spring 2017, 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 10 poles in residential areas by 10 feet taller than required for meeting clearance requirements.

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:

  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. Cristina Holstine, 245 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105 (415) 973-7406
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 December 30, 2015 at the following address:

Director, Energy Division
ED Tariff Unit
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Fourth Floor
With a copy mailed to:
David Kraska, Law Department
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
(P.No. 05270/SAP Order No. 3081297/MWC)
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 4753-E.
Notice Distribution List

Beale AFB to Wheatland 60 kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project
(City of Wheatland and Yuba County)

Advice 4753-E

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