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Advice Letter 5051-E

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**SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O. 131-D, for the
Construction of the Caribou #2 60 kV Reliability Project in the County of
Plumas**

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 5051-E is effective as of May 19, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Randolph".

Edward Randolph
Director, Energy Division

April 19, 2017

Advice 5051-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 the Caribou #2 60 kV Reliability Project in the County of Plumas

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 increase electric service reliability in the City of Quincy and Plumas County, PG&E proposes to replace the existing poles and wires (conductors) with new wires (reconductor) in existing easements on approximately 7.5 miles of the existing Caribou #2 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line in a remote area of rural Plumas County and the Plumas National Forest. Approximately 70 percent of the alignment is located in the Plumas National Forest. The project begins near the Grays Flat Substation, located at the end of Twain Store Road. The project alignment runs east on the north and south sides of State Highway 70/89 and the North Fork Feather River. The alignment spans the river at three locations, with all structures located outside of the bed, bank, and channel. The project ends at the Spanish Creek Substation, approximately 6 miles north of the City of Quincy. PG&E will replace approximately 201 wood poles with wood and light-duty steel poles. Existing poles range in height from approximately 30 to 60 feet on very uneven topography. Most of the new poles will be approximately 10 to 20 feet taller; approximately three poles will be approximately 20 to 40 feet taller. Height increases are required to meet California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) minimum conductor clearance requirements from the ground and underbuilt distribution wires on some of the power line poles. Approximately 127

structures will be replaced using helicopters due to the remote location of the alignment. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in the fall of 2018, or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the spring of 2019, 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:

- 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 May 9, 2017, 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) 973-1448
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 5051-E.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice filing become effective on May 19, 2017, 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

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

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

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: **5051-E**

Tier: 2

Subject of AL: **Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the Caribou #2 60 kV Reliability Project in the County of Plumas**

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: **May 19, 2017**

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

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: Caribou #2 60 kV Reliability Project - (Plumas County, PM 7400602)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 5051-E

Proposed Project: To increase electric service reliability in the City of Quincy and Plumas County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proposes to replace the existing poles and wires (conductors) with new wires (reconductor) in existing easements on approximately 7.5 miles of the existing Caribou #2 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line in a remote area of rural Plumas County and the Plumas National Forest. Approximately 70 percent of the alignment is located in the Plumas National Forest. The project begins near the Grays Flat Substation, located at the end of Twain Store Road. The project alignment runs east on the north and south sides of State Highway 70/89 and the North Fork Feather River. The alignment spans the river at three locations, with all structures located outside of the bed, bank, and channel. The project ends at the Spanish Creek Substation, approximately 6 miles north of the City of Quincy. PG&E will replace approximately 201 wood poles with wood and light-duty steel poles. Existing poles range in height from approximately 30 to 60 feet on very uneven topography. Most of the new poles will be approximately 10 to 20 feet taller; approximately three poles will be approximately 20 to 40 feet taller. Height increases are required to meet California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) minimum conductor clearance requirements from the ground and underbuilt distribution wires on some of the power line poles. Approximately 127 structures will be replaced using helicopters due to the remote location of the alignment. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in the fall of 2018, or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the spring of 2019, 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 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. 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 May 9, 2017 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 5051-E.

Notice Distribution List

Caribou #2 Realiability Project (Plumas County)

Advice 5051-E

Energy Commission

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County of Plumas

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Newspaper

Chico Enterprise-Record

PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Filing List

AT&T	Division of Ratepayer Advocates	Office of Ratepayer Advocates, Electricity Planning and Policy B
Albion Power Company	Don Pickett & Associates, Inc.	OnGrid Solar
Alcantar & Kahl LLP	Douglass & Liddell	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Anderson & Poole	Downey & Brand	Praxair
Atlas ReFuel	Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP	Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc.
BART	Evaluation + Strategy for Social Innovation	SCD Energy Solutions
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.	G. A. Krause & Assoc.	SCE
Bartle Wells Associates	GenOn Energy Inc.	SDG&E and SoCalGas
Braun Blaising McLaughlin & Smith, P.C.	GenOn Energy, Inc.	SPURR
Braun Blaising McLaughlin, P.C.	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie	San Francisco Water Power and Sewer
CENERGY POWER	Green Charge Networks	Seattle City Light
CPUC	Green Power Institute	Sempra Energy (Socal Gas)
CalCom Solar	Hanna & Morton	Sempra Utilities
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn	ICF	SoCalGas
California Energy Commission	International Power Technology	Southern California Edison Company
California Public Utilities Commission	Intestate Gas Services, Inc.	Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas)
California State Association of Counties	Kelly Group	Spark Energy
Calpine	Ken Bohn Consulting	Sun Light & Power
Casner, Steve	Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.	Sunshine Design
Center for Biological Diversity	Linde	Tecogen, Inc.
City of Palo Alto	Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force	TerraVerde Renewable Partners
City of San Jose	Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power	TerraVerde Renewable Partners, LLC
Clean Power	MRW & Associates	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
Clean Power Research	Manatt Phelps Phillips	TransCanada
Coast Economic Consulting	Marin Energy Authority	Troutman Sanders LLP
Commercial Energy	McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP	Utility Cost Management
Cool Earth Solar, Inc.	McKenzie & Associates	Utility Power Solutions
County of Tehama - Department of Public Works	Modesto Irrigation District	Utility Specialists
Crossborder Energy	Morgan Stanley	Verizon
Crown Road Energy, LLC	NLine Energy, Inc.	Water and Energy Consulting
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP	NRG Solar	Wellhead Electric Company
Day Carter Murphy	Nexant, Inc.	Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)
Defense Energy Support Center	ORA	YEP Energy
Dept of General Services	Office of Ratepayer Advocates	Yelp Energy