

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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March 7, 2019

**Advice Letter 5481-E**

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**SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Smartville Marysville 60 kV Power Line Relocation (State Route 20 Timbuctoo Safety Improvement Project). County of Yuba**

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 5481-E is effective as of March 13, 2019.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division



**Erik Jacobson**  
Director  
Regulatory Relations

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February 11, 2019

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(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 Smartville Marysville 60 kV Power Line Relocation (State Route 20 Timbuctoo Safety Improvement Project), 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 accommodate the widening of Highway 20 in Yuba County (larger project), the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has requested Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to relocate approximately 0.2 miles of the existing Smartville-Marysville 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line located within an unincorporated portion of Yuba County. PG&E will relocate 6 existing wood poles (approximately 50 feet tall) with 6 new wood poles (approximately 62 to 67 feet tall). Height increases are required to comply with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements, while accommodating Caltrans Highway 20 proposed improvements, and electric distribution wires and future communication wires on the power line poles (underbuild).

The project begins at an existing PG&E wood power pole on the north side of Highway 20, approximately 300 feet northwest of the intersection of Highway 20 with Smartville Road, and parallels the north side of the highway for approximately 840 feet. The relocated segment then crosses to the south side of the highway and continues in a

westerly direction approximately 385 feet to rejoin the existing alignment at a point approximately 200 feet southwest of the intersection of Highway 20 with Timbuctoo Road. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in March 2019, or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction is anticipated to be completed two weeks 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 or Negative Declaration) finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or substation.

Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration adopted an Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment for the State Route 20 Timbuctoo Safety Improvement Project, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's required utility relocations (State Clearinghouse # 2017062061, CEQA MND document link <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist3/departments/envinternet/timbuctoo/timbuctoo.htm>)

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 March 4, 2019, which is 21 days<sup>1</sup> 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.

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<sup>1</sup> The 20-day protest period concludes on a weekend, therefore, PG&E is moving this date to the following business day.

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  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
P.O. Box 770000, Mail Code B13U  
San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-3582  
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 5481-E.

### **Effective Date**

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice filing become effective on March 13, 2019, 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/>.

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/S/

Erik Jacobson  
Director, Regulatory Relations

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

Attachments



# ADVICE LETTER 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       WATER  
 PLC       HEAT

Contact Person: Yvonne Yang

Phone #: (415) 973-2094

E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

E-mail Disposition Notice to: Yvonne.Yang@pge.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric      GAS = Gas      WATER = Water  
 PLC = Pipeline      HEAT = Heat

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 5481-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Smartville Marysville 60 kV Power Line Relocation (State Route 20 Timbuctoo Safety Improvement Project), County of Yuba

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, Power Lines, G.O. 131-D

AL Type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other:

If AL submitted 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: N/A

Confidential treatment requested?  Yes  No

If yes, specification of confidential information: N/A

Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement. Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/ access to confidential information: N/A

Resolution required?  Yes  No

Requested effective date: 3/13/19

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<sup>1</sup>: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

<sup>1</sup>Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

CPUC, Energy Division  
Attention: Tariff Unit  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Email: [EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov)

Name: Erik Jacobson, c/o Megan Lawson  
Title: Director, Regulatory Relations  
Utility Name: Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Address: 77 Beale Street, Mail Code B13U  
City: San Francisco  
State: California Zip: 94177  
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx: (415) 973-1877  
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx: (415) 973-3582  
Email: [PGETariffs@pge.com](mailto:PGETariffs@pge.com)

Name:  
Title:  
Utility Name:  
Address:  
City:  
State: District of Columbia Zip:  
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:  
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx:  
Email:

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION**

Para más detalles llame 1-800-660-6789

**PROJECT NAME: SMARTVILLE MARYSVILLE 60kV POWER LINE RELOCATION (State Route 20 Timbuctoo Safety Improvement Project) Yuba County, PM 74008565**  
**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 5481-E**

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**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 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 March 4, 2019 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](mailto: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 5481-E.

## Notice Distribution List

### SMARTVILLE MARYSVILLE 60KV POWER LINE RELOCATION (State Route 20 Timbuctoo Safety Improvement Project) Yuba County, PM 74008565

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#### **Energy Commission**

Mr. Drew Bohan, Executive Director  
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#### **California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region**

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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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#### **Yuba County**

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Marysville, CA 95901  
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#### **Newspaper**

Appeal-Democrat

## PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Filing List

AT&T  
Albion Power Company  
Alcantar & Kahl LLP

Alta Power Group, LLC  
Anderson & Poole

Atlas ReFuel  
BART

Barkovich & Yap, Inc.  
P.C. CalCom Solar  
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn  
California Energy Commission  
California Public Utilities Commission  
California State Association of Counties  
Calpine

Cameron-Daniel, P.C.  
Casner, Steve  
Cenergy Power  
Center for Biological Diversity  
City of Palo Alto

City of San Jose  
Clean Power Research  
Coast Economic Consulting  
Commercial Energy  
County of Tehama - Department of Public Works  
Crossborder Energy  
Crown Road Energy, LLC  
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP  
Day Carter Murphy

Dept of General Services  
Don Pickett & Associates, Inc.  
Douglass & Liddell

Downey & Brand  
East Bay Community Energy  
Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP  
Energy Management Service  
Evaluation + Strategy for Social Innovation  
GenOn Energy, Inc.  
Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie  
Green Charge Networks  
Green Power Institute  
Hanna & Morton  
ICF  
International Power Technology  
Intestate Gas Services, Inc.  
Kelly Group  
Ken Bohn Consulting  
Keyes & Fox LLP  
Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.  
Linde  
Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force  
Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power  
MRW & Associates  
Manatt Phelps Phillips  
Marin Energy Authority  
McKenzie & Associates

Modesto Irrigation District  
Morgan Stanley  
NLine Energy, Inc.  
NRG Solar

Office of Ratepayer Advocates  
OnGrid Solar  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Pioneer Community Energy  
Praxair  
Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc.  
SCD Energy Solutions

SCE  
SDG&E and SoCalGas

SPURR  
San Francisco Water Power and Sewer  
Seattle City Light  
Sempra Utilities  
Southern California Edison Company  
Southern California Gas Company  
Spark Energy  
Sun Light & Power  
Sunshine Design  
Tecogen, Inc.  
TerraVerde Renewable Partners  
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Verizon  
Water and Energy Consulting  
Wellhead Electric Company  
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