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Advice Letter 5486-E

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SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Exchequer-Yosemite 70 kV Reliability in the County of Mariposa

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 5486-E is effective as of July 01, 2019.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph
Deputy Executive Director for Energy and Climate Policy/
Director, Energy Division



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Advice 5486-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 Exchequer-Yosemite 70 kV Reliability in the County of Mariposa

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

Proposed Project: To continue to maintain safe and reliable electric service to customers in Mariposa County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to upgrade approximately 35 miles of the Exchequer-Yosemite 70 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line through rural and sparsely populated areas. Approximately 25 miles of the 35 miles cross United States federally-owned lands. The project upgrade includes replacing approximately 13 miles of wire (reconductor) and other supporting structure work. The power line begins at Exchequer Substation located at Lake McClure and continues primarily east over grasslands and scrubland hills for approximately 18 miles. Along this section of the line, the project will install two new lattice steel poles (intersetting) approximately 90 feet tall. Six lattice steel towers with existing heights ranging from 61 to 82 feet will be replaced with lattice steel poles (equivalent), of which two lattice steel poles will be approximately 13 feet taller and four lattice steel poles will range from 30 to 39 feet taller than the existing towers. In addition, six lattice steel towers will be raised by installing ten-foot lattice steel extensions. The line then continues northeast for approximately 17 miles over scrubland hills and generally follows the Merced River Corridor and State Route 140 ending at the eastern edge of

the Community of El Portal. Along this section of the line, the project will replace two lattice steel towers and four lattice steel poles with existing heights ranging from 57 to 83 feet with lattice steel poles ranging from 10 to 33 feet taller than the existing structures. In addition, the project will also raise one tower with a ten-foot lattice steel extension. The taller structures are required to comply with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements. The project will span over and avoid several waterways including Lake McClure, Middle and South Forks of the Merced River, and Bear Creek. Helicopters will be used to facilitate construction in undeveloped areas. Limited by power clearances and seasonal constraints, power line construction will occur during limited annual construction periods. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in summer 2019 or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction is schedule to be completed in winter 2021 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 exemptions,

b. "the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures."

c...."the intersetting of additional support structures between existing support structures."

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 20, 2019, 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
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 5486-E.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice letter become effective on March 30, 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/>.



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) #: 5486-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Exchequer-Yosemite 70 kV Reliability in the County of Mariposa

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: 3/30/19

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 proposed¹: N/A

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

¹Discuss 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

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
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Email: 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: Exchequer-Yosemite 70 kV Power Line Reliability Project - (Mariposa County, T. No. 0000322)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 5486-E

Proposed Project: To continue to maintain safe and reliable electric service to customers in Mariposa County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to upgrade approximately 35 miles of the Exchequer-Yosemite 70 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line through rural and sparsely populated areas. Approximately 25 miles of the 35 miles cross United States federally-owned lands. The project upgrade includes replacing approximately 13 miles of wire (reconductor) and other supporting structure work. The power line begins at Exchequer Substation located at Lake McClure and continues primarily east over grasslands and scrubland hills for approximately 18 miles. Along this section of the line, the project will install two new lattice steel poles (intersetting) approximately 90 feet tall. Six lattice steel towers with existing heights ranging from 61 to 82 feet will be replaced with lattice steel poles (equivalent), of which two lattice steel poles will be approximately 13 feet taller and four lattice steel poles will range from 30 to 39 feet taller than the existing towers. In addition, six lattice steel towers will be raised by installing ten-foot lattice steel extensions. The line then continues northeast for approximately 17 miles over scrubland hills and generally follows the Merced River Corridor and State Route 140 ending at the eastern edge of the Community of El Portal. Along this section of the line, the project will replace two lattice steel towers and four lattice steel poles with existing heights ranging from 57 to 83 feet with lattice steel poles ranging from 10 to 33 feet taller than the existing structures. In addition, the project will also raise one tower with a ten-foot lattice steel extension. The taller structures are required to comply with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements. The project will span over and avoid several waterways including Lake McClure, Middle and South Forks of the Merced River, and Bear Creek. Helicopters will be used to facilitate construction in undeveloped areas. Limited by power clearances and seasonal constraints, power line construction will occur during limited annual construction periods. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in summer 2019 or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction is schedule to be completed in winter 2021 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:

- b. "the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures."
- c...."the intersetting of additional support structures between existing support structures."

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 20, 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 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 5486-E.

Notice Distribution List

Exchequer-Yosemite 70 kV Power Line Reliability Project

Advice 5486-E

Energy Commission

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Newspaper

Mariposa Gazette

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
Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.

TransCanada
Troutman Sanders LLP
Utility Cost Management
Utility Power Solutions
Utility Specialists

Verizon
Water and Energy Consulting
Wellhead Electric Company
Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)
Yep Energy