

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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May 15, 2019

**Advice Letter 5530-E**

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**SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-E, for the Construction of the Arco-Twisselman 70 kilovolt Reconductor Project in Kern County**

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 5530-E effective as of May 19, 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



**Erik Jacobson**  
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April 19, 2019

**Advice 5530-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 Arco-Twisselman 70 kilovolt Reconductor Project in Kern County**

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 maintain safe and reliable transmission line capacities and to interconnect the Chevron U.S.A./ Lost Hills Solar Project to the electric distribution system, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proposes to reconductor approximately 4.15 miles of the PG&E Arco-Twisselman 70 kilovolt (kV) Power Line in Kern County (County). The portion of the Arco-Twisselman 70 kV Power Line that will be reconducted runs for approximately 3 miles due south from the PG&E Arco Substation (existing public utility easement) to Twisselman Road. At Twisselman Road, the power line turns east and runs for approximately 1.15 miles to an existing switch pole (existing County franchise). Due to existing customer loads and to limit outages, the portion of the line that is currently on the south side of Twisselman Road will be relocated to the north side of the road, and will remain within the County franchise area. Approximately 63 existing wood poles along the power line route will be replaced with Light Duty Steel Poles. The existing wood poles range in height from 55 to 65 feet and the new poles will increase in height 10 to 25 feet to meet current California Public Utilities Commission General Order 95 requirements. An additional two existing Light Duty Steel Poles will be reframed as part of the reconductoring. The replaced wood poles will be removed as part of the reconductoring activities. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in

September 2019 or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction will be completed in December 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(s),

- "Power lines 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 a federal, state or local agency for which the applicable CEQA document found no significant unavoidable environmental impacts."

This submittal will not cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other rate schedule or rule.

### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this submittal may do so by submitting a protest with the CPUC and the Company by May 9, 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  
c/o Megan Lawson  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B13U  
P.O. Box 770000  
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 5530-E.

### **Effective Date**

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice submittal become effective on May 19, 2019, which is 30 days after the date of submittal. (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) #: 5530-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the Arco-Twisselman 70 kilovolt Reconductor Project in Kern County

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: 5/19/19

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: Arco-Twisselman 70 kV Power Line Reconductor Project – Chevron Solar (Kern County)****ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 5530-E**

**Proposed Project:** To maintain safe and reliable transmission line capacities and to interconnect the Chevron U.S.A./ Lost Hills Solar Project to the electric distribution system, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proposes to reconductor approximately 4.15 miles of the PG&E Arco-Twisselman 70 kilovolt (kV) Power Line in Kern County (County). The portion of the Arco-Twisselman 70 kV Power Line that will be reconducted runs for approximately 3 miles due south from the PG&E Arco Substation (existing public utility easement) to Twisselman Road. At Twisselman Road, the power line turns east and runs for approximately 1.15 miles to an existing switch pole (existing County franchise). Due to existing customer loads and to limit outages, the portion of the line that is currently on the south side of Twisselman Road will be relocated to the north side of the road, and will remain within the County franchise area. Approximately 63 existing wood poles along the power line route will be replaced with Light Duty Steel Poles. The existing wood poles range in height from 55 to 65 feet and the new poles will increase in height 10 to 25 feet to meet current California Public Utilities Commission General Order 95 requirements. An additional two existing Light Duty Steel Poles will be reframed as part of the reconductoring. The replaced wood poles will be removed as part of the reconductoring activities. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in September 2019 or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction will be completed in December 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:

- "Power lines 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 a federal, state or local agency for which the applicable CEQA document found 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;

- There is a 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
- The cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, is significant; or
- 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, 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 5530-E.

## **Notice Distribution List**

### **Arco-Twisselman 70 kV Power Line Reconductor Project – Chevron Solar (Kern County T.0004052)**

#### **Advice 5530-E**

#### **Energy Commission**

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Sacramento, California 95814  
Rob.Oglesby@energy.ca.gov

Mr. Drew Bohan, Deputy Director  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39  
Sacramento, California 95814  
Drew.Bohan@energy.ca.gov

#### **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Central Region  
1234 E. Shaw Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93710

#### **County of Kern**

Lorelei H. Oviatt, Director  
Community Development  
Public Services Building, Suite 250  
2700 "M" Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301

#### **Newspaper**

Bakersfield Californian

## 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

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Water and Energy Consulting  
Wellhead Electric Company  
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