

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Advice Letter 5606-E

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SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the Aera Energy LLC Victory Substation Interconnection to the Fellows-Midsun 115 kV Power Line in the County of Kern

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 5606-E is effective as of August 31, 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
Director
Regulatory Relations

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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San Francisco, CA 94177

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August 1, 2019

Advice 5606-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 Aera Energy LLC Victory Substation Interconnection to the Fellows-Midsun 115 kV Power Line in the County of Kern

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

Aera Energy LLC, an oil and gas company, has requested Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to connect the existing Fellows-Midsun 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line to a new customer-owned substation in Kern County. The substation is located in a remote mineral and petroleum area approximately 8 miles northwest of the intersection of Highway 33 and Midway Road. To connect the power line into the customer’s substation, PG&E will replace approximately five existing wood poles on the existing Fellows-Midsun 115 kV Power Line with approximately four new light-duty steel, wood or engineered direct embedded poles, approximately 5 to 15 feet taller (existing easement). PG&E will also construct a new approximate 950 foot 115 kV power line from the existing Midsun 115 kV Power Line to the new customer-owned substation. Approximately 850 feet of the new power line will be located within existing franchise along the south side of Crocker Springs Road (existing franchise). The remaining 100-feet of power line will be located on Aera Energy LLC substation-owned property. The new power line will be supported by approximately five new light-duty steel poles, approximately 64 to 72 feet tall. The heights of all new structures and replacement structures have been designed to comply with California Public Utilities Commission

(CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in October 2019 or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction will be completed in November 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):

- g. "power lines 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 final Negative Declaration or EIR [Environmental Impact Report] finds 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 August 21, 2019, which is 20 days after the date of this submittal. 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 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 5606-E.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice letter become effective on August 31, 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/>.

/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) #: 5606-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the Aera Energy LLC Victory Substation Interconnection to the Fellows-Midsun 115 kV Power Line in the County of Kern

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: 8/31/19

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: Aera Energy LLC Victory Substation Interconnection to the Fellows-Midsun 115 kV Power Line (Kern County, T.No.0001482.01)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 5606-E

Proposed Project: Aera Energy LLC, an oil and gas company, has requested Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to connect the existing Fellows-Midsun 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line to a new customer-owned substation in Kern County. The substation is located in a remote mineral and petroleum area approximately 8 miles northwest of the intersection of Highway 33 and Midway Road. To connect the power line into the customer's substation, PG&E will replace approximately five existing wood poles on the existing Fellows-Midsun 115 kV Power Line with approximately four new light-duty steel, wood or engineered direct embedded poles, approximately 5 to 15 feet taller (existing easement). PG&E will also construct a new approximate 950 foot 115 kV power line from the existing Midsun 115 kV Power Line to the new customer-owned substation. Approximately 850 feet of the new power line will be located within existing franchise along the south side of Crocker Springs Road (existing franchise). The remaining 100-feet of power line will be located on Aera Energy LLC substation-owned property. The new power line will be supported by approximately five new light-duty steel poles, approximately 64 to 72 feet tall. The heights of all new structures and replacement structures have been designed to comply with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in October 2019 or as soon as project plans and approvals are in place. Construction will be completed in November 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 lines 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 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 August 21, 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 5606-E.

Notice Distribution List

Aera Energy LLC Victory Substation Load Interconnection
(Kern County)

Advice 5606-E

Energy Commission

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Sacramento, California 95814
Courtney.Smith@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

Ms. Lorelei H. Oviatt, Director
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Bakersfield, CA 93301

Newspaper

The Bakersfield Californian

PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Submittal List

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