

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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November 25, 2019

**Advice Letter 5663-E**

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**SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Clear Lake-Konocti 60 kV Power Line Relocation in the County of Lake**

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 5663-E is effective as of November 17, 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 5663-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 Clear Lake-Konocti 60 kV Power Line Relocation in the County of Lake**

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 29 in Lake County (larger project), the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has requested Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to relocate approximately 4,590 feet of the existing Clear Lake-Konocti 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line. PG&E will replace (in place) three existing wood poles (approximately 45 to 55 feet tall) with three new light-duty steel poles (LDSPs, approximately 63 to 67 feet tall); and relocate four existing wood poles (approximately 45 to 50 feet tall) with ten new LDSPs (approximately 53 to 63 feet tall). The taller poles are needed to comply with CPUC General Order 95 minimum ground to conductor clearance requirements and hilly terrain. The relocation begins at an existing PG&E wood power pole (7700 Highway 29) approximately 475 feet north of Highway 29, and approximately 2,325 feet northwest of the intersection of Highway 29 with Smith Ranch Road and extends southeasterly approximately 4,590 feet to an existing PG&E wood power pole (7700 Highway 29) approximately 200 feet north of Highway 29.

Helicopters will be used to facilitate construction and minimize ground disturbance.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin December of 2019, or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction will be completed in February of 2020, 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,

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 (EIR) or Negative Declaration) finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or substation."

CalTrans adopted an Environmental Impact Report for the Lake 29 Improvement Project on 11/30/16, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed facilities. (State Clearinghouse # 2003022011.)

Additionally, G.O. 131-D requires utilities to employ "no cost" and specified "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs) in accordance with CPUC Decision 06-01-042 and the "EMF Guidelines for Electrical Facilities" prepared in compliance with that decision. The following measures are proposed for this project:

- Increase the height of overhead lines, more than otherwise required, to reduce EMF strength at ground level;

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 November 7, 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 5663-E.

### **Effective Date**

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice letter become effective on November 17, 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](mailto:PGETariffs@pge.com). Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at <http://www.pge.com/tariffs/>.

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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) #: 5663-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Clear Lake-Konocti 60 kV Power Line Relocation in the County of Lake

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: 11/17/19

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: Clear Lake-Konocti 60 kV Power Line Relocation (Lake 29 Improvement Project - Lake County, PM 74005352)****ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 5663-E**

**Proposed Project:** To accommodate the widening of Highway 29 in Lake County (larger project), the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has requested Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to relocate approximately 4,590 feet of the existing Clear Lake-Konocti 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line. PG&E will replace (in place) three existing wood poles (approximately 45 to 55 feet tall) with three new light-duty steel poles (LDSPs, approximately 63 to 67 feet tall); and relocate four existing wood poles (approximately 45 to 50 feet tall) with ten new LDSPs (approximately 53 to 63 feet tall). The taller poles are needed to comply with CPUC General Order 95 minimum ground to conductor clearance requirements and hilly terrain. The relocation begins at an existing PG&E wood power pole (7700 Highway 29) approximately 475 feet north of Highway 29, and approximately 2,325 feet northwest of the intersection of Highway 29 with Smith Ranch Road and extends southeasterly approximately 4,590 feet to an existing PG&E wood power pole (7700 Highway 29) approximately 200 feet north of Highway 29.

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**Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF):** PG&E will employ “no cost” and specified “low cost” measures to reduce public exposure to EMF in accordance with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Decision 06-01-042 and the “EMF Design Guidelines for Electrical Facilities” prepared in compliance with that decision. The following measures are proposed for this project:

- Increase the height of overhead lines, more than otherwise required, to reduce EMF strength at ground level;

**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 (EIR) or Negative Declaration) finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or substation.”

Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration adopted an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) / Environmental Impacts Statement (EIS) dated November 30, 2016 for the Lake 29 Improvement Project, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E’s required utility relocations, (State Clearinghouse # 2003022011).

**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 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 November 7, 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 5663-E.

## **Notice Distribution List**

### **Clear Lake-Konocti 60 kV Power Line Relocation (Lake 29 Improvement Project - Lake County, PM 74005352)**

#### **Advice 5663-E**

#### **Energy Commission**

Mr. Drew Bohan, Executive Director  
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Rob.Oglesby@energy.ca.gov

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California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39  
Sacramento, California 95814  
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#### **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**

Mr. Kevin Thomas  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife, North Central Region (2)  
1701 Nimbus Road  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

#### **Lake County**

Ms. Michalyn DelValle, Community Development / Planning Director  
255 N. Forbes Steet  
Third Floor, Rm 323  
Lakeport, CA 95453

#### **Newspaper**

Lake County Record-Bee

## 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		