

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Advice Letter 5681-E

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SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to G.O 131-D for Construction of Corcoran-Olive Switch Station 115kV and Olive Switch Station-Smyrna 115 kV Power Lines Reconductoring Project in City of Corcoran and Counties of Kings, Tulare and Kern

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 5681-E is effective as of December 5, 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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Director
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(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39 E)

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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 comply with CPUC General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements and eliminate wire over-tensioning, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace the wires (conductors) and insulators on approximately 29.3 miles of the existing Corcoran-Olive Switch Station 115 kilovolt (kV) and Olive Switch Station-Smyrna 115 kV Power Lines in Kings, Tulare and Kern Counties. Along this segment, PG&E will also replace approximately 226 existing lattice steel structures and tubular steel poles with approximately 219 new lattice steel structures and 7 new tubular steel poles. The new structures will be approximately 20 feet to 50 feet (majority 35 feet) taller than the existing approximately 75 to 90-foot-tall structures. Additionally, PG&E will interset approximately 1 new light duty steel pole that is approximately 70 feet tall within the existing Power Line alignment and remove three existing lattice steel structures from the existing Power Line alignment.

The project begins at Corcoran Substation approximately 0.15 miles west of the intersection of Waukena and Orange Avenues in Corcoran and runs east following the Orange Avenue alignment for approximately 1.1 miles until turning southeast. It parallels State Route 43 running through farmland and undeveloped lands for approximately 9.2 miles and then turns south for approximately 18.9 miles to Smyrna Substation, located approximately 1 mile west of the intersection of Pond and Wildwood Roads. Project construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in March 2020, or as soon as possible after project approval, with completion in April 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. "Replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures."

- g. "power line 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 a 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 November 25, 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 submit an official protest may still submit a comment on the request to the Energy Division at the address noted above, referencing Advice Letter 5681-E.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice letter become effective on December 5, 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



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 U39E)

Utility type:

- ELC GAS WATER
 PLC HEAT

Contact Person: Kimberly Loo

Phone #: (415)973-4587

E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

E-mail Disposition Notice to: KELM@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) #: 5681-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Corcoran-Olive Switch Station 115 kV and Olive Switch Station-Smyrna 115 kV Power Lines Reconductoring Project in the City of Corcoran and the Counties of Kings, Tulare and 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 #: Res. E-5028

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:

Confidential treatment requested? Yes No

If yes, specification of confidential information:

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:

Resolution required? Yes No

Requested effective date: 12/5/19

No. of tariff sheets: 0

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
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Utility Name: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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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: Corcoran-Olive Switch Station 115 kV and Olive Switch Station-Smyrna 115 kV Power Lines Reconductoring Project - (City of Corcoran and Kings, Tulare, and Kern Counties, T. No.0000418)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 5681-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(s):

- b. "the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures."
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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 November 25, 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 5681-E.

Notice Distribution List

Corcoran-Olive Switch Station and Olive Switch Station-Smyrna 115 kV Power Lines Reconductoring Project - (City of Corcoran and Kings, Tulare, and Kern Counties, T. No.0000418)

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Newspapers

Bakersfield Californian and Fresno 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
	Marin Energy Authority	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
Chevron Pipeline and Power	McKenzie & Associates	
City of Palo Alto	Modesto Irrigation District	TransCanada
	Morgan Stanley	Troutman Sanders LLP
City of San Jose	NLine Energy, Inc.	Utility Cost Management
Clean Power Research	NRG Solar	Utility Power Solutions
Coast Economic Consulting		Utility Specialists
Commercial Energy	Office of Ratepayer Advocates	
County of Tehama - Department of Public Works	OnGrid Solar	Verizon
Crossborder Energy	Pacific Gas and Electric Company	Water and Energy Consulting Wellhead Electric Company
Crown Road Energy, LLC	Peninsula Clean Energy	Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP		Yep Energy
Day Carter Murphy		
Dept of General Services		
Don Pickett & Associates, Inc.		
Douglass & Liddell		