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Advice Letter 5685-E

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SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Trinity-Cottonwood 115kV Power Line Reconductoring Project in the Counties of Trinity and Shasta

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 5685-E is effective as of December 13, 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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(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 (GO) 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements and eliminate conductor (wire) over-tensioning, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace conductor over approximately 7.2 miles of the existing Trinity-Cottonwood 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line in Trinity and Shasta Counties. PG&E will also replace approximately 42 existing wood pole structures with taller light-duty steel pole (LDSP) structures over approximately 12.0 miles. Approximately eight replacement structures will be approximately 20 feet to 37 feet taller than the existing structures, and the remaining replacement structures will be approximately 5 feet to 20 feet taller than the existing structures. The taller structures are needed to comply with CPUC GO 95 clearance requirements, while accommodating hilly and steep terrain.

The project is comprised of two segments along the existing power line. The first segment is all within rural Trinity County and begins at an existing PG&E wood pole structure approximately 320 feet northwest of the southerly terminus of Glen Road in the southeastern portion of the unincorporated Town of Weaverville, and continues southeasterly approximately 4.8 miles crossing State Route (SR) 299 through forested

habitat and rural residential areas to an existing PG&E wood pole structure in the western portion of the unincorporated Town of Lewiston located approximately 1,800 feet east of the intersection of Lewiston Road with Oak Ranch Road. Along this segment, PG&E will replace approximately 12 existing wood pole structures with 12 new LDSP structures. The second segment begins at an existing PG&E wood pole structure in the southwest portion of the Town of Lewiston in rural Trinity County approximately 1,900 feet northwest of the intersection of SR 299 with Fawn Lodge Road, and continues southeasterly approximately 7.2 miles through forested habitat to an existing PG&E wood pole structure approximately 4,900 feet northeast of the intersection of SR 299 with Hoadley Peaks Road in rural Shasta County. Along this 7.2-mile segment, PG&E will replace the existing conductor, and replace approximately 30 existing wood pole structures with 30 new LDSP structures.

Helicopters will be used to facilitate construction and minimize ground disturbance. No work will occur in stream channels or riparian habitats. Work areas include critical habitat for northern spotted owl; however, impacts to owls will be avoided by working in areas adjacent to suitable nesting habitat outside of nesting season. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the third quarter of 2020, or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction will be completed in the first quarter of 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 exemption,

- 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 December 3, 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, 4th Floor
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 5685-E.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice submittal become effective on December 13, 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 submittals 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 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) #: 5685-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Trinity-Cottonwood 115kV Power Line Reconductoring Project in the Counties of Trinity and Shasta

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance

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:

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: 12/13/19

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
Title: Director, Regulatory Relations
Utility Name: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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State: California Zip: 94177
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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: Trinity-Cottonwood 115 kV Power Line Reconducting Project (Trinity and Shasta Counties, PM 74024159)**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 5685-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:

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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 December 3, 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 5685-E.

Notice Distribution List

Trinity-Cottonwood 115kV Power Line Reconductoring Project (Trinity and Shasta Counties)

Advice 5685-E

Energy Commission

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California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Northern Region (1)
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Redding, CA 96001
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Trinity County

Ms. Kim Hunter, Director
Trinity County Planning Department
P.O. Box 476, 61 Airport Road
Weaverville, CA 96093
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Shasta County

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Shasta County Resource Management (Planning Division)
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Redding, CA 96001
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Newspapers

Redding Record Searchlight
1101 Twin View Blvd, Redding, CA 96003
P.O. Box 492397, Redding, CA 96099
Phone: 530-225-8211
Email: rrsedit@redding.com

The Trinity Journal
P.O. Box 340, 500 Main St.
Weaverville, CA 96093-0340
Phone 530-623-2055
E-mail: trinityjournal@dcacable.net

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