

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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March 11, 2020

**Advice Letter 5755-E**

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**SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Strauss Wind Energy Project Interconnection to and Reconductor of the Manville Tap 115 kV Power Line in the City of Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara.**

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 5755-E is effective as of March 6, 2020.

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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February 5, 2020

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(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

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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**

The developer of the Strauss Wind Energy Project in Santa Barbara County has requested that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) connect the existing Manville Tap 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line to the wind project at a customer-owned switch station. The switch station is located just south of the City of Lompoc, approximately 2000 feet south of the intersection of State Routes 1 and 246, and just west of State Route 1. In order to accommodate interconnection of the Strauss Wind Energy Project, PG&E will replace one existing wood pole (approximately 70 feet tall) with a new tubular steel pole, and add one new tubular steel pole, both approximately 90 feet tall, with switches, on the existing power line near the customer-owned switch station. PG&E will also reconductor (replace wires) approximately 0.8 mile of the existing Manville Tap 115 kV Power Line from the customer-owned switch station where it then crosses east over State Route 1 and then runs generally north paralleling the east side of State Route 1 and North 12<sup>th</sup> Street to a point approximately 600 feet north of the intersection of State Routes 1 and 246 in the City of Lompoc. PG&E will replace nine wood poles, ranging in height from approximately 65 to 75 feet, with a combination of nine new wood and light

duty steel poles, approximately 10 feet taller. Also, to accommodate the customer's generation interconnection 115 kV power line crossing under PG&E's existing Manville Tap 115 kV Power line, PG&E will replace two structures consisting of three wood poles each. The six new light duty steel poles at these two structures will be approximately 25 feet taller. These poles, along with the other taller poles, are required to meet current design standards and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 conductor clearance requirements. In order to maintain service to existing customers, PG&E will install a temporary 115 kV power line, approximately 0.8 mile in length, near the existing Manville Tap 115 kV Power Line. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in March 2020 or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction will be completed in August 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(s),

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."

"Santa Barbara County adopted a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Strauss Wind Energy Project, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed facilities. (State Clearinghouse #2018071002.)"

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 February 25, 2020, 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 5755-E.

### **Effective Date**

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice submittal become effective March 6, 2020, 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,





# 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) #: 5755-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Strauss Wind Energy Project Interconnection to and Reconductor of the Manville Tap 115 kV Power Line in the City of Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, 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 #:

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: 3/6/20

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 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, CA 94177  
State: California Zip: 94177  
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx: (415)973-2093  
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: Strauss Wind Energy Project Interconnection to and Reconductor of the Manville Tap 115 kV Power Line (City of Lompoc, Santa Barbara County, T. No. 0004006)**  
**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 5755-E**

**Proposed Project:** The developer of the Strauss Wind Energy Project in Santa Barbara County has requested that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) connect the existing Manville Tap 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line to the wind project at a customer-owned switch station. The switch station is located just south of the City of Lompoc, approximately 2000 feet south of the intersection of State Routes 1 and 246, and just west of State Route 1. In order to accommodate interconnection of the Strauss Wind Energy Project, PG&E will replace one existing wood pole (approximately 70 feet tall) with a new tubular steel pole, and add one new tubular steel pole, both approximately 90 feet tall, with switches, on the existing power line near the customer-owned switch station. PG&E will also reconductor (replace wires) approximately 0.8 mile of the existing Manville Tap 115 kV Power Line from the customer-owned switch station where it then crosses east over State Route 1 and then runs generally north paralleling the east side of State Route 1 and North 12<sup>th</sup> Street to a point approximately 600 feet north of the intersection of State Routes 1 and 246 in the City of Lompoc. PG&E will replace nine wood poles, ranging in height from approximately 65 to 75 feet, with a combination of nine new wood and light duty steel poles, approximately 10 feet taller. Also, to accommodate the customer's generation interconnection 115 kV power line crossing under PG&E's existing Manville Tap 115 kV Power line, PG&E will replace two structures consisting of three wood poles each. The six new light duty steel poles at these two structures will be approximately 25 feet taller. These poles, along with the other taller poles, are required to meet current design standards and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 95 conductor clearance requirements. In order to maintain service to existing customers, PG&E will install a temporary 115 kV power line, approximately 0.8 mile in length, near the existing Manville Tap 115 kV Power Line. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in March 2020 or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction will be completed in August 2020, 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:

- 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."

"Santa Barbara County adopted a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Strauss Wind Energy Project, finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed facilities. (State Clearinghouse #2018071002.)"

**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:

- Your name, mailing address and daytime telephone number.
- Reference to the CPUC Advice Letter Number and Project Name.
- A clear description of the reason for the protest.
- Whether you believe that evidentiary hearings are necessary to resolve factual disputes.

**Protests for this project must be filed by February 25, 2020 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 5755-E.

## Notice Distribution List

### **Strauss Wind Energy Project Interconnection to and Reconductor of the Manville Tap 115 kV Power Line (City of Lompoc, Santa Barbara County, T. No. 0004006)**

#### **Advice 5755-E**

#### **Energy Commission**

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Courtney Smith, Chief Deputy Director  
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Sacramento, California 95814  
Courtney.Smith@energy.ca.gov

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5  
3883 Ruffin Road  
San Diego, CA 92123  
AskR5@wildlife.ca.gov

#### **County of Santa Barbara**

Department of Planning & Development  
Lisa Plowman, Director  
123 E. Anapamu St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
Lplowman@countyofsb.org

#### **City of Lompoc**

Economic and Community Development  
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100 Civic Center Plaza  
Lompoc, CA 93436  
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#### **Newspaper**

Lompoc Record

## 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	IGS Energy	San Francisco Water Power and Sewer
California Energy Commission	International Power Technology	Seattle City Light
California Public Utilities Commission	Intestate Gas Services, Inc.	Sempra Utilities
California State Association of Counties	Kelly Group	Southern California Edison Company
Calpine	Ken Bohn Consulting	Southern California Gas Company
	Keyes & Fox LLP	Spark Energy
Cameron-Daniel, P.C.	Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc. Linde	Sun Light & Power
Casner, Steve	Los Angeles County Integrated	Sunshine Design
Cenergy Power	Waste Management Task Force	Tecogen, Inc.
Center for Biological Diversity	Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power	TerraVerde Renewable Partners
	MRW & Associates	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
Chevron Pipeline and Power	Manatt Phelps Phillips	
City of Palo Alto	Marin Energy Authority	TransCanada
	McKenzie & Associates	Troutman Sanders LLP
City of San Jose	Modesto Irrigation District	Utility Cost Management
Clean Power Research	Morgan Stanley	Utility Power Solutions
Coast Economic Consulting	NLine Energy, Inc.	Utility Specialists
Commercial Energy	NRG Solar	
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		