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Advice Letter 5757-E

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SUBJECT: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Drum-Rio Oso No 1 and No 2 115 kV Reliability Project in the Counties of Nevada and Placer.

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 5757-E is withdrawn as requested per your letter dated March 2, 2020.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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Advice 5757-E

(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

To maintain safe and reliable electric service, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace conductor (wires) on approximately 11 miles of the existing Drum-Rio Oso No 1 and Drum-Rio Oso No 2 115 Kilovolt (kV) Power Lines in existing easements located in Nevada and Placer Counties. The project will include the replacement of approximately 217 existing lattice-steel towers, 21 existing wood poles, and 4 existing tubular steel H-frame structures with approximately 14 new tubular-steel H-frame structures, 4 new three-pole tubular steel pole structures, and 96 new dual-circuit tubular steel pole structures. The project will consolidate the parallel Drum-Rio Oso No 1 and Drum-Rio Oso No 2-Rio Oso 115kV single-circuit alignments comprised of mostly lattice steel towers onto one new double-circuit alignment comprised of mostly tubular steel pole structures that will be installed near the centerline of the existing PG&E easements. Existing structure heights range from approximately 39 to 102 feet tall. New structure heights will range from 61 to 131 feet tall. The taller structures are needed to comply with CPUC General Order 95 ground-to-conductor clearance requirements, while accommodating for separation of the consolidated circuits and

mountainous topography. Approximately 114 structures will be permanently removed as a result of consolidation.

The project begins at PG&E's Drum Powerhouse (4970 Drum Powerhouse Road) in Placer County and runs westerly immediately crossing over the Bear River into rural Nevada County, and then continues west and southwest for approximately 11 miles through a remote area of Nevada County. The project terminates approximately 900 feet northeast of the north end of Rollins Reservoir, near 15263 You Win Court located approximately 650 feet northwest of the intersection of You Win Court with Royal Flush Court. Helicopters will be used to facilitate construction and minimize ground disturbance at structures with constrained access. The existing line spans the Bear River, Sheep Hollow Creek, Poorman Creek and unnamed ephemeral drainages; however, no work will occur in stream channels or riparian habitats. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the second quarter of 2020, or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the third quarter of 2023, 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 submit 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 February 27, 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 5757-E.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice submittal become effective on March 8, 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) #: 5757-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Drum-Rio Oso No 1 and No 2 115 kV Reliability Project in the Counties of Nevada and Placer

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: 3/8/20

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 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, CA 94177
State: California Zip: 94177
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx: (415)973-2093
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx: (415)973-3582
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: Drum-Rio Oso No 1 and No 2 115 kV Reliability Project (Nevada and Placer Counties, PM 74000580 and 74024880)**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 5757-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 February 27, 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 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 5757-E.

Notice Distribution List

Drum-Rio Oso No. 1 and No. 2 115kV Reliability Project (Nevada and Placer Counties)

Advice 5757-E

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Newspaper

The Union (Grass Valley)

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		