PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco CA 94102-3298



#### Pacific Gas & Electric Company ELC (Corp ID 39) Status of Advice Letter 5949E As of October 7, 2020

Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of

Cortina No. 1 60kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project (WRO) in the County of Colusa.

Division Assigned: Energy

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To: Energy Company Filing Advice Letter

From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

Subject: Your Advice Letter Filing

The Energy Division of the California Public Utilities Commission has processed your recent Advice Letter (AL) filing and is returning an AL status certificate for your records.

The AL status certificate indicates:

Advice Letter Number
Name of Filer
CPUC Corporate ID number of Filer
Subject of Filing
Date Filed
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The Energy Division has made no changes to your copy of the Advice Letter Filing; please review your Advice Letter Filing with the information contained in the AL status certificate, and update your Advice Letter and tariff records accordingly.

All inquiries to the California Public Utilities Commission on the status of your Advice Letter Filing will be answered by Energy Division staff based on the information contained in the Energy Division's PAL database from which the AL status certificate is generated. If you have any questions on this matter please contact the:

Energy Division's Tariff Unit by e-mail to edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov



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September 15, 2020

#### Advice 5949-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D,

for the Construction of Cortina No. 1 60kV Power Line Pole

Replacement Project (WRO) in the County of Colusa.

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**

T & P Farms (T&P) has requested Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to connect its Cortina No. 1 60 kilovolt (kV) Power Line to T&P's solar power facilities. This will require PG&E to replace approximately 32 existing wood poles with approximately 12 new wood poles and 20 new light duty steel poles (LDSPs) interspersed along approximately 2.7 miles of the existing power line located in existing PG&E easements (public utility easement) in unincorporated Colusa County west of the Town of Arbuckle. The project begins at an existing PG&E wood power pole approximately 300 feet west of Putnam Way and runs west, approximately 2.7 miles through agricultural land along an existing access road and through orchards to an existing PG&E wood power pole located on T&P property. Approximately 29 of the new wood and LDSP's will be approximately be 5 to 10 feet taller than the existing poles, one new pole will be approximately 15 feet taller, and there will be no increase in height at two new poles. Taller poles are required to comply with CPUC General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements, while accommodating electric distribution wires on the power line poles (underbuild). The project will span over and avoid Sand Creek and the Tehama-Colusa Canal. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2021, or as soon as practicable after project approval.

Construction is scheduled to be completed in May 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(s),

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**

\*\*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the shelter at home orders, PG&E is currently unable to receive protests or comments to this advice letter via U.S. mail or fax. Please submit protests or comments to this advice letter to EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov and PGETariffs@pge.com\*\*\*

Anyone wishing to protest this submittal may do so by submitting a protest with the CPUC and the Company by October 5, 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 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 5949-E.

#### **Effective Date**

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice submittal become effective on October 15, 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, 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





## California Public Utilities Commission

# ADVICE LETTER



ENERGY UILLIY	OF CALL
MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)	
Company name/CPUC Utility No.: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (ID U39E)	
Utility type:  LC 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 WATER = Water	(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)
Advice Letter (AL) #: 5949-E	Tier Designation: 2
Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Cortina No. 1 60kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project (WRO) in the County of Colusa.	
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: $_{ m No}$	
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: 10/15/20	No. of tariff sheets: $_{ m 0}$
Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): $_{ m N/A}$	
Estimated system average rate effect (%): $ m 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: $_{ m N/A}$	
Service affected and changes proposed $^{\mbox{\tiny 1:}}$ $_{N/A}$	
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: $ m N/A$	

## 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: <a href="mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov">EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov</a>

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: CORTINA No. 1 60kV POWER LINE POLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (WRO) - (Colusa

County, PM No. 74035015)

**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 5949-E** 

**Proposed Project:** T & P Farms (T&P) has requested Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to connect its Cortina No. 1 60 kilovolt (kV) Power Line to T&P's solar power facilities. This will require PG&E to replace approximately 32 existing wood poles with approximately 12 new wood poles and 20 new light duty steel poles (LDSPs) interspersed along approximately 2.7 miles of the existing power line located in existing PG&E easements (public utility easement) in unincorporated Colusa County west of the Town of Arbuckle. The project begins at an existing PG&E wood power pole approximately 300 feet west of Putnam Way and runs west, approximately 2.7 miles through agricultural land along an existing access road and through orchards to an existing PG&E wood power pole located on T&P property. Approximately 29 of the new wood and LDSP's will be approximately be 5 to 10 feet taller than the existing poles, one new pole will be approximately 15 feet taller, and there will be no increase in height at two new poles. Taller poles are required to comply with CPUC General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements, while accommodating electric distribution wires on the power line poles (underbuild). The project will span over and avoid Sand Creek and the Tehama-Colusa Canal. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2021, or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction is scheduled to be completed in May 2021, 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:

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."

**Additional Project Information:** To obtain further information on the proposed project, please call PG&E's <u>Project</u> 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.
- Whether you believe that evidentiary hearings are necessary to resolve factual disputes.

#### Protests for this project must be filed by October 5, 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: <a href="mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov">public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov</a> 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 5949-E.

#### **Notice Distribution List**

Cortina No. 1 60kV Power Line Pole Replacement Project - (Colusa County)

#### Advice 5949-E

#### **Energy Commission**

Mr. Drew Bohan, Executive Director California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39 Sacramento, California 95814 Drew.Bohan@energy.ca.gov

Ms. Courtney Smith, Chief Deputy Director California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street, Mail Stop 39 Sacramento, California 95814 Courtney.Smith@energy.ca.gov

#### California Department of Fish and Wildlife, North Central Region (2)

Mr. Kevin Thomas, Regional Manager 1701 Nimbus Road Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 Kevin.Thomas@wildlife.ca.gov

#### California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region

Ms. Elizabeth M. Lee, P.E. 401 Water Quality Certifica

401 Water Quality Certification/Municipal Storm Water Unit Supervisor Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 Elizabeth.Lee@waterboards.ca.gov

#### **Colusa County**

Mr. Greg Plucker, Director Planning and Building 220 12<sup>th</sup> Street Colusa, California 95932 gplucker@countyofcolusa.org

#### Newspaper

The Appeal Democrat

### PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Submittal List

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Albion Power Company Alcantar & Kahl LLP

Alta Power Group, LLC Anderson & Poole

Atlas ReFuel BART

Barkovich & Yap, Inc.
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn
California Energy Commission
California Public Utilities Commission
California State Association of Counties
Calpine

Cameron-Daniel, P.C.
Casner, Steve
Cenergy Power
Center for Biological Diversity

Chevron Pipeline and Power City of Palo Alto

City of San Jose
Clean Power Research
Coast Economic Consulting
Commercial Energy
Crossborder Energy
Crown Road Energy, LLC
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
Day Carter Murphy

Dept of General Services Don Pickett & Associates, Inc. Douglass & Liddell Downey & Brand
East Bay Community Energy
Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP
Energy Management Service

GenOn Energy, Inc. Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie Green Power Institute Hanna & Morton

Engineers and Scientists of California

IGS Energy

**ICF** 

International Power Technology Intestate Gas Services, Inc.

Kelly Group Ken Bohn Consulting Keyes & Fox LLP Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.

Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force MRW & Associates Manatt Phelps Phillips Marin Energy Authority

Modesto Irrigation District NLine Energy, Inc. NRG Solar

McKenzie & Associates

Office of Ratepayer Advocates OnGrid Solar Pacific Gas and Electric Company Peninsula Clean Energy Pioneer Community Energy

Redwood Coast Energy Authority Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc. SCD Energy Solutions

SCE SDG&E and SoCalGas

SPURR
San Francisco Water Power and Sewer
Seattle City Light
Sempra Utilities
Southern California Edison Company
Southern California Gas Company
Spark Energy
Sun Light & Power
Sunshine Design
Tecogen, Inc.
TerraVerde Renewable Partners
Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.

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Water and Energy Consulting Wellhead
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Western Manufactured Housing
Communities Association (WMA)
Yep Energy