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Pacific Gas & Electric Company
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As of May 12, 2021

Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Maple Creek Willow Creek 60 kV Power Line Reliability Project in Humboldt County

Division Assigned: Energy

Date Filed: 04-16-2021

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Authorizing Documents: None

Disposition:	Accepted
Effective Date:	05-16-2021

Resolution Required: No

Resolution Number: None

Commission Meeting Date: None

CPUC Contact Information:

edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov

AL Certificate Contact Information:

Kimberly Loo

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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
- Disposition of Filing (Accepted, Rejected, Withdrawn, etc.)
- Effective Date of Filing
- Other Miscellaneous Information (e.g., Resolution, if applicable, etc.)

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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April 16, 2021

Advice 6161-E
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Maple Creek – Willow Creek 60 kV Power Line Reliability Project in Humboldt County

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 continue to maintain safe and reliable electric service of rural Humboldt County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace wires (reconductoring) on approximately 20-mile-long Maple Creek – Willow Creek 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line in Humboldt County (existing easement and franchise). The project begins at Maple Creek Substation, located approximately 0.1 miles west of the intersection of Maple Creek Road and Powerline Road in Maple Creek. The line continues in a northeasterly direction through undeveloped Humboldt County and Six Rivers National Forest to Willow Creek Substation, located approximately 0.4 miles northwest of the intersection of Highway 96 and Brannan Mountain Road in Willow Creek. The northeastern half of the project generally follows Highway 299. PG&E will replace approximately 59 existing wood pole structures with 59 new wood pole and light-duty steel pole structures and remove 3 existing wood pole structures. The replacement poles will be approximately the same height and up to 26 feet taller than the existing poles to comply with CPUC General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements and low-cost measures to reduce public exposure to EMF. PG&E will also replace guy wires and anchors that support the new poles as

needed. The project will avoid impacts to watercourses and other nearby resources. Helicopters will be used to facilitate construction in some areas. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the third quarter of 2021 or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction is scheduled to be complete in the fourth quarter of 2022 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),

- e. "the placing of new or additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on supporting structures already built."
- 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."

Additionally, PG&E will employ "no cost" and specified "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to EMF in accordance with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Decision 06-01-042 and the "EMF Design Guidelines for Electrical Facilities" prepared in compliance with that decision. The following measures are proposed for this project:

- Increase the height of overhead lines, more than otherwise required, to reduce EMF strength at ground level.

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 May 6, 2021, 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 6161-E.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice letter become effective on May 16, 2021, 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/>.

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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) #: 6161-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Maple Creek – Willow Creek 60 kV Power Line Reliability Project in Humboldt County

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: 5/16/21

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
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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: Maple Creek – Willow Creek 60 kV Power Line Reliability Project - (Humboldt County, P.No. 5791525)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 6161-E

Proposed Project: To continue to maintain safe and reliable electric service of rural Humboldt County, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace wires (reconductoring) on approximately 20-mile-long Maple Creek – Willow Creek 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line in Humboldt County (existing easement and franchise). The project begins at Maple Creek Substation, located approximately 0.1 miles west of the intersection of Maple Creek Road and Powerline Road in Maple Creek. The line continues in a northeasterly direction through undeveloped Humboldt County and Six Rivers National Forest to Willow Creek Substation, located approximately 0.4 miles northwest of the intersection of Highway 96 and Brannan Mountain Road in Willow Creek. The northeastern half of the project generally follows Highway 299. PG&E will replace approximately 59 existing wood pole structures with 59 new wood pole and light-duty steel pole structures and remove 3 existing wood pole structures. The replacement poles will be approximately the same height and up to 26 feet taller than the existing poles to comply with CPUC General Order 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements and low-cost measures to reduce public exposure to EMF. PG&E will also replace guy wires and anchors that support the new poles as needed. The project will avoid impacts to watercourses and other nearby resources. Helicopters will be used to facilitate construction in some areas. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the third quarter of 2021 or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction is scheduled to be complete in the fourth quarter of 2022 or as soon as possible after construction begins.

Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF): PG&E will employ “no cost” and specified “low cost” measures to reduce public exposure to EMF in accordance with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Decision 06-01-042 and the “EMF Design Guidelines for Electrical Facilities” prepared in compliance with that decision. The following measure is proposed for this project:

- Increase the height of overhead lines, more than otherwise required, to reduce EMF strength at ground level.

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):

- e. “the placing of new or additional conductors, insulators, or their accessories on supporting structures already built.”
- 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 [Project Information Line at \(415\) 973-5530](tel:4159735530).

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 May 6, 2021 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 6161-E.

Notice Distribution List

Maple Creek – Willow Creek 60 kV Power Line Reliability Project (Humboldt County) Advice 6161-E

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Newspaper

Eureka Times-Standard

PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Submittal List

AT&T	East Bay Community Energy Ellison	Pioneer Community Energy
Albion Power Company	Schneider & Harris LLP Energy	
	Management Service	Redwood Coast Energy Authority
Alta Power Group, LLC	Engineers and Scientists of California	Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc.
Anderson & Poole		SCD Energy Solutions
	GenOn Energy, Inc.	San Diego Gas & Electric Company
Atlas ReFuel	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz &	
BART	Ritchie	SPURR
	Green Power Institute	San Francisco Water Power and Sewer
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.	Hanna & Morton	Sempra Utilities
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn	ICF	
California Energy Commission	IGS Energy	Sierra Telephone Company, Inc.
	International Power Technology	Southern California Edison Company
California Hub for Energy Efficiency	Intestate Gas Services, Inc.	Southern California Gas Company
Financing	Kelly Group	Spark Energy
	Ken Bohn Consulting	Sun Light & Power
California Alternative Energy and	Keyes & Fox LLP	Sunshine Design
Advanced Transportation Financing	Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.	Tecogen, Inc.
Authority		TerraVerde Renewable Partners
California Public Utilities Commission		Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
Calpine	Los Angeles County Integrated	
	Waste Management Task Force	TransCanada
Cameron-Daniel, P.C.	MRW & Associates	Utility Cost Management
Casner, Steve	Manatt Phelps Phillips	Utility Power Solutions
Cenergy Power	Marin Energy Authority	Water and Energy Consulting Wellhead
Center for Biological Diversity	McKenzie & Associates	Electric Company
		Western Manufactured Housing
Chevron Pipeline and Power	Modesto Irrigation District	Communities Association (WMA)
City of Palo Alto	NLine Energy, Inc.	Yep Energy
	NRG Solar	
City of San Jose		
Clean Power Research	Office of Ratepayer Advocates	
Coast Economic Consulting	OnGrid Solar	
Commercial Energy	Pacific Gas and Electric Company	
Crossborder Energy	Peninsula Clean Energy	
Crown Road Energy, LLC		
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP		
Day Carter Murphy		
Dept of General Services		
Don Pickett & Associates, Inc.		
Douglass & Liddell		