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**Pacific Gas & Electric Company**  
**ELC (Corp ID 39)**  
**Status of Advice Letter 6191E**  
**As of June 1, 2021**

Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Trinity-Cottonwood 115kV Power Line (Phase 3) Reconductor Project in the County of Trinity

Division Assigned: Energy

Date Filed: 05-12-2021

Date to Calendar: 05-14-2021

Authorizing Documents: None

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| <b>Disposition:</b>    | <b>Accepted</b>   |
| <b>Effective Date:</b> | <b>06-02-2021</b> |

Resolution Required: No

Resolution Number: None

Commission Meeting Date: None

CPUC Contact Information:

[edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov)

AL Certificate Contact Information:

Kimberly Loo

415-973-4587

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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- Disposition of Filing (Accepted, Rejected, Withdrawn, etc.)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](mailto:edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov)**



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May 12, 2021

**Advice 6191-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 Trinity-Cottonwood 115kV Power Line (Phase 3) Reconductor Project in the County of Trinity**

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 California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order (GO) 95 minimum ground-to-conductor (wire) clearance requirements and eliminate conductor over tensioning, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace conductor over approximately 6.0 miles of the existing Trinity-Cottonwood 115 kilovolt (kV) Power Line within unincorporated Trinity County. PG&E will also replace approximately 26 existing wood pole structures and 1 existing light duty steel pole (LDSP) structure with approximately 27 new LDSP structures (equivalent facilities) within this 6.0 mile segment of the power line. Approximately 4 replacement structures will not increase in height, approximately 14 replacement structures will be approximately 5 feet to 10 feet taller than the existing structures, and the remaining replacement structures will be approximately 11 feet to 20 feet taller than the existing structures. Taller structures are needed to comply with CPUC GO 95 clearance requirements, while accommodating hilly and steep terrain.

The project begins at PG&E's Trinity Substation (501 Mountain View Street) south of the unincorporated Town of Weaverville. The project then exits the substation and runs in a southeasterly direction approximately 4.4 miles through rural residential and commercial lands, crossing over Lance Gulch Creek, State Route Highway 3 (Main Street), continuing southeasterly through commercial forest lands and US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands crossing over Little Browns Creek and the Trinity River to the unincorporated Town of Lewiston; then continuing southeasterly approximately 1.6 miles through commercial forest lands and BLM lands crossing over Grass Valley Creek and Snipe Gulch Creek, terminating at an existing PG&E wood pole structure located approximately 1,900 feet northwest of the intersection of State Route 299 with Oak Ranch Road.

Helicopters will be used to facilitate construction and minimize ground disturbance. The project will span over Lance Gulch Creek, Little Browns Creek, Grass Valley Creek, Snipe Gulch Creek, the Trinity River, and unnamed intermittent tributaries. No work will occur within the bank, bed of a stream, riparian habitats or within wetlands. Work areas include critical habitat for northern spotted owl; however, impacts to owls will be avoided by working in areas adjacent to or within suitable nesting habitat outside of nesting season. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in August 2021, or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction will be completed in the fourth 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,

- b. the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures.

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, 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 June 1, 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Sidney Dietz  
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 file an official protest may still submit a comment on the request to the Energy Division at the address noted above, referencing Advice Letter 6191-E.

**Effective Date**

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice letter become effective on May 11, 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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Sidney Dietz  
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) #: 6191-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 (Phase 3) Reconductor Project in the County of Trinity

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: 6/11/21

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 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: Sidney Dietz, 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  
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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 115kV Power Line (Phase 3) Reconductor Project – (Trinity County, P. No. 5790355)  
**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER:** 6191-E

**Proposed Project:** To comply with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order (GO) 95 minimum ground-to-conductor (wire) clearance requirements and eliminate conductor over tensioning, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace conductor over approximately 6.0 miles of the existing Trinity-Cottonwood 115 kilovolt (kV) Power Line within unincorporated Trinity County. PG&E will also replace approximately 26 existing wood pole structures and 1 existing light duty steel pole (LDSP) structure with approximately 27 new LDSP structures (equivalent facilities) within this 6.0 mile segment of the power line. Approximately 4 replacement structures will not increase in height, approximately 14 replacement structures will be approximately 5 feet to 10 feet taller than the existing structures, and the remaining replacement structures will be approximately 11 feet to 20 feet taller than the existing structures. Taller structures are needed to comply with CPUC GO 95 clearance requirements, while accommodating hilly and steep terrain.

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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:

b. "the replacement of existing power line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures."

**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.

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**Protests for this project must be filed by June 1, 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](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 6191-E.

## Notice Distribution List

Trinity-Cottonwood 115kV Power Line (Phase 3) Reconductor Project (Trinity County)

### Advice 6191-E

#### **Energy Commission**

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California Energy Commission  
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Sacramento, California 95814  
[Drew.Bohan@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Drew.Bohan@energy.ca.gov)

Ms. Linda Spiegel, Chief Deputy Director  
California Energy Commission  
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Sacramento, California 95814  
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#### **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**

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

Ms. Kimberly Hunter, Director  
Trinity County Planning Department  
61 Airport Road  
P.O. Box 2819  
Weaverville, CA 96093  
Email: [info.planning@trinitycounty.org](mailto:info.planning@trinitycounty.org)

#### **Newspapers**

The Trinity Journal  
Redding Record Searchlight

## PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Submittal List

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