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Pacific Gas & Electric Company
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As of January 31, 2022

Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Pittsburg No. 1 and No. 2 60kV Tap Power Line Reconductoring and Pole Replacement Project in the City of Pittsburg, County of Contra Costa

Division Assigned: Energy

Date Filed: 12-28-2021

Date to Calendar: 12-31-2021

Authorizing Documents: None

Disposition:	Accepted
Effective Date:	01-28-2022

Resolution Required: No

Resolution Number: None

Commission Meeting Date: None

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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- Disposition of Filing (Accepted, Rejected, Withdrawn, etc.)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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December 28, 2021

Advice 6446-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 Pittsburg No. 1 and No. 2 60kV Tap Power Line Reconductoring and Pole Replacement Project in the City of Pittsburg, County of Contra Costa

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 clearance requirements and eliminate conductor (wire) over-tensioning, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace structures and conductors on approximately 1.2 miles of the existing Pittsburg No. 1 and No. 2 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line in the City of Pittsburg. The project begins at an existing PG&E power pole located within California Avenue approximately 120 feet west of the intersection of California Avenue with Edward Avenue and extends northeast approximately 2,150 feet crossing over California Avenue through a residential area crossing over Union Pacific Railroad; then continues northeast approximately 1,900 feet through Central Addition Park adjacent to and east of a residential area crossing over Pittsburg Antioch Highway and Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad entering an industrial area; then continues northeast approximately 2,250 feet through an industrial area parallel with and easterly of Columbia Street to PG&E's Pittsburg Substation located on East 3rd Street, north of the intersection of East 3rd Street with Columbia Street. To support the new conductors, PG&E will replace approximately 17 existing lattice steel poles (LSPs) with approximately 16 taller new wood poles and 1 new

laminated wood pole (replacement of existing power line facilities). The new laminated wood pole will decrease approximately 25 feet in height, while 12 new wood poles will be approximately 5 to 10 feet taller and 4 new wood poles will be approximately 15 to 20 feet taller than the existing LSPs to comply with CPUC GO 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements while accommodating electric distribution wires on the power line poles (under-build), and two railroad crossings. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in March 2022 or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction is scheduled to be completed in May 2022, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

Exemption Under GO 131-D

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):

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

This project consists of the replacement of outdated 60 kV conductors and supporting structures with new 60 kV conductors and supporting structures that have the same form and function as the existing facilities. Approximately 17 existing lattice steel poles are being replaced with approximately 16 new wood poles and 1 new laminated wood pole. The line replacement is within the same utility corridor, following the same route as the existing lines.

None of the exceptions to the exemptions in Section III B.2, as specified in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2, exist to disqualify this project from the NOC process.

The exceptions, and why they do not apply, include the following:

- a. There is a reasonable possibility that the activity may impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

Discussion: There is no federally- or state-designated critical habitat for any special-status species within the project area. Jurisdictional waters and wetlands within the project area will be avoided. No other designated, mapped and officially-adopted resources of hazardous or critical concern are known to occur in the project area.

- b. The cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, is significant.

Discussion: PG&E is not aware of any other projects of the same type in the same place, or over time, that would result in significant cumulative impacts. Moreover, the

proposed project would minimize the frequency of repairs and reduce the need for similar work within the transmission corridor in the future.

- c. There is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

Discussion: There is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. In *Berkeley Hillside Preservation v. City of Berkeley* (2015) 60 Cal.4th 1086 (Berkeley Hillside), the California Supreme Court found that, to apply this exception, the lead agency must find both (a) an unusual circumstance that makes this project different from others in the class, and (b) a reasonable possibility of a significant impact due to that unusual circumstance. (Id. at 1104-1105.) Thus, the first question is whether there is an unusual circumstance that would make this project different from others in the class.

PG&E is continually undertaking reconductoring projects throughout its territory, most of which require replacement, removal and/or addition of structures as well as replacement of the conductors. Numerous reconductoring projects have established laydown yards, used helicopters for construction, required vegetation removal or surface recontouring, used overland access, and adjusted structure locations to avoid resources or other impacts. There is nothing about this project that is different from others in its class. In litigation over the meaning of “unusual circumstances,” most courts have declined to find that circumstances were unusual; examples where unusual circumstances were identified were striking in their difference from the norm, including, e.g., a project in a leaking landfill (*Azusa Land Reclamation Company v. Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster* (1997) 52 Cal.App. 4th 1665, 1207), involving a particular historic wall (*Committee to Save the Hollywoodland Specific Plan v. City of Los Angeles* (2008) 161 Cal.App 4th 1168, 1187), and stock car racing at a fairgrounds near residences (*Lewis v. Seventeenth Dist. Agricultural Ass’n* (1985) 165 Cal App. 3d 823). Each of these cases presented circumstances that were atypical for the type of project proposed and created potentially significant effects due to the unusual circumstances. There is no similar anomaly present in this project.

Even if unusual circumstances were present, which they are not, there is no reasonable possibility of a significant impact due to an unusual circumstance. As explained above, no significant impacts of any kind have been identified. This project consists of replacing existing power lines with similar facilities. It has been designed to avoid impacts to biological resources, and no other potential impacts have been identified.

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 January 18, 2022, which is 21 days¹ 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

Sidney Bob Dietz II
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

¹ The 20-day protest period concludes on a holiday; therefore, PG&E is moving this date to the following business day.



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) #: 6446-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Pittsburg No. 1 and No. 2 60kV Tap Power Line Reconductoring and Pole Replacement Project in the City of Pittsburg, County of Contra Costa

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): 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: 1/27/22

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: Sidney Bob Dietz II, c/o Megan Lawson
Title: Director, Regulatory Relations
Utility Name: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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State: California Zip: 94177
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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: PITTSBURG NO. 1 AND NO. 2 60kV TAP POWER LINE RECONDUCTORING and POLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - (City of Pittsburg, P. No. 5544346)
ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 6446-E

Proposed Project: To comply with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order (GO) 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements and eliminate conductor (wire) over-tensioning, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to replace structures and conductors on approximately 1.2 miles of the existing Pittsburg No. 1 and No. 2 60 Kilovolt (kV) Power Line in the City of Pittsburg. The project begins at an existing PG&E power pole located within California Avenue approximately 120 feet west of the intersection of California Avenue with Edward Avenue and extends northeast approximately 2,150 feet crossing over California Avenue through a residential area crossing over Union Pacific Railroad; then continues northeast approximately 1,900 feet through Central Addition Park adjacent to and east of a residential area crossing over Pittsburg Antioch Highway and Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad entering an industrial area; then continues northeast approximately 2,250 feet through an industrial area parallel with and easterly of Columbia Street to PG&E's Pittsburg Substation located on East 3rd Street, north of the intersection of East 3rd Street with Columbia Street. To support the new conductors, PG&E will replace approximately 17 existing lattice steel poles (LSPs) with approximately 16 taller new wood poles and 1 new laminated wood pole (replacement of existing power line facilities). The new laminated wood pole will decrease approximately 25 feet in height, while 12 new wood poles will be approximately 5 to 10 feet taller and 4 new wood poles will be approximately 15 to 20 feet taller than the existing LSPs to comply with CPUC GO 95 minimum ground-to-conductor clearance requirements while accommodating electric distribution wires on the power line poles (under-build) and two railroad crossings. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in March 2022 or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction is scheduled to be completed in May 2022, 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(s):

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 January 18, 2022 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 6446-E.

Notice Distribution List

Pittsburg No. 1 and No. 2 60kV Tap Power Line Reconductoring and Pole Replacement
Project (City of Pittsburg)

Advice 6446-E

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East Bay Times

PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Submittal List

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Alta Power Group, LLC Anderson & Poole	Engineers and Scientists of California	Public Advocates Office
Atlas ReFuel BART	GenOn Energy, Inc. Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie	Redwood Coast Energy Authority Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc. SCD Energy Solutions San Diego Gas & Electric Company
Barkovich & Yap, Inc. California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn California Energy Commission	Green Power Institute Hanna & Morton ICF International Power Technology	SPURR San Francisco Water Power and Sewer Sempra Utilities
California Hub for Energy Efficiency Financing	Intertie	Sierra Telephone Company, Inc. 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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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	OnGrid Solar Pacific Gas and Electric Company Peninsula Clean Energy	
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