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Subject: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Proxima Solar Interconnection & Fink Switching Station Project in the County of Stanislaus

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
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- Subject of Filing
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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
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March 16, 2022

Advice 6529-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 Proxima Solar Interconnection & Fink Switching Station Project in the County of Stanislaus.

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 or Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

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 accommodate the interconnection of NextEra’s Proxima Energy Solar Center Project (Project), Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to install an approximately 6-acre switching station in rural Stanislaus County, about 1.5 miles west of Interstate 5 and about two miles northwest of the Fink Road and Interstate 5 intersection. To connect the new switching station to PG&E’s existing 230 kV system, PG&E will reroute approximately 1,600 feet of the existing Quinto SW STA – Westley 230kV Transmission Line into and out of the new switching station, supported by approximately four new tubular steel poles (up to approximately 150 feet in height) (minor relocation). The switching station will include a control building, a sustainable modular protection (SMP) building, and a telecommunication tower (approximately 110 feet in height) with fiber-optic lines. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in June 2022 or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction will be completed in January 2023, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

Exemptions Under GO 131-D

CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III, Subsections A and B exempt 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):

III.A: "the minor relocation of existing power line facilities"

III.B.1.f: "power lines or substations to be relocated or constructed which have undergone environmental review pursuant to CEQA as part of a larger project, and for which the final CEQA document (Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration) finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or substation."

The County of Stanislaus adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proxima Solar project in March 2012 (see Fink Road Solar Farm Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration Proposed by Proxima Solar, LLC) and Addendum dated March 29, 2021 (State Clearinghouse #2011012006), addressing PG&E's switching station and transmission line interconnection and establishing that there will be no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed facilities. The 2021 Addendum analyzed all proposed PG&E facilities in detail (see analysis beginning at p. 11 of the Addendum) and concluded that the PG&E facilities would not cause any potentially significant impacts (see Addendum, pp. 69-70).

For these reasons, the Project is exempt under Section III.B.1.f from Section III.B's formal permitting requirements. The 1,600-foot transmission line interconnection, while not a major transmission line facility subject to Section III.A, would also qualify as a minor relocation.

Adoption of the IS/MND and Addendum by the County establishes that 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. No significant impacts of any kind were identified for these interconnection facilities.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this submittal may do so by letter sent electronically via E-mail, no later than April 5, 2022, which is 20 days after the date of this submittal. Protests must be submitted to:

CPUC Energy Division
ED Tariff Unit
E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

The protest shall also be electronically sent to PG&E via E-mail at the address shown below on the same date it is electronically delivered to the Commission:

Sidney Bob Dietz II
Director, Regulatory Relations
c/o Megan Lawson
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 6529-E.

Effective Date

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice letter become effective on April 15, 2022, 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 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/>.

Conclusion

The Addendum analyzed the PG&E Project in detail (see pages 11-14 of the Addendum) and concludes that there are no potentially significant impacts.

_____/S/
Sidney Bob Dietz II
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 U39 E)

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) #: 6529-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of Proxima Solar Interconnection & Fink Switching Station Project in the County of Stanislaus

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: 4/15/22

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 correspondence regarding this AL are to be sent via email and are due no later than 20 days after the date of this submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

California Public Utilities Commission
Energy Division Tariff Unit Email:
EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Contact Name: Sidnev Bob Dietz II. c/o Megan Lawson
Title: Director, Regulatory Relations
Utility/Entity Name: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

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Contact Name:
Title:
Utility/Entity Name:

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Email:

CPUC
Energy Division Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Clear Form

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION

Para más detalles llame 1-800-660-6789

PROJECT NAME: Proxima Solar Interconnection & Fink Switching Station Project - (Stanislaus County, T. No. 0003770)**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 6529-E****Proposed Project:**

To accommodate the interconnection of NextEra's Proxima Energy Solar Center Project (Project), Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to install an approximately 6-acre switching station in rural Stanislaus county, about 1.5 miles west of Interstate 5 and about two miles northwest of the Fink Road and Interstate 5 intersection. To connect the new switching station to PG&E's existing 230 kV system, PG&E will reroute approximately 1,600 feet of the existing Quinto SW STA – Westley 230kV Transmission Line into and out of the new switching station, supported by approximately four new tubular steel poles (up to approximately 150 feet in height) (minor relocation). The switching station will include a control building, a sustainable modular protection (SMP) building, and a telecommunication tower (approximately 110 feet in height) with fiber-optic lines. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in June 2022 or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction will be completed in January 2023, or as soon as possible after construction begins.

Exemption from CPUC Permit Requirement: CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III.A (transmission line relocations) and III.B.1 (switching station) exempt projects meeting specific conditions from the CPUC's requirement to field an application requesting authority to construct. Pacific Gas and Electric Company believes this project qualifies for the following exemptions:

III.A: "the minor relocation of existing power line facilities"

III.B.1.f: "power lines or substations to be relocated or constructed which have undergone environmental review pursuant to CEQA as part of a larger project, and for which the final CEQA document (Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration) finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or substation."

Stanislaus County adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proxima Energy Solar Center Project in March, 2012, and an addendum in March 29, 2021. (State Clearinghouse #2011012006). The County found that there were no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed switching station and transmission line facilities. The transmission line interconnection would also qualify as a minor relocation.

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, email 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 April 5, 2022 at the following address:

Director, Energy Division
ED Tariff Unit
California Public Utilities Commission
E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

With a copy emailed to:
PG&E Tariffs
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

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 6529-E

Notice Distribution List

Proxima Solar Interconnection & Fink Switching Station Project, Stanislaus County

Advice 6529-E

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PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Submittal List

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Atlas ReFuel BART		SPURR San Francisco Water Power and Sewer Sempra Utilities
Barkovich & Yap, Inc. Braun Blasing Smith Wynne, P.C. California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn California Energy Commission	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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Chevron Pipeline and Power City of Palo Alto	OnGrid Solar Pacific Gas and Electric Company Peninsula Clean Energy	
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		
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