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**Pacific Gas & Electric Company**  
**ELC (Corp ID 39)**  
**Status of Advice Letter 6581E**  
**As of June 3, 2022**

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

Division Assigned: Energy

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<b>Effective Date:</b>	<b>06-03-2022</b>

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- Disposition of Filing (Accepted, Rejected, Withdrawn, etc.)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



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May 4, 2022

**Advice 6581-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 the North Central Valley Energy Center 115 kV Generation Power Line in the County of San Joaquin**

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**

North Central Valley Energy Storage, LLC is proposing to develop, construct, and operate the North Central Valley Energy Center, a proposed 132-megawatt (MW) battery energy storage system (BESS), adjacent to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Bellota Substation at 24300 East Flood Road in unincorporated San Joaquin County. To connect the BESS to Bellota Substation, PG&E is proposing to construct an approximately 90 feet tall point of change of ownership (poco) Tubular Steel Pole (TSP) just north of the substation within undeveloped grassland and an approximately 200-foot 115-kilovolt (kV) single-circuit overhead generation power line (also referred to as a "gen-tie" line) between that new TSP and Bellota Substation. An optical fiber ground wire will also be installed on the new TSP to provide communication between the BESS and Bellota Substation. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in summer 2022 or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction will be completed in winter 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):

- 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 work being proposed entails constructing a generation power line to enable connection of a battery energy storage system to the electric grid. The San Joaquin County Community Development Department adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the North Central Valley Energy Center on March 17, 2022 (State Clearinghouse No. 2018032050) finding no significant unavoidable environmental impacts resulting from PG&E's proposed generation power line.

A complete copy of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination can be reviewed at the following link:

<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2018032050/2>

Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration also 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 the generation power line.

This submittal will not cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other rate schedule or rule.

**Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this submittal may do so by letter sent electronically via E-mail with the CPUC and the Company by May 24, 2022, which is 20 days after the date of this submittal. Protests should be emailed to the following address:

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 6581-E.

### **Effective Date**

The Company requests that this Tier 2 advice letter become effective on June 3, 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/>.

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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) #: 6581-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Submits Notice of Construction, Pursuant to General Order 131-D, for the Construction of the North Central Valley Energy Center 115 kV Generation Power Line in the County of San Joaquin

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: 6/3/22

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 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 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](mailto: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  
  
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:  
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx:  
Email: PGETariffs@pge.com

Contact Name:  
Title:  
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Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx:  
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

**658PROJECT NAME: North Central Valley Energy Center 115 kV Generation Power Line - (San Joaquin County, T.0004818.02)**  
**ADVICE LETTER NUMBER: 6581-E**

**Proposed Project:** North Central Valley Energy Storage, LLC is proposing to develop, construct, and operate the North Central Valley Energy Center, a proposed 132-megawatt (MW) battery energy storage system (BESS), adjacent to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Bellota Substation at 24300 East Flood Road in unincorporated San Joaquin County. To connect the BESS to Bellota Substation, PG&E is proposing to construct an approximately 90 feet tall point of change of ownership (poco) Tubular Steel Pole (TSP) just north of the substation within undeveloped grassland and an approximately 200-foot 115-kilovolt (kV) single-circuit overhead generation power line (also referred to as a “gen-tie” line) between that new TSP and Bellota Substation. An optical fiber ground wire will also be installed on the new TSP to provide communication between the BESS and Bellota Substation. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in summer 2022 or as soon as practicable after project approval. Construction will be completed in winter 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):

- 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.”

**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 May 24, 2022 at the following address:**

Director, Energy Division  
 ED Tariff Unit  
 E-mail: [EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov)

With a copy emailed to:  
 Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
 PG&E Tariffs  
 E-mail: [PGETariffs@pge.com](mailto: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](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 6581-E.

## **Notice Distribution List**

### **North Central Valley Energy Center 115 kV Generation Power Line (San Joaquin County)**

#### **Advice 6581-E**

##### **Energy Commission**

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##### **Newspapers**

Stockton Record

## PG&E Gas and Electric Advice Submittal List

AT&T Albion Power Company	East Bay Community Energy Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP Engineers and Scientists of California	Pioneer Community Energy
Alta Power Group, LLC Anderson & Poole	GenOn Energy, Inc. Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie Green Power Institute Hanna & Morton ICF International Power Technology	Public Advocates Office  Redwood Coast Energy Authority Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc. SCD Energy Solutions San Diego Gas & Electric Company
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.
California Hub for Energy Efficiency Financing	Intestate Gas Services, Inc. Kelly Group Ken Bohn Consulting Keyes & Fox LLP Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.	TransCanada Utility Cost Management Utility Power Solutions Uplight Water and Energy Consulting Wellhead Electric Company Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA) Yep Energy
California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority California Public Utilities Commission Calpine	Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force MRW & Associates Manatt Phelps Phillips Marin Energy Authority McClintock IP McKenzie & Associates	
Cameron-Daniel, P.C. Casner, Steve Center for Biological Diversity	Modesto Irrigation District NLine Energy, Inc. NRG Solar	
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		
Dept of General Services Don Pickett & Associates, Inc. Douglass & Liddell		