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Subject: High Speed Rail and PG&E meeting on transmission extension agreements

Russell,

I am writing to try to figure out who at High Speed Rail should meet with PG&E to discuss their Transmission tariffs. I recently had a long meeting that included Mark McLoughlin, Rachel Taylor, Scott Rothenberg (and a few others) at HSR. It also included several people from the PB Environment planning team (Karl Fielding, Tim Kolsett). We are working with that group of folks to try to get a process moving where PG&E can provide next level (i.e. more detailed) information about facilities needed to be built to interconnect HSR electrically to the grid.

During these recent meetings, it became clear that HSR has never had a briefing from PG&E on the transmission extension process. There is a pretty detailed tariff procedure (approved as a CPUC tariff) that governs installation of new distribution facilities to serve new customers. Those tariffs (known as Rule 15 and 16) give customers allowances for the portion of the extension cost that will be supported by revenues from other loads served by the extension.

Since HSR is looking at PG&E interconnection costs, I wanted PG&E to discuss with HSR what might be possible for an electric transmission service extension agreement. PG&E has done a few such agreements for other large/unusual customers – and clarity on this (when it comes many moons from now) would give you some additional understanding of the real costs that will face HSR from an electric service connection perspective.

To put it simply – previous meetings I've been a part of with HSR have focused on the environmental document process – what it will take to make sure environmental documents that cover electrical interconnection facilities are adequate. I think we need to have a meeting with HSR focused on the costs of those facilities—and the agreements with PG&E on who and how to pay for those costs.

Who would be the right group to meet with? Sorry to include so many people on the cc: line...

The lead to arrange this meeting from PG&E's side is Meredith Allen, [meae@pge.com](mailto:meae@pge.com), and she is cc:ed here.

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