

consider public input in the preparation of the Draft EIS, comments should be submitted to the address below by October 18, 1996. For further information concerning the preparation of the Hardwood EIS, or to provide written comment, contact: Program Manager, Hardwood EIS, Air National Guard Readiness Center, ANGR/CEVP, 3500 Fetchet Avenue, Andrews Air Force Base, MD 20762-5157.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2105-037 & -038]

#### Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

July 29, 1996.

A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA was prepared in support of dam safety repairs to be made pursuant to 18 CFR 12.4 at the Upper North Fork Feather River Project. The work will be conducted to improve the seismic stability of the project's Butt Valley and Canyon Dams. The DEA finds that work would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Upper North Fork Feather River Project is located on Butt Creek and the North Fork Feather River in Plumas County, California.

The DEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the DEA can be viewed at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager listed below.

Please submit any comments within 14 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Comments should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 2105-037 & -038 to all comments. For further information, please contact the project

manager, John Mudre, at (202) 219-1208.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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[Project Nos. P-11565-000, et al.]

#### Hydroelectric Applications [Thermalito Power Company, et al.]; Notice of Applications

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

1 a. *Type of Application:* Original License for Major Project.

b. *Project No.:* 11565-000.

c. *Date filed:* December 1, 1995.

d. *Applicant:* Thermalito Power Corporation.

e. *Name of Project:* Therm II Project.

f. *Location:* At the California Department of Water Resources' Thermalito afterbay dam, in Butte County, California. Township 19 N, Range 1 E, Section 33.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Stan Malinky, 311 D Street, West Sacramento CA 95605, (916) 372-0534.

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Strzelecki at (202) 219-2827.

j. *Deadline for Interventions and Protests:* September 26, 1996.

k. *Status of Environmental Analysis:*

The project is not ready for environmental analysis at this time—see attached paragraph D8.

l. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would develop the excess capacity of the Feather River Project (FERC No. 2100), and would consist of: (1) A new gated outlet structure installed at the dam; (2) a powerhouse containing three generating units with an installed capacity of 10,900 kW; (3) a 400-foot-long, 200-foot-wide tailrace canal leading to the Feather River; (4) the existing Sutter-Butte canal to be used for releases (5) a 350-foot-long transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities.

m. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A2, A9, B1, and D8.

n. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20426, or by calling 202-208-1371. A copy is also available from the applicant at the address provided in item "h" above.

2 a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.:* 11584-000.

c. *Date filed:* July 1, 1996.

d. *Applicant:* Whitewater Engineering Corporation.

e. *Name of Project:* Power Creek Project.

f. *Location:* On Power Creek, near the city of Cordova, in Alaska. Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 in T15S, R2W; sections 12, 13, 23, 24, 26, and 27 in T15S, R3W.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Thom A. Fischer, President, Whitewater Engineering Corporation, 1050 Larrabee Avenue, Suite 104-707, Bellingham, WA 98225, (360) 733-3008.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Michael

Strzelecki, (202) 219-2827.

j. *Comment Date:* September 26, 1996.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) A 20-foot-high diversion structure on Power Creek; (2) an 5,700-foot-long water conveyance system consisting of two pipelines and a tunnel; (3) a powerhouse containing three generating units with an installed capacity of 6.0 MW; (4) a tailrace returning the water to Power Creek; (5) a 7.2-mile-long buried transmission line interconnecting with an existing transmission line at the Eyak Substation; (6) about 2.5 miles of access roads; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

There are no federal lands within the project boundary.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A5, A7, A9, A10, B, C, and D2.

3 a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2233-027.

c. *Date Filed:* July 3, 1996.

d. *Applicant:* Portland General Electric Company, Smurfit Newsprint Corporation, Simpson Paper Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Willamette Falls Project.

f. *Location:* Willamette River, Clackamas County, OR.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC Section 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Richard Reiten, Portland General Electric Company, 121 S.W. Salmon Street, Portland, OR 97204, (503) 464-8005.

i. *FERC Contact:* Hillary Berlin, (202) 219-0038.

j. *Comment Date:* September 6, 1996.

k. *Description of Application:* The proposed amendment is to decommission the six water power units currently licensed for the Simpson facilities, which are uneconomical due to high maintenance costs and restricted water usage. The total installed capacity