

amendment to the license for the Potter Valley Project (PVP; FERC No. 77-110). The proposed amendment involves changes in the minimum flow requirements at the project, consisting of increased releases to the Eel River, which would result in overall decreased diversions to the Russian River. The PVP is licensed to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and is located in Lake and Mendocino counties, California.

Analysis of the impacts of the proposed alternative, as well as two additional action alternatives and the no-action alternatives relied heavily on a hydrological water balance model developed to provide a consistent analytical framework for predicting the impacts of the four alternatives. Comments received to date on the DEIS indicate disagreement among the parties on how the model should be parametrized to best represent the different alternatives.

The purpose of this notice is to advise all parties of a technical workshop that will focus on improving the assessment modeling approaches for impact assessment and attempting to reach consensus on areas of disagreement. This technical workshop will be held at the Flamingo Hotel and Conference Center, 2777 Fourth Street, Santa Rosa, California, on June 2-3, 1999, from 9 am to 4 pm. A block of rooms is being held at a special rate for workshop attendees until May 24, 1999. For reservations, call (800) 848-8300. While the workshop will be focused on obtaining technical information from the parties whose alternatives are considered in the DEIS, all interested parties are welcome to attend.

More specifically, the objectives of the workshop include: (1) reaching consensus on appropriate data inputs, outputs, and representation of alternatives for the water balance models and habitat evaluation models; (2) defining any new alternatives that may now be appropriate for consideration in this proceeding, including how these should be represented quantitatively in the water balance modeling; and (3) obtaining additional information applicable to the EIS assessment.

As a result of previous technical meetings and the DEIS, the parties to this proceeding already have access to the models and data needed for water balance assessment. Commission staff requests that the parties that have flow proposals in this proceeding (i.e., PG&E, Sonoma County Water Agency, and the Round Valley Indian Tribes), and their representatives, prepare for this workshop so that they can participate

with substantial information on data inputs and modeling approaches. Furthermore, any parties that have additional information relevant to this proceeding, such as water temperature monitoring reports or data, are advised that they should bring such information to this workshop and make it available to Commission staff, so that it can be incorporated into the assessment.

The workshop will be conducted in an interactive format, whereby the water balance models can be run and re-run in an iterative manner to evaluate assessment results during the workshop. Our intent is to make the modeling results as accessible as possible so that future applications of the modeling are acceptable to as many parties as possible.

For additional information on this workshop, please contact the FERC Project Manager, Dr. John M. Mudre at (202) 219-1208.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. 2687-014 California]

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

April 29, 1999.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for relicensing of the Pit 1 Project, located in the towns of Fall River Mills and McArthur, California.

On May 27, 1998, the Commission staff issued a draft environmental assessment (DEA) for the project, and requested that comments be filed with the Commission within 45 days. Comments were filed by eleven entities and are addressed in the final environmental assessment (FEA) for the project.

The FEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and has concluded that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protection measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA and FEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. They may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-222 for assistance).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

April 29, 1999.

a. Type of Application: Preliminary Permit.

b. Project No.: P-11695-000.

c. Date filed: March 5, 1999.

d. Applicant: Universal Electric Power Corp.

e. Name of Project: Nolin Lake Dam Project.

f. Location: At the Corps of Engineer's Nolin Lake Dam, on the Nolin River, near the Town of Brownsville, Grayson County, Kentucky.

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

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Ronald Feltenberger, Universal Electric Power Corp., 1145 Highbrook Street, Akron, Ohio 44301 (330) 535-7115.

i. FERC Contact: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Michael Spencer, E-mail address at [Spencer.Michael@FERC.fed.us](mailto:Spencer.Michael@FERC.fed.us), or telephone (202) 219-2846.

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protest: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules and Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. Description of Project: The proposed project would utilize the