

regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Settlement Agreement and Soliciting Comments

August 8, 2000.

Take notice that the following settlement agreement has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of application:* Settlement on New License Application.
- b. *Project No:* 137-002; *Project Name:* Mokelumne; *Applicant:* Pacific Gas and Electric.
- c. *Date Settlement Agreement Filed:* July 28, 2000.
- d. *Location:* On the North Fork Mokelumne and its tributaries, east of the city of Sacramento, California, in Alpine, Amador and Calaveras Counties. The project occupies federal lands managed by the Eldorado and Stanislaus National Forests and the Bureau of Land Management.
- e. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).
- f. *Applicant's Contact:* David W. Moller, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, CA 94177-0001, (415) 973-4696.
- g. *FERC Contact:* Jim Fargo (202) 219-2848, james.fargo@ferc.fed.us.
- h. *Deadline Dates:* comments due: September 4, 2000 reply comments due: September 19, 2000.

i. 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 of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener 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.

j. Settlement Agreement was filed with the Commission on July 28, 2000. The agreement is the final, executed Mokelumne Relicensing Settlement Agreement for Project No. 137. The purpose of the Settlement is to resolve among the signatory parties all streamflow issues for ecological purposes and river-based recreational use, as well as other resolved subjects. The Settlement will support the Forest Service in issuing its Final 4(e) Conditions and FERC in preparing its Final Environmental Assessment and issuing a new license for the project. Comments and reply comments on the Offer of Settlement are due on the dates listed above.

k. Copies of the offer of settlement are available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance) or at the address listed in item f above.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PL00-1-000]

Dialog Concerning Natural Gas Transportation Policies Needed to Facilitate Development of Competitive Natural Gas Markets

August 4, 2000.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of staff conference.

SUMMARY: In Order No. 637 (65 FR 10156), issued on February 9, 2000, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) revised its regulatory policies, amended its regulations, and established new procedures to enhance

the competitiveness and efficiency of markets for the transportation of natural gas in interstate commerce. As part of the effort to achieve these goals, the Commission determined to institute a dialog between the industry and Commission staff so that Commission staff could achieve a better understanding of industry trends and regulatory changes that better meet the changing character of the industry. This notice establishes the first of several public staff conferences that will permit an industry-wide discussion of issues affecting natural gas transportation policies and the role such natural gas transportation services play in energy markets in general.

DATES: The conference will take place on September 19, 2000, starting at 9:30 a.m., Requests to participate are due by September 1, 2000.

A second and third conference will be held in January 2001, and April 2001. The second conference will focus on affiliate issues. The third conference will focus on the potential need for fundamental changes to the Commission's regulatory model are needed, such as the use of performance based rates or two-track regulatory models with different approaches for captive and non-captive customers.

ADDRESSES: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert A. Flanders, Office of Markets, Tariffs and Rates, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-2084.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Staff Conference

Take notice that on September 19, 2000, the Staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will hold a public conference to discuss the impact of Commission transportation policies on the development of natural gas markets as contemplated in the Commission's Final Rule issued in Order No. 637 on February 9, 2000.¹ The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission's offices, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC in the Commission's Meeting Room. All interested persons are invited to attend.

¹ Regulation of Short-Term Natural Gas Transportation Services, Order No. 637, Final Rule, 65 FR 10156 (Feb. 25, 2000), FERC Stats. & Regs. Regulations Preambles (Jan. 2000-June 2000), ¶ 31,091 (Feb. 9, 2000), Order No. 637-A, Order on Rehearing, 65 FR 35705 (June 5, 2000) FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,099 (May 19, 2000)