

a. *Type of Application*: Amended application for new license.
 b. *Project No.*: 1354.
 c. *Date filed*: July 28, 2001.
 d. *Applicant*: Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

e. *Name of Project*: Crane Valley.
 f. *Location*: On Willow Creek, North Fork Willow Creek, South Fork Willow Creek, Chilkoot Creek, and Chiquito Creek within the San Joaquin River Basin. The project is in Madera and Fresno counties near the town of Oakhurst, California.

The project includes 738.11 acres of federal lands within the Sierra National Forest.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. James Holeman (415) 973–6891 or Mr. Nicholas Markevich (415) 973–5358.

i. *FERC Contact*: Jim Fargo at (202) 219–2848; e-mail james.fargo@ferc.fed.us

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests*: 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. Comments, Motions to intervene and protests may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors 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 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. This application has been accepted, but is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The Crane Valley—with 26.7 megawatts (MW) of normal operating capacity—has storage, diversion, water conveyance, and power production facilities.

- The Crane Valley reservoir (Bass Lake) with a maximum storage capacity of 45,410 acre-feet (ac-ft) and Chilkoot reservoir, upstream of Crane valley, with a maximum capacity of 310 ac-ft.

- A small diversion on a tributary to the West Fork Chiquito Creek that brings water to Chilkoot reservoir

- A conveyance system—including three diversion dams, three forebays,

one afterbay, and about 14 miles of canals, tunnels and flumes—linking these five powerhouses:

—Crane Valley, with 0.9 MW of normal operating capacity

—San Joaquin No. 3, with 3.4 MW of normal operating capacity

—San Joaquin No. 2, with 3.2 MW of normal operating capacity

—San Joaquin No. 1A, with 0.4 MW of normal operating capacity

—Wishon, with 18.8 MW of normal operating capacity

Historically, the project produces 123.3 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of electrical energy annually and has a dependable capacity of 8.4 MW.

m. All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

n. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202–208–2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Preparing a License Application

July 19, 2001.

Take notice that the following request to use alternative procedures to prepare a license application has been filed with the Commission.

a. *Type of Application*: Request to use alternative procedures to prepare a new license application.

b. *Project No.*: 2101.

c. *Date filed*: July 13, 2001.

d. *Applicant*: Sacramento Municipal Water District (SMUD).

e. *Name of Project*: Upper American River Project.

f. *Location*: In the Rubicon River, Silver Creek, and South Fork American River watersheds in El Dorado and Sacramento Counties, California. The project occupies federal lands within the El Dorado National Forest.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: David F. Hanson, Project Manager, Hydro Relicensing at (916) 732–6703.

i. *FERC Contact*: James Fargo at (202) 219–2848; e-mail james.fargo@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for Comments*: 30 days from the 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. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link.

k. The Upper American River Project facilities consist of several existing reservoirs, a series of powerhouses and about 180 miles of transmission line. The project has a total installed capacity of 688,000 kilowatts.

l. SMUD has met with federal and state resources agencies, non-governmental organization (NGOs), citizen's groups, Native American tribes, businesses, and others affected by the project. SMUD has also shown that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. SMUD has submitted a draft communications protocol, which it plans to finalize with the help of the stakeholders.

m. The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on

SMUD's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations. Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date. SMUD will complete and file a preliminary Environmental Assessment, in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other parties during preparation of the license application and before filing the application, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the pre-filing consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

SMUD intends to file 6-month progress reports during the alternative procedures process that leads to the filing of a license application by July 2005.

n. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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

July 19, 2001.

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

- a. *Type of Application*: Original Minor License.
- b. *Project No.*: P-11797-000.
- c. *Date Filed*: July 29, 1999.
- d. *Applicant*: Grande Pointe Power Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project*: Three Rivers.
- f. *Location*: On the St. Joseph River in the City of Three Rivers, St. Joseph

County, Michigan. The project does not utilize federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Monroe E. Learn, Grande Pointe Power Corporation, 503 West Michigan Avenue, Three Rivers, MI 54601, (616) 273-8828.

i. *FERC Contact*: Mr. Charles T. Raabe, E-mail Charles.Raabe@FERC.FED.US or telephone (202) 219-2811.

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 of Practice require all intervenors 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 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.

Comments, Motions to intervene and protests may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

k. *Status of environmental analysis*: This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Description of the Project*: The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a right earthen embankment 750 feet-long and a left earthen embankment 200 feet-long, separated by a 283 foot-long gated spillway section with a crest elevation of 792.4 feet NGVD; (2) a 601-acre reservoir with a normal water surface elevation of 797.0 feet NGVD; (3) a powerhouse containing 3 vertical Francis turbines each connected to a generator unit for a total installed capacity of 900 kW; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The average annual energy generation is 3,844,920 kWh. Power generated by the project is sold to the city of Sturgis.

m. *Location of the Application*: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link-select "Docket #" and follow the

instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. *Procedural schedule and final amendments*: The application will be processed according to the following milestones, some of which may be combined to expedite processing:

- Notice of NEPA scoping
- Notice that the application is ready for environmental analysis
- Notice of the availability of the draft NEPA document
- Notice of the availability of the final NEPA document
- Order issuing the Commission's decision on the application

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the Notice that the application is ready for environmental analysis.

o. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified deadline date for the particular application. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

p. *Protests or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.