

Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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j. PacifiCorp filed a comprehensive settlement agreement, signed by 14 other stakeholders, with the stated objective ". . . to resolve all issues regarding relicensing of the Bear River Projects, for the purpose of obtaining a FERC order issuing to PacifiCorp the New Licenses for the Projects . . ." (section 1.1 of the agreement). Thus, the settlement agreement supercedes the original license application filings of September 1999, and the settlement constitutes PacifiCorp's proposed action. Issues resolved through the settlement include project operations, delivery of irrigation water, flood control, recreational opportunities, water quality, and enhancement and restoration of natural resources. k. A copy of the settlement agreement is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item g. above.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

October 29, 2002.

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

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 2105-089.

c. *Date Filed:* October 23, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Upper North Fork Feather River Project

f. *Location:* On the North Fork Feather River, in the vicinity of the community of Chester, Plumas County, California, T28N, R7E. The project occupies 1,500 acres of land administered by the Forest Supervisors of the Lassen and Plumas National Forests.

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

h. *Applicant Contacts:* Mr. Randal Livingston, Lead Director, Hydro Generation Department, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, PO Box 770000 (N11C), San Francisco, CA, 94177, (415) 973-6950, and Ms. Janet Loduca, Attorney, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, PO Box 7442, San Francisco, CA, 94120-7442, (415) 973-0174.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Mudre, (202) 502-8902 or [john.mudre@ferc.gov](mailto:john.mudre@ferc.gov).

j. *Cooperating agencies:* We are asking Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in item k below.

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

1. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status:* December 23, 2002.

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

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Additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. 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.

m. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The existing Upper North Fork Feather River Project consists of three dams and reservoirs, five powerhouses, tunnels and penstocks connecting the reservoirs to the powerhouses, 230kV and 115kV transmission facilities, and various roads, recreation facilities, and administrative facilities. Project reservoirs include Lake Almanor (1,142,251 acre-feet), Butt Valley Reservoir (49,891 acre-feet), and Belden Forebay (2,477 acre-feet). Powerhouses include Butt Valley Powerhouse (41 MW), Caribou No. 1 Powerhouse (75 MW), Caribou No. 2 Powerhouse (120 MW), Oak Flat Powerhouse (1.3 MW), and Belden Powerhouse (125 MW). The Applicant proposes no new facilities, but proposes to add 33.73 acres of lands of the Plumas National Forest to the project because of historical and future project use of these lands.

o. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the CALIFORNIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION

OFFICER (SHPO), as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36, CFR, at § 800.4.

*q. Procedural schedule and final amendments:* The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Acceptance or Deficiency Letter:

December 2002

Request Additional Information (if needed):

December 2002

Issue Acceptance Letter: March 2003

Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments:

April 2003

Hold Scoping Meetings: May 2003

Request Additional Information (if needed):

July 2003

Issue Scoping Document 2: July 2003

Notice of Application is Ready for

Environmental Analysis: July 2003

Notice of the availability of the draft EA:

January 2004

Initiate 10(j) process: March 2004

Notice of the availability of the final EA: July 2004

Ready for Commission's decision on the

application: October 2004

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### **Woods Lake Hydro Company, CO, Project No. 3410-009; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

October 29, 2002.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license for the Woods Lake Hydro Company Hydroelectric Project, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). The operating project is located on Lime Creek, a tributary to

the Frying Pan River, in Eagle County, Colorado. The project occupies about 2.73 acres of land within the White River National Forest, administered by the Forest Service.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

For further information, contact Gaylord Hoisington at (202) 502-6032.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### **Notice of Third Workshop, Better Stakeholder Involvement: How To Make It Work**

October 29, 2002.

The Office of Energy Projects will host the third workshop in its second phase of its "Better Stakeholder Involvement—How to Make it Work" series in Lowell, Massachusetts, Thursday, November 21, 2002. We are inviting interstate natural gas companies; Federal, state and local agencies; landowners and other non-governmental organizations interested in developing strategies for involving people in the pre-filing planning process for natural gas pipelines.

We will continue to base our discussions on the ideas outlined in staff's December 2001 report, "Ideas for Better Stakeholder Involvement In The Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Planning Pre-Filing Process."<sup>1</sup>

In the Lowell meeting, among other things, we will focus on interagency

<sup>1</sup> The staff report can be downloaded from the FERC web-site at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) or requested by e-mail at: [gasoutreach@ferc.gov](mailto:gasoutreach@ferc.gov).

communications and agreements, alternative dispute resolution, and benefits and opportunities for local stakeholders in the pre-filing arena.

The workshop will be held at the Doubletree Riverfront Hotel, 50 Warren Street, Lowell, Massachusetts 01852, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The phone number at the hotel is 978-452-1200. A preliminary agenda and directions to the hotel are enclosed. You may also go to the hotel's website for more detailed directions at [www.doubletree.com](http://www.doubletree.com).

If you plan to attend or have suggestions for the agenda, please respond by Monday, November 18, 2002 via facsimile to Roberta Coulter at 202/208-0353, or you may email our team at: [gasoutreach@ferc.gov](mailto:gasoutreach@ferc.gov). Please include in the response the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all attendees from your organization.

To help us enhance our panel discussions, please consider, and forward to us, issues and/or questions you would like to have addressed at the meetings. If you have any questions, you may contact any of the staff listed below: Richard Hoffmann 202/502-8066, Lauren O'Donnell 202/502-8325, Jeff Shenot 202/502-8329, Howard Wheeler 202/502-8688.

**J. Mark Robinson,**

*Director, Office of Energy Projects.*

#### **Agenda**

#### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

#### *Better Stakeholder Involvement: How To Make It Work*

Lowell Workshop, November 21, 2002

9 a.m. Welcome, Introduction and Objectives

9:15 a.m. FERC NEPA Pre-filing Process Presentation/Discussion

10:15 a.m. Elements of a Public Participation Plan

11 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. Benefits and Opportunities for Local Stakeholders

12:15 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:30 p.m. FERC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Process and the Millennium Settlement—Lessons Learned

3 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. A Tale of Two Companies: A Citizen Perspective

4 p.m. Summary Discussion, Overall Comments, Next Steps

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

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