

section 204 of the Federal Power Act seeking authorization to issue short-term debt securities in an amount not to exceed \$550 million.

Comment Date: May 6, 2003.

Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-

free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. 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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 233-081]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, California; Notice of Public Meetings for Discussion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Pit 3, 4, 5 Project

April 15, 2003.

On March 14, 2003, the Commission staff mailed the Pit 3, 4, 5 Hydroelectric Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to the Environmental Protection Agency, resource and land management agencies, and interested organizations and individuals.

The DEIS was noticed in the **Federal Register** on March 21, 2003 (68 FR 13911), and comments are due by May 21, 2003. The DEIS evaluates the environmental consequences of the relicensing and subsequent operation of the existing 325-megawatt Pit 3, 4, 5 Project located on the Pit River, in Shasta County, California. The project occupies 746 acres of land of the United States administered by the Forest Supervisors of the Shasta-Trinity and Lassen National Forests. It also evaluates the environmental effects of implementing the applicant's proposals, agency and NGO recommendations, staff's recommendations, and the no-action alternative.

The Commission will hold three public meetings on the DEIS. At these meetings, resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments and recommendations regarding the DEIS. The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and all comments and recommendations received will become part of the formal record for this Commission proceeding. We invite all interested agencies, non-governmental organizations, Native American tribes, and individuals to attend one or more of the meetings. The meetings will be held as follows.

Date	Time	Location
April 29, 2003	10 a.m.–noon.	Holiday Inn, 1900 Hilltop Drive, Redding, California.
April 29, 2003	7–9 p.m.	Burney Community Center, 37477 Main Street, Burney, California.
April 30, 2003	1–3 p.m.	Veterans Hall, 508 South Main Street, Alturas, California.

For further information, please contact John Mudre, at (202) 502-8902, or john.mudre@ferc.gov, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Energy Projects, 888 First St., NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP03-57-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Bondad Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

April 16, 2003.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of a proposal by El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) to replace certain facilities at its Bondad Compressor

Station in La Plata County, Colorado.¹ These facilities consist of the replacement of 3 gas-fired turbines with increased horsepower units, installation of a new boiler and modifications to related equipment at the facility. All work and modifications would take place within the existing facility and no additional land would be necessary. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

Summary of the Proposed Project

El Paso proposes to replace certain compression facilities at its Bondad Compressor Station, located in Township 33 North, Range 9 West, La Plata County, Colorado. El Paso is seeking to replace 3 existing Solar

¹ El Paso's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

Centaur simple cycle gas turbine engines at the Bondad Compressor Station with a combined horsepower of 10,740 with two Solar Centaur 50-T6100L simple cycle gas turbine engines and one Solar Centaur 50S-T6100 simple cycle gas turbine engine, with appurtenances, which have a combined horsepower rating of 18,390 (ISO). The Solar Centaur 50S-T6100 simple cycle gas turbine engine is equipped with air emission-lowering SoloNox technology. El Paso would also restage the 3 existing compressor units at the Bondad Compressor Station. The compressors would be disassembled and the single stage aerodynamic assembly of each compressor would be removed and exchanged with a two stage assembly.

Minor modifications to the station skids, panel units, and inlet air systems would be required in order to accommodate the new turbines. Project activities would also include upgrading existing lube oil cooler units associated with each turbine to accommodate increased oil heat load and upgrading discharge aftergas cooling system. Additionally, El Paso would install a new 0.25 million British thermal units per hour natural gas-fired fuel heater and associated miscellaneous plant yard piping.

All work would take place within the existing Bondad Compressor Station. No nonjurisdictional facilities are involved.

Land Requirements for Construction

The project area encompasses a total of approximately 2.8 acres of land within the existing fenced area of the Bondad Compressor Station. This fenced area was previously disturbed by leveling, grading, and excavation associated with construction of the existing facilities. The project would not affect previously undisturbed areas and no access roads will be constructed to complete the proposed project.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires the Commission to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the

EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the proposed abandonment project under these general headings:

1. Soils
2. Cultural Resources
3. Air Quality and Noise
4. Public Safety

We will not discuss impacts to the following resource areas since they are not present in the project area, or would not be affected by the proposed facilities:

- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands,
- Vegetation and wildlife,
- Geology,
- Socioeconomics,
- Hazardous waste & PCB contamination, and
- Land use.

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 3.
- Reference Docket No. CP03-57-000
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before May 16, 2003.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

We might mail the EA for comment. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request (Appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Becoming an Intervener

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "Intervener." Interveners play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, Interveners have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other Interveners. Likewise, each Intervener must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an Intervener you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see Appendix 1).² Only Interveners have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted Intervener status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding

² Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need Intervener status to have your environmental comments considered.

Environmental Mailing List

This notice is being sent to individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project. It is also being sent to all residents adjacent to the proposed facilities. By this notice we are also asking governmental agencies, to express their interest in becoming cooperating agencies for the preparation of the EA.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the FERRIS link. Click on the FERRIS link, enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance with FERRIS, the FERRIS helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The FERRIS link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of the application and supplemental filings by El Paso, and formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Please see directions for eSubscription (Appendix 2).

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

April 16, 2003.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Non-Project Use of Project Lands.
- b. *Project No:* 1025-054.
- c. *Date filed:* March 14, 2003.
- d. *Applicant:* Safe Harbor Water Power Corporation.
- e. *Name of Project:* Safe Harbor Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Susquehanna River, in Lancaster and York Counties, Pennsylvania.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Marshall Kaiser, 1 Powerhouse Rd., Contestoga, PA 17516, (717) 872-5441.

i. *FERC Contact:* Hillary Berlin at 202-502-8915.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene and protest:* May 16, 2003.

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 in 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.

k. *Description of Application:* The licensee is requesting authorization for the York Water Company to withdraw 12 million gallons-per-day from Lake Clarke on the Susquehanna River for a municipal water supply. The proposal includes constructing intake and pumping facilities in York County within the project boundary, approximately 7 miles upstream from the Safe Harbor Dam. The licensee has consulted with the appropriate resource agencies, and their application includes approvals from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, and comments from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

l. The filings are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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 toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail

FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the addresses in item h.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all

protests or other comments 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 comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing an original and eight copies 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.

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. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

p. *Agency Comments:* Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described applications. A copy of the applications 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.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1988-040]

Notice of Application for Amending Minimum Flow Requirement at Dinkey Creek and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

April 16, 2003.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed