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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2067-021 California]

Oakdale and South San Joaquin Irrigation Districts; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

August 13, 2004.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations (18 CFR part 380), Commission staff have reviewed an application for non-project use of project lands and waters at the Tulloch Project (FERC No. 2067), and have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application. The project is located on the Stanislaus River in Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties, California.

Specifically, the project licensees (Oakdale and South San Joaquin Irrigation Districts) have requested Commission approval to permit the County of Tuolumne and Joe McGrath to add and improve certain facilities at the Lake Tulloch Campground and Marina, located on Tulloch Lake, the project reservoir. In the EA, Commission staff have analyzed the probable environmental effects of the proposed marina improvements and have concluded that approval of the proposal, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is attached to a Commission order titled "Order Approving Non-project Use of Project Lands and Waters", which was issued August 12, 2004 and is available for review in Public Reference Room 2-A of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC. The EA also may be viewed on the Commission's Web site <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "e-library" link. Enter the docket number (prefaced by P-) and excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-

free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659, TTY (202) 208-8659.

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[Project No. 2174-012]

Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

August 12, 2004.

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.:* 2174-012.

c. *Date filed:* March 27, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* Southern California Edison Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Portal Hydroelectric Project

f. *Location:* On Camp 61 Creek and Rancheria Creek, tributaries to the San Joaquin River in Fresno County, California. The project occupies 77.7 acres of public land administered by the Forest Supervisor of the Sierra National Forest.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* R. W. Krieger, Vice President, Power Production, Southern California Edison Company, 300 N. Lone Hill Avenue, San Dimas, California 91773.

i. *FERC Contact:* Timothy Looney at (202) 502-6096 or timothy.looney@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance of this notice; reply comments due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure 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, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions 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 "eFiling" link.

k. *Status of environmental analysis:* This application is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Description of Project:* The Portal Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 795-foot-long compacted earth and rock-fill dam; (2) Portal forebay, with a 325 acre-foot useable storage capacity at elevation 7,185 feet; (3) an open channel spillway at the left abutment of the dam, discharging into Camp 61 Creek; (4) an outlet channel consisting of (a) the Adit 2 tunnel and shaft between Portal forebay and Ward Tunnel, (b) Ward Tunnel for a distance of about 32,000 feet from Adit 2 to the base of the surge chamber on the tunnel (Ward Tunnel is licensed as part of FERC Project No. 67), (c) a rock trap immediately downstream of the surge chamber, and (d) a 1,180-foot-long penstock from the rock trap to where it bifurcates just upstream of the Portal powerhouse; (5) a 10.8-MW turbine located in the concrete powerhouse; and (6) a 2.5-mile-long 480 kV transmission line. The Portal Project is one of six projects that are part of a hydroelectric system owned and operated by Southern California Edison Company and known collectively as the Big Creek Hydroelectric System.

m. 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 Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 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.

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