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[Docket No. RP96-272-055]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate

December 10, 2004.

Take notice that on December 7, 2004, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, 36 Revised Sheet No. 66, to be effective on December 7, 2004.

Northern states that the above sheet is being filed to implement specific negotiated rate transactions with Merrick's Inc. in accordance with the Commission's Policy Statement on Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-Service Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines.

Northern further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of its customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file 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 notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that

document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

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[Project No. 803-068—California]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document (Pad), Solicitation of Comments on the Pad and Scoping Document, Solicitation of Study Requests, and Commencement of Proceeding

December 3, 2004.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of intent to file a license application and pre-filing document (PAD) under the Commission's integrated licensing process and commencing licensing proceeding.

b. *Project No.:* 803-068.

c. *Date Filed:* October 4, 2004.

d. *Filed By:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

e. *Project Name:* DeSabra-Centerville Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Butte Creek and West Branch Feather River, in Butte County, California. The project occupies approximately 178 acres of United

States Lands, managed by Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Pacific Gas and Electric Company Contact:* Randal Livingston, Senior Director, Power Generation, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 245 Market, Room 1103 (N11E), P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, CA 94177; (415) 973-6950, facsimile (415) 973-5323.

i. *FERC Contact:* Susan O'Brien at (202) 502-8449 or e-mail at susan.obrien@ferc.gov.

j. 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 an environmental document for this project. Agencies wanting cooperating agency status should follow the filing instructions described in paragraph p below.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (1) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR 402, and (2) the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. We are designating Pacific Gas and Electric Company as the Commission's non-Federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Pacific Gas and Electric Company filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD) including a proposed process plan and schedule with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations on October 4, 2004.

n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site <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 (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

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