

State agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all Federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit seven copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental cementers will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental cementers will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the nonparty commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project

provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and seven copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free) or TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 25, 2011.

Dated: March 4, 2011.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2079-069]

#### Placer County Water Agency

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing And Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

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.:* 2079-069

c. *Date Filed:* February 23, 2011

d. *Applicant:* Placer County Water Agency

e. *Name of Project:* Middle Fork American River Project

f. *Location:* The Middle Fork American River Project is located in Placer and El Dorado counties, almost entirely within the Tahoe and El Dorado National Forests. The project occupies 3,268 acres of federal lands administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture—Forest Service.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Andy Fecko, Project Manager, Placer County Water Agency, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, CA 95603; *Telephone:* (530) 823-4490.

i. *FERC Contact:* Carolyn Templeton, (202) 502-8785 or [carolyn.templeton@ferc.gov](mailto:carolyn.templeton@ferc.gov)

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

k. *The Project Description:* The Middle Fork American River Project (project) has two principal water storage reservoirs, French Meadows and Hell Hole. These reservoirs are located on the Middle Fork American River and the Rubicon River, respectively, and have a combined gross storage capacity of 342,583 acre-feet (ac-ft).

Starting at the highest elevation of the project, water is diverted from Duncan Creek at the Duncan Creek diversion and routed through the 1.5-mile-long Duncan Creek-Middle Fork tunnel into French Meadows reservoir (134,993 ac-ft of gross storage).

Flows in the Middle Fork American River are captured and stored in French Meadows reservoir along with diversions from Duncan Creek. From French Meadows reservoir, water is transported via the 2.6-mile-long French Meadows-Hell Hole tunnel, passed through the French Meadows powerhouse [installed generating capacity of 15.3 megawatts (MW)], and released into Hell Hole reservoir (207,590 ac-ft of gross storage). Flows in the Rubicon River are captured and stored in Hell Hole reservoir along with water released from French Meadows reservoir through French Meadows powerhouse. Water released from Hell Hole reservoir into the Rubicon River to meet instream flow requirements first pass through the Hell Hole powerhouse (installed generating capacity of 0.73 MW), which is located at the base of Hell Hole dam.

From Hell Hole reservoir, water is also transported via the 10.4-mile-long Hell Hole-Middle Fork tunnel, passed through the Middle Fork powerhouse (installed generating capacity of 122.4 MW), and released into the Middle Fork Interbay (175 ac-ft of gross storage). Between Hell Hole reservoir and Middle Fork powerhouse, water is diverted from the North and South Forks of Long Canyon creeks directly into the Hell Hole-Middle Fork tunnel. Water diverted from these creeks into the Hell Hole-Middle Fork tunnel can either be stored in Hell Hole reservoir or be used to augment releases from Hell Hole reservoir to the Middle Fork powerhouse.

Flows from the Middle Fork American River (including instream flow releases from French Meadows reservoir) are captured at Middle Fork interbay along with water released from Hell Hole reservoir through Middle Fork powerhouse. From Middle Fork Interbay, water is transported via the 6.7-mile-long Middle Fork-Ralston tunnel, passed through the Ralston Powerhouse (installed generating capacity of 79.2 MW), and released into the Ralston afterbay (2,782 ac-ft of gross storage).

Flows from the Middle Fork American River (including instream releases from Middle Fork interbay) and flows from the Rubicon River (including instream releases from Hell Hole reservoir) are captured in Ralston

afterbay along with water transported from Middle Fork interbay through Ralston powerhouse. From Ralston afterbay, water is transported via the 400-foot-long Ralston-Oxbow tunnel, passed through the Oxbow powerhouse (installed generating capacity of 6.1 MW), and released from the project to the Middle Fork American River. The project has a total generation capacity of 224 MW.

1. *Locations of the Application:* 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 "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](mailto: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.

m. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. *Procedural Schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following preliminary Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Notice of Acceptance/Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis .....	April 25, 2011.
Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions .....	June 24, 2011.
Commission issues Draft EA or EIS .....	December 21, 2011.
Comments on Draft EA or EIS .....	February 20, 2012.
Modified Terms and Conditions .....	April 20, 2012.
Commission Issues Final EA or EIS .....	July 19, 2012.

o. 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.

Dated: March 4, 2011.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2309-019]

**Jersey Central Power & Light Company and PSEG Fossil, LLC; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments**

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.:* 2309-019.

c. *Date Filed:* February 18, 2011.

d. *Applicant:* Jersey Central Power & Light Company and PSEG Fossil, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Yards Creek Pumped Storage Project.

f. *Location:* The existing project is located on Yards Creek, in the Townships of Hardwick and Blairstown, Warren County, New Jersey. No federal lands are involved.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Timothy Oakes, Project Manager, Kleinschmidt Associates, 2 East Main Street, Strasburg, PA 17579; Telephone (717) 687-7211.

i. *FERC Contact:* Allyson Conner, (202) 502-6082 or [allyson.conner@ferc.gov](mailto:allyson.conner@ferc.gov).

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

k. The existing Yards Creek Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project consists of an upper and a lower reservoir with a total installed capacity of 420 megawatts (MW). The project produces an average annual generation of 753.7 gigawatthours (GWh). The average pumping power used by the project is 1,031.2 GWh.

The lower reservoir consists of: (1) An earthfill main dam located on Yards Creek, that is 1,404 feet (ft) long and 52 ft high with a crest at elevation of 832.5 ft; (2) the lower reservoir has a total storage capacity of 5,452 acre-ft at a spillway crest elevation of 818.5 ft and an usable storage capacity of 4,952 acre-ft with an additional 503 acre-ft in seasonal storage; (3) an auxiliary dike (i.e. Saddle Dam) located on the southeastern side of the lower reservoir

is 2,091 ft long and 35 ft high; (4) an auxiliary reservoir located northeast of the lower reservoir with seasonal storage of 412 acre-ft formed by the auxiliary reservoir dam, which is 1,000 ft long and 20 ft high.

The upper reservoir consists of: (1) An earthfill dam that is 8,900 ft long and 70 ft high; (2) the upper reservoir has a total usable storage capacity of 4,763 acre-ft and a gross storage capacity of 5,013 acre-ft at elevation 1,555 ft; (3) water conveyance structures between the upper reservoir and lower reservoir (a 2,116-ft, 35-ft wide intake channel in the floor of the upper reservoir; a 95-ft high concrete intake structure with trashracks and stop logs; a 1,130-ft long, 20-ft diameter concrete-lined pressure tunnel; a 210-ft long, 19-ft diameter steel-lined pressure tunnel; a 144-ft long, 19-ft diameter concrete encased steel-lined transition section; a 478-ft long, 19-ft diameter steel penstock; an 8-ft reducer from 19-ft diameter to 18-ft penstock; a 1,582-ft long, 18-ft steel penstock; a 325-ft long trifurcated penstock, one penstock per pumping-generating unit that tapers from 10-ft diameter to 7-ft 2.5-inch diameter; 86.5-inch spherical guard valves at the entrance to each pump-turbine spiral case); (4) a 140-ft-long by 63.5-ft-wide underground concrete power house, containing 3 vertical shaft, Francis-type, reversible pump-turbine units, each with a nameplate generating capacity of 140 MW; and (5) appurtenant facilities.