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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR DRAFT WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S POE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT NO. 2107

To: Interested Parties Mailing List

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed an application for a new major license (relicensing) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the Poe Hydroelectric Project (Project) on December 16, 2003. A water quality certification (certification), issued by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) under section 401 of the Clean Water Act, is required before FERC can issue a new license for the Project. PG&E filed its most recent application for certification of the Project with the State Water Board on June 27, 2016.

PG&E owns and operates the Project, which is located on the North Fork Feather River in Butte County. The Project boundary encompasses approximately 340 acres in the vicinity of the community of Pulga. Project land is owned by various parties including: 182 acres of PG&E-owned land; approximately 145 acres of National Forest System land; approximately 12 acres of privately-owned land; and one acre of California Department of Transportation land.

Project facilities include Poe Dam, Poe Reservoir, Poe Powerhouse, Big Bend Dam and Reservoir, and recreation facilities. Recreation facilities at Poe Powerhouse, Poe Beach, Bardees Bar and Sandy Beach are not included in the existing FERC license but have been proposed to be included in the new license by PG&E, FERC, and other relicensing participants.

The Project is operated primarily as a peaking and baseload power facility. North Fork Feather River flows are diverted at Poe Dam into the 19-foot diameter Poe Bypass Tunnel, which is approximately 6.25 miles long. The Poe Bypass Tunnel terminates at the Poe Powerhouse where water discharges into the North Fork Feather River.

The State Water Board is accepting comments on the draft certification. The certification comment period is from the date of this notice until July 17, 2017. **Comments on the draft certification must be received by 12:00 pm (noon) on July 17, 2017.** Comments can be submitted electronically or by mail to:

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The draft certification is available on the Project webpage, which is located online at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/poe_ferc2107.shtml

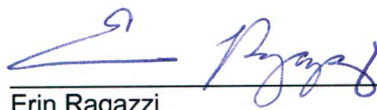
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To receive emails related to the Project and other projects pursuing certifications managed by the Division of Water Rights, interested persons should enroll in the "Water Rights Water Quality Certification" e-mail notification service. Instructions on how to sign up for the State Water Board's Email Subscription List are outlined below:

1. Visit: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml#rights
2. Provide your name and email in the required fields.
3. In the categories below the email and name fields, select "Water Rights," then "Water Rights Water Quality Certification."
4. Click the "Subscribe" button.
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By enrolling in this email list, you will receive notices for current projects in the Division of Water Rights' Water Quality Certification Program, including the Poe Hydroelectric Project. If you do not have internet access or do not wish to participate in the email subscription list, you may contact Mr. Nathan Fisch at the phone number listed below to request to receive notices by mail. You can enroll or un-enroll from the email subscription service at any time.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact Mr. Nathan Fisch by email at Nathan.Fisch@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 322-6796.



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