

State Water Resources Control Board

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Dear Mr. Thomas:

AMENDMENT TO CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR THE PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY PITTSBURG-TESLA RECONDUCTORING PROJECT (FILE NO. SB10007IN)

Pacific Gas and Electric Company submitted an application for a Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification (Certification) for the Pittsburg-Tesla Reconductoring Project (Project) on April 15, 2010. The application was found to be complete on May 4, 2012, and a Certification was issued by the Division of Water Quality on October 17, 2012. Subsequent design changes due to unforeseen engineering constraints caused an unavoidable change in proposed project impacts to waters of the state including waters of the U.S. This amended certification addresses these changes.

The overall Project description has not changed; it will remove existing conductors from the Pittsburg-Tesla Transmission Line and replace those conductors with new, larger conductors along a 31 mile-long right-of-way in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2012 Nationwide Permit 12.

State Water Resources Control Board staff reviewed all information submitted regarding the Project, and proposed water quality protection measures and mitigation requirements. Consultations were conducted with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the California Department of Fish and Game.

Please see the enclosed certification. Please note that Attachments A through D of the enclosure are also part of this certification.

If you require further assistance, please contact me at (916) 558-1709 (clifford.harvey@waterboards.ca.gov). You may also contact Bill Orme, Chief of the 401 Certification and Wetlands Protection Unit, at (916) 341-5464 (bill.orme@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (1): Water Quality Certification for Pittsburg-Tesla Reconductoring Project and attachments

- Attachment A: Signatory requirements
- Attachment B: Project Information Sheet
- Attachment C: Location Map – Pittsburg-Tesla Reconductoring Project
- Attachment D: Certification Deviation Procedures

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