

impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Land Use.
- Cultural resources.
- Air quality and noise, endangered and threatened species.
- Public safety.
- Hazardous waste.

We will also evaluate and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section on the following page.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified the air and noise impacts associated with upgrading the two compressor units at CS-11A as an issue that we think deserves attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by FGT. Additional issues may be included

based on your comments and our analysis.

Nonjurisdictional Facilities

Also, we have made a preliminary decision to not address the impacts for the power generating plant and approximately 60 miles of new 20-inch-diameter pipeline. These are nonjurisdictional facilities to be constructed by AEC for the delivery of natural gas from the existing FGT mainlines to a planned power generating plant. We will briefly describe their location and status in the EA.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.2.
- Reference Docket No. CP00-4-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 3, 2000.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 3). Only

intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention.

You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered. Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Paul McKee of the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal document issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

December 2, 1999.

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.:* 2661-012
- c. *Date filed:* September 24, 1998
- d. *Applicant:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- e. *Name of Project:* Hat Creek Hydroelectric Project
- f. *Location:* On Hat Creek in Shasta County, California. About 6.57 acres of the project occupy lands of the U.S. Forest Service, Shasta National Forest.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Michael A. Katz, Lead Manager, Power Generation, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Mail Code: N11C, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, CA., 94177, (415) 973-4603.

i. *FERC Contact:* David Turner, David.Turner@FERC.FED.US, (202) 219-2844

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

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners 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 intervener 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.

k. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. The run-of-river project consists of two developments, Hat Creek No. 1 and Hat Creek No. 2, which consists of the following existing facilities:

Hat Creek No. 1: (1) a 12-foot-high, 231-foot-long concrete buttress overflow diversion dam impounding a 13-acre reservoir at a water surface elevation of 3,188 feet (referred to as Cassel Pond); (2) a 2,270-foot-long, 9-foot-deep, 30-foot-wide canal with a hydraulic capacity of about 600 cfs; (3) a 14-foot-high, 750-foot-long shotcreted earthfill forebay with an overflow spillway, having a surface area of about 2 acres; (4) a 1,600-foot-long, riveted steel penstock; (5) a 43 foot by 56.5 foot reinforced concrete powerhouse containing a Francis/Vertical shaft turbine with a generating capacity of 10,000 kilowatt (kW).

Hat Creek No. 2: (1) Crystal Lake, a natural lake with a surface area of 115 acres at a water surface elevation of 2,980 feet; (2) a 29-foot-high, 120-foot-long concrete gravity overflow diversion dam impounding an 89-acre reservoir at a water surface elevation of 2,975 feet (referred to as Baum Lake); (3) a 4,520 foot-long, 7-foot-deep, 18-foot-wide reinforced concrete flume, with a hydraulic capacity of 600 cfs; (4) a 414-foot-long riveted steel penstock; and (5) a 43 foot by 56.5 foot reinforced concrete powerhouse containing a

Francis/Vertical shaft turbine with a generating capacity of 10,000 kW.

m. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

The Commission directs, pursuant to Section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (see Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment Accepted for Filing; Requesting Interventions and Protests; Requesting Comments, Final Terms and Conditions; Requesting Reply Comments

December 2, 1999.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application and Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Application Type:* Application to Amend License for the Sturgeon Falls Project.

b. *Project No:* 2720-032.

c. *Date Filed:* October 4, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* City of Norway, Michigan.

e. *Name of Project:* Sturgeon Falls Project.

f. *Location:* This project is located on the Menominee River in Dickinson County, Michigan and Marinette County, Wisconsin. The project does not utilize lands of the United States.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mark Isackson, City Manager, City of Norway, 915 Main Street, P.O. Box 99, Norway, MI 49870, (906) 563-80115.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Mr. Vedula Sarma at (202) 219-3273 or by e-mail at vedula.sarma@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests, comments, final terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Please include the docket number (P-2720-032) on any comments or motions filed.