

The licensee proposes to raise the spillway crest elevation of the lower reservoir by 1 ft, from 818.5 ft to 819.5 ft, by adding wooden flashboards. The licensee also proposes raising the upper reservoir pool elevation 2 ft, from 1,555 ft to 1,557 ft, by allowing only 4 ft of freeboard to the dam crest elevation of 1,561 ft. As an additional precaution to existing monitors and controls, the licensee is proposing to install an overflow structure at the upper reservoir to prevent overtopping the non-overflow structures (dikes) in the event of high water levels. The structure would be installed for emergency backup purpose.

l. 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 Web site 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 19, 2011.
Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions.	June 18, 2011.
Commission issues Non-Draft EA.	October 16, 2011.
Comments on EA .....	November 15, 2011.
Modified Terms and Conditions.	January 14, 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. 2479-011]

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company; 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 transmission line only project application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent License—Transmission Line Only.
- b. *Project No:* P-2479-011.
- c. *Date Filed:* February 22, 2011.
- d. *Applicant:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* French Meadows Transmission Line Project.
- f. *Location:* The French Meadows Transmission Line Project is located in Placer County, California, within the boundaries of the Eldorado and Tahoe National Forests.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Forrest Sullivan, Senior Project Manager, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 5555 Florin Perkins Road, Sacramento, CA, 95826. *Tel:* (916) 386-5580.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Mary Greene, (202) 502-8865 or [mary.greene@ferc.gov](mailto:mary.greene@ferc.gov).
- j. *Status:* This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.
- k. *Description of Project:* The Project is connected with The Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2079, owned and operated by the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA). The Project consists of a 3-phase, 60-kilovolt, wood-pole transmission line extending 13.27 miles from PCWA's French Meadows powerhouse switchyard to PCWA's Middle Fork powerhouse (feature of Project 2079). The Project includes a 3-phase, 60-kV transmission line extending approximately 900 feet from PCWA's Oxbow powerhouse (feature of Project 2079) to the interconnection at PG&E's Weimar #1 60 kV transmission

line. The transmission line right-of-way is 40 feet in width for its entire length. The Project also includes a 230-kV tap at PCWA's Ralston powerhouse. The tap is wholly contained within the switchyard at Ralston powerhouse.

The French Meadows 60-kV transmission line is entirely within the boundaries of the Eldorado National Forest, and the Oxbow 60-kV tap is entirely within the boundaries of the Tahoe National Forest. The combined length of the two 60-kV transmission lines on National Forest System lands is 6.58 miles: 6.42 miles in the Eldorado National Forest and 0.16 mile in the Tahoe National Forest. Approximately 6.69 miles of the French Meadows 60-kV transmission line are located on private lands within the boundary of the Eldorado National Forest. The Oxbow tap is located entirely on National Forest System lands.

PG&E is not proposing to modify the existing Project and does not plan any changes to the operation or maintenance of the transmission line.

l. 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 Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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m. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

n. Procedural schedule and final amendments: This application will be processed according to the following Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made if the Commission determines it necessary to do so.

Milestone	Tentative date
Notice of Acceptance/Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis .....	March 31, 2011.
Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions .....	May 30, 2011.
Commission issues EA .....	September 27, 2011.
Comments on EA .....	October 27, 2011.
Modified Terms and Conditions .....	December 26, 2012.

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice soliciting final terms and conditions.

Dated: March 4, 2011.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2661-082]

#### **Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests**

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Request for temporary variance of the water surface elevation requirement, pursuant to Article 403 of the Hat Creek Hydroelectric Project.

b. *Project No.:* 2661-082.

c. *Date Filed:* February 10, 2011.

d. *Applicant:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Hat Creek Hydroelectric Project (P-2661).

f. *Location:* The Hat Creek Hydroelectric Project is located on Hat Creek, near the town of Cassel, in Shasta County, California.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jason F.R. Vann, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 245 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105, Tel: (415) 973-3727.

i. *FERC Contact:* Kelly Houff, (202) 502-6393, [Kelly.Houff@ferc.gov](mailto:Kelly.Houff@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* 15 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/>

*efiling.asp*. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please 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. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-2661-082) on any documents or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor 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. *Description of Request:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is requesting a temporary variance of its water surface elevation requirement of Cassel Pond, pursuant to Article 403 of the license. PG&E proposes a temporary reduction of one foot, from 3,188.27 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NVGD)  $\pm$  0.5 feet to 3,187.27 feet NVGD  $\pm$  0.5 feet. The purpose of the water surface elevation of Cassel Pond is to mitigate the new water leakage found on the downstream side of the embankment of Hat 1 Fore bay Dam. The water leakage is in the same general vicinity of drainage mitigation work performed in 2009. PG&E does not consider the leakage an immediate dam safety concern but needs to reduce the water surface elevation of Cassel Pond to actively investigate the cause of the leakage and perform corrective measures. The water elevation level variance would be in effect from the date of the Commission approval until

PG&E can assess whether the source of the new leaks are related to the leaks observed in 2009, and can implement corrective measures. The estimated length of the elevation reduction is 6 to 8 months; however, the duration of the reduction depends on the time it takes to locate the root cause of the leakage and the time necessary to complete the corrective actions implemented.

l. 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 Web site 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. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "PROTEST," or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the