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Reasonable Accommodations: If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

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Delegation of Authority: The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Lynn B. Mahaffie, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning, Policy, and Innovation, to perform the duties of Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1011c.

Lynn B. Mahaffie,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning, Policy, and Innovation, delegated the duties of Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP16-479-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on July 11, 2016, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), pursuant to its blanket certificate authorization granted in Docket No. CP83-76-000,¹ filed an application in accordance to sections 157.205 and 157.213(b) of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) as amended, requesting authority to modify certain natural gas storage facilities in the Pavonia Storage Field located in Ashland County, Ohio (Pavonia). The proposed construction is an effort to recover the overall field deliverability at the Pavonia, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Currently, the Pavonia consists of 298 active wells and 2 observation wells and is operated with a total storage capacity of 45.4 Bcf, including 20.8 Bcf of base gas and 24.6 Bcf of working gas. Over time, the sub grade soil conditions around the reservoir degrade and cause restriction of gas flow through the existing vertical wells. Columbia proposes to construct a 540-foot horizontal well (Pavonia 12595) within a geological-favorable area of the Pavonia peaking group, 220 feet of 6-inch storage pipeline (SLW-12595), and appurtenances. The main purpose of the proposed facilities is to maintain field performance late in the withdrawal

season when reservoir pressure is lowest. It is estimated that the new horizontal well will provide 25 MMcf/day at the wellhead. Columbia's request seeks no change in the certificated physical parameters, including total inventory, reservoir pressure, and capacity. The construction of the proposed facilities will cost approximately \$2,750,000.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Matthew J. Agen, Senior Counsel, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 5151 San Felipe, Suite 2400, Houston, Texas 77056, or by phone at (713) 386-3619; email magen@cpge.com.

This filing is available for review at the Commission 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 filed to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages interveners to file electronically.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice, the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and 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.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to section 157.205 of the regulations under the

¹ 22 FERC ¶ 62,029 (1983).

NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Dated: July 15, 2016.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14789-000]

Lock+ Hydro Friends Fund IV, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On June 27, 2016, the Lock+ Hydro Friends Fund IV, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit under section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act proposing to study the feasibility of the proposed Mississippi River Lock and Dam 26 Project No. 14789-000, to be located at the existing Mississippi River Lock and Dam No. 26 on the Mississippi River, near the City of West Alton, in St. Charles County, Missouri and the City of Alton, in Madison County, Illinois. The Mississippi River Lock and Dam No. 26 is owned by the United States government and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The proposed project would consist of: (1) A new 750-foot-long by 22-foot-wide by 66-foot-high steel frame modular hydropower system containing fifty 1.5-megawatt (MW) hydropower turbines for a total combined generating capacity of 75 MW; (2) a new 550-foot-long by 750-foot-wide tailrace; (3) a new 50-foot by 100-foot switchyard; (4) a new 5.2-mile-long, 69-kilovolt (kV) or 115 kV transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an estimated annual generation of 427,050 megawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Wayne F. Krouse, P.O. Box 43796, Birmingham, AL 35243; telephone (877) 556-6566, extension 709.

FERC Contact: Tyrone A. Williams, (202) 502-6331.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <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, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14789-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14789) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: July 15, 2016.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 77-282]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, 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. *Type of Application:* Application for Temporary Variance of Minimum Flow Requirements.

b. *Project No.:* 77-282.

c. *Date Filed:* July 6, 2016.

d. *Applicant:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company (licensee).

e. *Name of Project:* Potter Valley Project.

f. *Location:* Eel River and East Fork Russian River in Lake and Mendocino Counties, California.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Elizabeth Rossi, Senior License Coordinator, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Mail Code: N13E, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, CA 94177, Phone: (415) 973-2032.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. John Aedo, (415) 369-3335, or john.aedo@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, protests, and recommendations is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission (August 15, 2016). The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, comments, or recommendations using the Commission's eFiling system at <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, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-77-282) on any comments, motions to intervene, protests, or recommendations filed.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee requests a temporary variance of the minimum flow requirements in the Eel River below Scott Dam and the East Branch of the Russian River. The licensee explains that Lake Pillsbury only filled to 80 percent this year due to: Dry spring conditions; the April 1, 2016 closure schedule of the spillway gates for dam safety purposes; and minimum and supplemental flow releases. Therefore, in order to conserve water resources, ensure that adequate water is available for minimum flow releases and regular water deliveries later in the year, and avoid Lake Pillsbury bank sloughing and water turbidity, the licensee proposes to reduce minimum flow releases at the project. Specifically, the licensee proposes to reduce flows in the Eel River below Scott Dam from the required 60 cubic feet per second (cfs) normal year requirement to the 20 cfs critical year requirement. The licensee