

c. *Date Filed*: July 20, 2022.

d. *Applicant*: Southern California Edison Company (licensee).

e. *Name of Project*: Kaweah Project.

f. *Location*: The project is located on the East Fork, Marble Fork, and Middle Fork of the Kaweah River in Tulare County, California, and occupies lands of the United States administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Wayne Allen, Southern California Edison Company, 1515 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, California 91770; (626) 302–9741; wayne.allen@sce.com.

i. *FERC Contact*: Joy Kurtz, (202) 502–6760, joy.kurtz@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests* is September 2, 2022.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests 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, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–298–083. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

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*: The licensee requests Commission approval

through the end of 2022 for a temporary variance of the minimum flow requirements below the Kaweah No. 1 and No. 2 diversions, as required by Article 405 of the project license. The licensee states that the projected runoff is extremely low, and current runoff in the Kaweah River and East Fork Kaweah River is at the lowest level in 20 years. Being that the licensee cannot accurately forecast long-term runoff during this extreme drought event, it is proactively requesting the temporary variance to allow it to balance available instream flow with its contractual water rights obligations, should it become necessary. Should drought conditions persist and the temporary variance is implemented, the licensee would deliver the minimum amount of water necessary through the respective diversion in order to meet its contractual water rights obligations; the licensee would not generate at the respective powerhouse(s) during implementation of the variance. The licensee would only implement the variance in the event that low inflow into the diversion dam(s) impairs the ability to meet both minimum instream flow releases and domestic water supply requirements. Additionally, the licensee proposes to monitor and report flow conditions to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife during the temporary variance.

l. *Locations of the Application*: The Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. 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. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

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

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*: 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.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (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 protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 385.2010.

Dated: August 3, 2022.

Kimberly Bose,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OGC–2022–0683; FRL–10129–01–OGC]

Proposed Settlement, Clean Water Act Claim

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator's March 18, 2022, memorandum regarding "Consent Decrees and Settlement Agreements to resolve Environmental Claims Against the Agency," notice is hereby given of a proposed settlement in *Northwest Environmental Advocates, et al., v. US EPA*, No. 1:13–cv–263 (D. Idaho). On September 24, 2013, the Northwest Environmental Advocates and the Idaho Conservation League (collectively "Plaintiffs") filed an amended complaint against the EPA alleging, among other things, that the Agency had failed to complete its mandatory duty under the Clean Water Act ("CWA") to prepare and publish proposed water quality standards for mercury pollution

to protect aquatic life following its disapproval of related water quality standard revisions by the State in 2008. On July 19, 2021, the Court issued a ruling concluding that, under the circumstances of this case, EPA's disapproval created a mandatory duty for the Agency to promulgate new criteria for the State. Having ruled against EPA on liability, the Court directed the parties to file briefs regarding an appropriate remedy. EPA seeks public input on a proposed stipulated order on remedy ("Proposed Order") prior to its final decision-making to settle the remedy portion of the litigation.

DATES: Written comments on the Proposed Order must be received by September 9, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2022-0683 online at <https://www.regulations.gov> (EPA's preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID number for this action. Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments, see the "Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Settlement" heading under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Glazer, Water Law Office (2355A), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; telephone: (202) 564-0908; email address: glazer.thomas@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Additional Information About the Proposed Settlement

On June 15, 2013, Plaintiffs filed suit in the Federal district court for the District of Idaho against the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (collectively, "the Services"). The complaint alleged that the Services unreasonably delayed or unlawfully withheld completion of Endangered Species Act ("ESA") consultation with EPA regarding new and revised water quality standards that were submitted in 1996 and/or 1997. On September 24, 2013, Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint adding various CWA and ESA claims against EPA regarding dozens of Idaho water quality standard submissions dating back to 1994. Broadly speaking, Plaintiffs' claims fell into two categories: claims that EPA failed to consult with the

Services on various water quality standard approval actions and claims that EPA failed to complete its mandatory duties under the CWA with respect to various new and revised water quality standards adopted by the State. In April 2015, the Services entered a stipulated dismissal with Plaintiffs by which they agreed to complete certain ESA obligations. This left EPA as the sole defendant in the case.

On February 28, 2019, the Court partially granted EPA's motion to dismiss a number of claims on statute of limitations grounds. On January 21, 2021, the Court entered a stipulated order of partial dismissal, which resolved all but one remaining claim against EPA: that EPA failed to act under section 303(c)(4) of the CWA to promulgate aquatic life mercury criteria following EPA's December 12, 2008, disapproval of State revisions to its existing mercury criteria. On July 19, 2021, the Court held that, under the circumstances of this case, EPA's disapproval created a mandatory duty for the Agency to promulgate new criteria for the State. See *Nw. Env't Advocs. v. United States Env't Prot. Agency*, 549 F. Supp. 3d 1218 (D. Idaho 2021).

The parties have negotiated a settlement framework regarding an appropriate remedy in the form of a stipulated order on remedy. Pursuant to the agreed-upon terms, EPA would sign for publication in the **Federal Register** proposed aquatic life mercury criteria for the State of Idaho within 18 months of entry of the Proposed Order with the Court. EPA would have nine months after publication to (1) determine whether ESA section 7 consultation with the Services is required and (2) initiate any such consultation. If consultation occurs, EPA would have to finalize the criteria within eight months of the conclusion of that consultation. Alternatively, if EPA determines that consultation is not required, EPA would have to notify the Plaintiffs and finalize the criteria within eight months of that determination. As part of the agreement, EPA would include in its proposal water column concentrations, or default water column values that can be modified on a case-by-case basis, if EPA determines there are sufficient data available to support this form of criteria. If EPA declines to propose water column concentrations or default water column values, then it would explain and take comment on its reasoning for not doing so. EPA's commitment to promulgate these criteria will be null and void if the State adopts and EPA

approves new aquatic life mercury criteria.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, EPA will accept written comments relating to the Proposed Order from persons who are not parties to the litigation. EPA also may hold a public hearing on whether to enter into the Proposed Order. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the Proposed Order if the comments received disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Clean Water Act.

II. Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Settlement

A. How can I get a copy of the proposed settlement?

The official public docket for this action (identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2022-0683) contains a copy of the Proposed Order. The official public docket is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is (202) 566-1752.

The electronic version of the public docket for this action contains a copy of the Proposed Order and is available through <https://www.regulations.gov>. You may use <https://www.regulations.gov> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, key in the appropriate docket identification number then select "search."

B. How and to whom do I submit comments?

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2022-0683 via <https://www.regulations.gov>. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from this docket. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit to EPA's docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other

information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>. For additional information about submitting information identified as CBI, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an email address or other contact information in the body of your comment. This ensures

that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. Any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

Use of the <https://www.regulations.gov> website to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. The electronic public docket system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, email address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment

period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

Steven Neugeboren,
Associate General Counsel.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[FR ID 99422]

Deletion of Items From April 5, 2022 Open Meeting

The following items were adopted by the Commission on July 31, 2022 and August 1, 2022, respectively, and deleted from the list of items scheduled for consideration at the Friday, August 5, 2022, Open Meeting. These items were previously listed in the Commission's Sunshine Notice on Friday, July 29, 2022.

5	MEDIA	<i>Title:</i> Restricted Adjudicatory Matter. <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a restricted adjudicatory matter.
6	ENFORCEMENT	<i>Title:</i> Enforcement Bureau Action. <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider an enforcement action.

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The meeting will be webcast with open captioning at: www.fcc.gov/live. Open captioning will be provided as well as a text only version on the FCC website. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. In your request, include a description of the accommodation you will need and a way we can contact you if we need more information. Last minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill. Send an email to: fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530.

Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from the Office of Media Relations, (202) 418-0500. Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the internet from the FCC Live web page at www.fcc.gov/live.

Dated: August 2, 2022.

Marlene Dortch,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-1192; FR ID 100000]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents,

including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before October 11, 2022. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to nicole.ongele@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418-2991.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-1192.