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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94-409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will hold a public meeting “Working Together: Supporting the 2024 Elections through Federal Partnerships.”

Agenda: A little over a month from Election Day, the EAC will host a public meeting with representatives from federal election partners to discuss their roles in elections, their work throughout 2024 to support state and local election officials, and the security of elections. Panelists will give remarks and respond to questions from the EAC Commissioners.

The EAC will accept written comments and questions from members of the public. If you would like to participate, please email clearinghouse@eac.gov with your full name and question or comment no later than 12:00 p.m. E.T. on September 25, 2024.

The full agenda will be posted in advance on the events page of the EAC website: www.eac.gov/events/2024/09/26/working-together-supporting-2024-elections-through-federal-partnerships.

Background: Through the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), the EAC is tasked with maintaining a clearinghouse of election administration information. To fulfill this mission, the EAC provides best practices recommendations, training materials, and other resources for election officials. This meeting will provide information on emerging topics for the upcoming election to help inform the general public and members of the media.

Camden Kelliher,

Acting General Counsel, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: As required by the Privacy Act of 1974 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-108 and A-130, the Department of Energy (DOE or the

Department) is publishing notice of a modification to an existing Privacy Act system of records. DOE proposes to amend System of Records DOE-18 Financial Accounting System. This System of Records Notice (SORN) is being modified to align with new formatting requirements, published by OMB, and to ensure appropriate Privacy Act coverage of business processes and Privacy Act information. While there are no substantive changes to the “Categories of Individuals” or “Categories of Records” sections covered by this SORN, substantive changes have been made to the “System Locations,” “Routine Uses,” and “Administrative, Technical and Physical Safeguards” sections to provide greater transparency. Changes to “Routine Uses” include new provisions related to responding to breaches of information held under a Privacy Act SORN as required by OMB’s Memorandum M-17-12, “Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information” (January 3, 2017). Language throughout the SORN has been updated to align with applicable Federal privacy laws, policies, procedures, and best practices.

DATES: This modified SORN will become applicable following the end of the public comment period on September 11, 2024 unless comments are received that result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, and to Ken Hunt, Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Rm. 8H-085, Washington, DC 20585, by facsimile at (202) 586-8151, or by email at privacy@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Hunt, Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Rm 8H-085, Washington, DC 20585, by facsimile at (202) 586-8151, by email at privacy@hq.doe.gov, or by telephone at (240) 686-9485.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 9, 2009, DOE published a Compilation of its Privacy Act systems of records, which included System of Records DOE-18 Financial Accounting System. This notice proposes amendments to the system locations section of that system of records by removing the following system locations where DOE-18 is no longer applicable: Golden Field Office, National Nuclear

Security Administration (NNSA) Service Center Albuquerque, Atlanta Regional Support Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Idaho Operations Office, National Energy Technology Laboratory (Pittsburg), Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves, Naval Petroleum and Oil Reserves, Naval Petroleum Reserves in California, NNSA Nevada Site Office, Office of Scientific and Technical Information, Philadelphia Regional Support Office, and Seattle Regional Support Office. In the “Routine Uses” section, this modified notice deletes a previous routine use concerning efforts responding to a suspected or confirmed loss of confidentiality of information as it appears in DOE’s compilation of its Privacy Act systems of records (January 9, 2009) and replaces it with one to assist DOE with responding to a suspected or confirmed breach of its records of Personally Identifiable Information (PII), modeled with language from OMB’s Memorandum M-17-12, “Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information” (January 3, 2017). Further, this notice adds one new routine use to ensure that DOE may assist another agency or entity in responding to the other agency’s or entity’s confirmed or suspected breach of PII, as appropriate, as aligned with OMB’s Memorandum M-17-12. The “Categories of Records in the System” now includes the following: “office location, business phone, business cell phone, and business email address.” An administrative change required by the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 extends the length of time a requestor is permitted to file an appeal under the Privacy Act from 30 to 90 days. Both the “System Locations” and “Administrative, Technical and Physical Safeguards” sections have been modified to reflect the Department’s usage of cloud-based services for records storage. Language throughout the SORN has been updated to align with applicable Federal privacy laws, policies, procedures, and best practices.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

DOE-18 Financial Accounting System.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Systems leveraging this SORN may exist in multiple locations. All systems storing records in a cloud-based server are required to use government-approved cloud services and follow National Institute of Standards and

Technology (NIST) security and privacy standards for access and data retention. Records maintained in a government-approved cloud server are accessed through secure data centers in the continental United States.

U.S. Department of Energy, Headquarters, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

U.S. Department of Energy, Headquarters, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874.

U.S. Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, OR 97208.

U.S. Department of Energy, Carlsbad Field Office, P.O. Box 3090, Carlsbad, NM 88221.

U.S. Department of Energy, Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center (EMCBC), 550 Main Street, Rm 7–010, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Chicago Office, Consolidated Service Center, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Lemont, IL 60439.

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Consolidated Service Center, P.O. Box 2001, Oak Ridge, TN 37831.

U.S. Department of Energy, NNSA Naval Reactors Field Office, Pittsburgh Naval Reactors, P.O. Box 109, West Mifflin, PA 15122–0109.

U.S. Department of Energy, NNSA Naval Reactors Field Office, Schenectady Naval Reactors, P.O. Box 1069, Schenectady, NY 12301.

U.S. Department of Energy, Hanford Field Office, P.O. Box 550, Richland, WA 99352.

U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC 29801.

U.S. Department of Energy, Southeastern Power Administration, 1166 Athens Tech Road, Elberton, GA 30635–6711.

U.S. Department of Energy, Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third Street, Suite 1500, Tulsa, OK 74103.

U.S. Department of Energy, Strategic Petroleum Reserve Project Management Office, 900 Commerce Road East, New Orleans, LA 70123.

U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 281213, Lakewood, CO 80228–8213.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Headquarters: Director, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Field Offices: The field Chief Financial Officers at the “System Locations” listed above are the system managers for their respective portions of this system.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*; 50 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*; the Government Accountability Office Policy and Procedures Manual; Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards published by the Government Accountability Office and the Office of Management and Budget; Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. 3512; 5 U.S.C. 5701–5709; Federal Property Management Regulations 101–107; Treasury Financial Manual; Executive Order 12009, “Providing for the Effectuation of the Department of Energy Organization Act”; and Executive Order 9397, “Numbering System for Federal Accounts Relating to Individual Persons.”

PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:

Records in this system are maintained and used by DOE to substantiate obligations and payments to individuals for goods and services received by the agency and to record and manage the Department’s accounts receivables.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Employees, former employees, current and former contractor employees, vendors and others who are either due money from or owe money to DOE, including the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA).

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Name, address, Social Security numbers, telephone numbers, office locations, business phone numbers, business cellphones, and business email addresses, dates of birth, employment dates, gender, taxpayer identification numbers, amounts owed, and services or goods received, amounts due, underpayments, overpayments, or other accounting information, invoice numbers, servicing bank name and address, bank account numbers, amounts and status of claims; history of claims, including any collection actions taken.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Subject individual, contracting officer, and accounting records.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

1. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to the appropriate local, Tribal, State, or Federal agency when records, alone or in conjunction with other information, indicate a violation or potential violation of law whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, and whether

arising by general statute or particular program pursuant thereto.

2. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to a Federal agency to facilitate the requesting agency’s decision concerning the hiring or retention of an employee, the issuance, revocation, or denial of a security clearance or other classified access, the reporting of an investigation of an employee, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit, to the extent that the information is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency’s decision on the matter. The Department must deem such disclosure to be compatible with the purpose for which the Department collected the information.

3. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use for the purpose of an investigation, settlement of claims, or the preparation and conduct of litigation to (1) persons representing the Department in the investigation, settlement or litigation, and to individuals assisting in such representation; (2) others involved in the investigation, settlement, and litigation, and their representatives and individuals assisting those representatives; (3) witnesses, potential witnesses, or their representatives and assistants; and (4) any other persons who possess information pertaining to the matter when it is necessary to obtain information or testimony relevant to the matter.

4. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to other Federal agencies, consumer reporting agencies for acquiring credit information, and collection agencies to aid in the collection of outstanding debts owed to the Federal Government.

5. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to Defense Manpower Data Center, Department of Defense, the United States Postal Service, and other Federal, State, or local agencies to identify and locate, through computer matching, individuals indebted to DOE who are receiving Federal salaries or benefit payments. Information from the match will be used to collect the debts by voluntary repayment, by administrative offset, or by salary offset procedures.

6. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to the Internal Revenue Service (1) to collect the debt by offset against the debtor’s tax refunds under the Federal Tax Refund Offset Program, and (2) to obtain the mailing address of a taxpayer to collect a debt owed to the DOE. Subsequent disclosure by DOE to a consumer reporting agency is limited to the purpose of obtaining a commercial credit report on the

particular taxpayer. The mailing address information will not be used for any other DOE purpose or disclosed by DOE to another Federal, State, or local agency which seeks to locate the same individual for its own debt collection purpose.

7. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to the Department of Treasury for the purpose of administrative offset and debt recovery under section 31001 (m)(1) of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-134).

8. A record of this system may be disclosed as a routine use to the Department of Treasury for the purpose of paying creditors for services or goods provided to the Department.

9. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to a "consumer reporting agency" as defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. 1681a(f), or the Federal Claims Collections Act of 1966, 31 U.S.C. 3701(a)(3), in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3711(f).

10. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to DOE contractors in performance of their contracts, and their officers and employees who have a need for the record in the performance of their duties. Those provided information under this routine use are subject to the same limitations applicable to Department officers and employees under the Privacy Act.

11. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to a member of Congress submitting a request involving a constituent when the constituent has requested assistance from the member concerning the subject matter of the record. The member of Congress must provide a copy of the constituent's signed request for assistance.

12. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (1) the Department suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records; (2) the Department has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, DOE (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (3) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the Department's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

13. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to another

Federal agency or Federal entity, when the Department determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (1) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (2) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

Records may be stored as paper records, electronic media, or magnetic tapes.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

Records are retrieved by name, taxpayer identification number, voucher, invoice, or payment reports.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

Retention and disposition of these records is in accordance with the National Archives and Records Administration-approved records disposition schedule with a retention of 6 years.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

Electronic records may be secured and maintained on a cloud-based software server and operating system that resides in Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) and Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA) hosting environment. Data located in the cloud-based server is firewalled and encrypted at rest and in transit. The security mechanisms for handling data at rest and in transit are in accordance with DOE encryption standards. Records are protected from unauthorized access through the following appropriate safeguards:

- *Administrative:* Access to all records is limited to lawful government purposes only, with access to electronic records based on role and either two-factor authentication or password protection. The system requires passwords to be complex and to be changed frequently. Users accessing system records undergo frequent training in Privacy Act and information security requirements. Security and privacy controls are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

- *Technical:* Computerized records systems are safeguarded on Departmental networks configured for

role-based access based on job responsibilities and organizational affiliation. Privacy and security controls are in place for this system and are updated in accordance with applicable requirements as determined by NIST and DOE directives and guidance.

- *Physical:* Computer servers on which electronic records are stored are located in secured Department facilities, which are protected by security guards, identification badges, and cameras. Paper copies of all records are locked in file cabinets, file rooms, or offices and are under the control of authorized personnel. Access to these facilities is granted only to authorized personnel and each person granted access to the system must be an individual authorized to use or administer the system.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

The Department follows the procedures outlined in title 10 CFR 1008.4. Valid identification of the individual making the request is required before information will be processed, given, access granted, or a correction considered, to ensure that information is processed, given, corrected, or records disclosed or corrected only at the request of the proper person.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Any individual may submit a request to the System Manager and request a copy of any records relating to them. In accordance with 10 CFR 1008.11, any individual may appeal the denial of a request made by him or her for information about or for access to or correction or amendment of records. An appeal shall be filed within 90 calendar days after receipt of the denial. When an appeal is filed by mail, the postmark is conclusive as to timeliness. The appeal shall be in writing and must be signed by the individual. The words "PRIVACY ACT APPEAL" should appear in capital letters on the envelope and the letter. Appeals relating to DOE records shall be directed to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA), 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

In accordance with the DOE regulation implementing the Privacy Act, 10 CFR part 1008, a request by an individual to determine if a system of records contains information about themselves should be directed to the U.S. Department of Energy, Headquarters, Privacy Act Officer. The request should include the requester's

complete name and the time period for which records are sought.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

This SORN was last published in the **Federal Register**, 74 FR 1020–1022, on January 9, 2009.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on September 5, 2024, by Ann Dunkin, Senior Agency Official for Privacy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 6, 2024.

Jennifer Hartzell,

*Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer,
U.S. Department of Energy.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

[Project No. 7153–018]

**Consolidated Hydro New York, LLC;
Notice of Reasonable Period of Time
for Water Quality Certification
Application**

On August 27, 2024, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (New York DEC) submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) notice that it received a request for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certification as defined in 40 CFR 121.5, from Consolidated Hydro New York, LLC in conjunction with the above captioned project on August 27, 2024. Pursuant to section 4.34(b)(5) of the Commission's regulations,¹ we hereby notify New York DEC of the following:

Date of Receipt of the Certification Request: August 27, 2024

Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request: One year, August 27, 2025.

If the New York DEC fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification request on or before the above date, then the certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

Dated: September 5, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

[Project No. 1962–227]

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

b. *Project No:* 1962–227.

c. *Date Filed:* August 16, 2024.

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

e. *Name of Project:* Rock Creek-Cresta Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the North Fork Feather River, upstream of Lake Oroville, near the Town of Tobin, in Butte and Plumas Counties, California.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Chadwick McCready, License Coordinator; Pacific Gas and Electric Company, P.O. Box 28209, Oakland, CA 94604; Phone: (530) 685–5710.

i. *FERC Contact:* Katherine Schmidt, Phone: (415) 369–3348, katherine.schmidt@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* September 20, 2024.

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>.

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: Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P–1962–227. 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 a temporary reduction in minimum instream flows in the Rock Creek and Cresta reaches of the North Fork Feather River to facilitate a dive inspection of the spillway plunge pools and toes of both dams. Beginning October 1, 2024 and ending on October 5, 2024, minimum instream flows would be reduced from 390 cubic feet per second (cfs) in the Rock Creek Reach and from 200 cfs in the Cresta Reach, during a 'normal' water year type, to 100 cfs in both reaches. All increases or decreases in flows would occur following previously approved ramping rates under the project license.

l. *Locations of the Application:* This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website 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. 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, call 1–866–208–3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502–8659. Agencies may

¹ 18 CFR 4.34(b)(5).