DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13630-000]

Lewis County Development Corporation; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

March 3, 2010.

On November 16, 2009, Lewis County Development Corporation (Lewis County Corp) filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Croghan Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 13630, to be located at the existing Croghan Dam, on the on the Beaver River, in Lewis County, New York.

The proposed project would consist of: (1) An existing concrete gravity dam structure consisting of an 11.5-foot-high by 120-foot-long section, and a 9.5-foothigh by 103-foot-long section; (2) an existing approximately 121-acre impoundment with a normal water surface elevation of 817.7 feet mean sea level; (3) a new 75-foot-long by 35-footwide powerhouse; (4) two new turbine generator units for a total installed capacity of 450 kilowatts; (5) a new approximately 360-foot-long, 13.2kilovolt transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would operate in run-of-river mode and generate an estimated average annual generation of 2,773 megawatt-

Lewis County Corp: Larry Dolhof, Lewis County Development Corporation, P.O. Box 704, Lyons Falls, NY 13368, (315) 348–4066.

FERC Contact: Michael Watts, (202) 502–6123.

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. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "eFiling" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paperfiled. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at

http://www.ferc.gov/filingcomments.asp. More information about this project 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–13630) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1–866–208–3372.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 12779-005]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company;
Notice of Intent To File License
Application, Filing of Draft Application,
Request for Waivers of Integrated
Licensing Process Regulations
Necessary for Expedited Processing of
a Hydrokinetic Pilot Project License
Application, and Soliciting Comments

March 3, 2010.

- a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File a License Application for an Original License for a Hydrokinetic Pilot Project.
 - b. Project No.: 12779–005.c. Date Filed: March 1, 2010.
- d. Submitted By: Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Humboldt WaveConnect Pilot Project.
- f. Location: The project would be located in the Pacific Ocean west of the City of Eureka in Humboldt County, California within California State waters.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Brian McDonald, Director—Renewable Resource Development, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 77 Beale Street, MC B5Q–542, San Francisco, CA 94105– 1814, telephone: (415)–973–2005.
- i. FERC Contact: Kenneth Hogan (202) 502–8434.
- j. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has filed with the Commission: (1) A notice of intent (NOI) to file an application for an original license for a hydrokinetic pilot project and a draft license application with monitoring plans; (2) a request for waivers of the integrated licensing process regulations necessary for expedited processing of a hydrokinetic pilot project license application; (3) a proposed process plan

and schedule; (4) a request to be designated as the non-Federal representative for section 7 of the Endangered Species Act consultation; and (5) a request to be designated as the non-Federal representative for section 106 consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act (collectively the pre-filing materials).

k. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the pre-filing materials listed in paragraph j above, including the draft license application and monitoring plans. All comments should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments (original and eight copies) must be filed with the Commission at the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All filings with the Commission must include on the first page, the project name (Humboldt WaveConnect Pilot Project) and number (P-12779-005), and bear the heading "Comments on the proposed Humboldt WaveConnect Pilot Project." Any individual or entity interested in submitting comments on the pre-filing materials must do so by April 30, 2009.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (http://www.ferc.gov) under the "e-filing" link.

- 1. With this notice, we are approving PG&E's request to be designated as the non-Federal representative for section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and its request to initiate consultation under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; and recommending that it begin informal consultation with: (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service as required by section 7 of ESA; and (b) the California State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.
- m. This notice does not constitute the Commission's approval of PG&E's request to use the Pilot Project Licensing Procedures. Upon its review of the project's overall characteristics relative to the pilot project criteria, the draft license application contents, any comments filed, and PG&E's response to any additional information requests by the Commission, the Commission will determine whether there is adequate information to conclude the pre-filing

process and approve the use the Pilot Project Licensing Procedures.

- n. The proposed Humboldt WaveConnect Pilot Project would consist of: (1) Wave energy conversion (WEC) buoys including multi-point catenary moorings and anchors; (2) marker buoys, navigation lights, and environmental monitoring instruments; (3) five 9-mile-long submarine electrical cables extending underground onshore to; (4) land-based power conditioning equipment; (5) a 2,025-feet-long 12kV aboveground transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the proposed project would be 43,800 megawatt-hours.
- o. A copy of the draft license application and all pre-filing materials are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (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 or toll free at 1–866–208–3676, of for TTY, (202) 502–8659.
- p. Pre-filing process schedule. The pre-filing process will be conducted pursuant to the following tentative schedule. Revisions to the schedule below may be made based on staff's review of the draft application and any comments received.

Milestone	Date
Comments on pre-filing materials due.	April 30, 2010.
Issuance of Notice of Site Visit/Meetings.	May 7, 2010.
Site Visit & Public Meet- ings/Technical Con- ference.	June 8–9, 2010.

q. Register online at http:// www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1895-078]

City of Columbia, SC; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

March 1, 2010.

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

- a. *Application Type:* Amendment of License.
 - b. Project No.: 1895-078.
 - c. Date Filed: January 8, 2010.
- d. *Applicant:* City of Columbia, South Carolina.
- e. Name of Project: Columbia Project. f. Location: The project is located on the Broad and Congaree Rivers in Richland County, South Carolina.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a–825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* John J. Dooley, Director of Utilities, City of Columbia, 1136 Washington Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, (803) 545–3240.
- i. FERC Contact: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Mr. Steven Sachs at (202) 502–8666 or Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov.
- j. Deadline for filing comments and or motions: April 2, 2010.

Please include the project number (P–1895) on any comments or motions filed. All documents (an original and eight copies) must be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Motions to intervene, protests, comments and recommendations may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper filings, see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (http://www.ferc.gov) under the "e-filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

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 whose name appears 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. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the

Applicant specified in the particular application.

- k. Description of Request: The City of Columbia, South Carolina proposes to amend Article 404 of the project's license. Article 404 requires the licensee to maintain a reservoir surface elevation no less than 1 foot below full pool (153.55 feet msl) between March 1 and May 31 and no less than two feet below full pool the remainder of the year. The licensee proposes to modify Article 404 such that the reservoir elevation must be maintained no less than two feet below full pool the entire year.
- 1. Location of the Application: A copy of the licensee's filing is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at http://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/docsfiling/ esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call toll-free at 1-866-208-3372 or e-mail ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address listed in item (h) above.
- 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, 385.211, and 385.214. 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 (see item (i) above).
- o. Any filing must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", or "RECOMMENDATIONS", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers.