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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP06-454-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Application for Abandonment

September 25, 2006.

Take notice that on September 14, 2006, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural), 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to abandon, by long-term operating lease, 360 MDth per day of firm capacity in 25.73 miles of existing pipeline facilities owned by Natural and, specifically, in Natural's 8.43 mile 30-inch North Hayden Lateral, a 10.09 mile portion of Natural's 36-inch Herscher-Dyer Road Pipeline and a 7.21 mile portion of Natural's 36-inch Calumet Pipeline No. 3, all in Kankakee, Will and Cook Counties, Illinois. This application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Natural states that pursuant to a lease agreement between Natural and Kinder Morgan Illinois Pipeline LLC (KMIP) dated September 12, 2006, Natural has agreed to lease capacity in existing pipeline facilities owned by Natural to KMIP. KMIP's lease of such capacity, in conjunction with its construction of certain pipeline facilities (KMIP Project), is the subject of a separate application being filed concurrently by KMIP.¹

Natural states that the lease of 360 MDth per day of firm capacity by

Natural to KMIP is an integral part of the KMIP Project and will avoid the construction of 25.73 miles of new 30-inch pipeline. By leasing capacity from Natural, KMIP will reduce the overall cost and improve the efficiency of the KMIP Project and will also minimize new pipeline construction and the potential for associated environmental disruption. The design capacity of KMIP's system will be 360 MDth per day. Natural further states that its existing system capacity will not be decreased by the lease, because the proposed location of 2.6 miles of new KMIP pipeline, in relation to the existing pipeline facilities of Natural, both upstream and downstream, will have the operational effect of enhancing the throughput capabilities of such existing Natural facilities.

Natural seeks abandonment authority in the present docket to coincide with the certificate authority requested by KMIP in its separate application.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Bruce H. Newsome, Vice President or Phillip R. Telleen, Attorney for Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148 at (630) 691-3526 and (630) 691-3749, respectively.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the date as indicated below. Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the “eFiling” link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the “eLibrary” link and is available for review in the Commission's Public

Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an “eSubscription” link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2106-047—California]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Commencement of Licensing Proceeding, Scoping Meetings, Solicitation of Scoping Comments on the Pad and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests

September 25, 2006.

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File a License Application and Pre-Filing Document (PAD) under the Commission's Integrated Licensing Process and Commencing Licensing Proceeding.

b. *Project No.:* 2106-047.

c. *Dated Filed:* July 27, 2006.

d. *Submitted By:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

e. *Name of Project:* McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project is located on the McCloud and Pit Rivers in Shasta County, California. The project occupies lands of the United States, managed by the United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission's Regulations

h. *Applicant Contact:* Randal Livingston, Senior Director, Power Generation, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, P.O. Box 770000, N11E/1137, San Francisco, CA 94177; (415) 973-6950, facsimile (415) 973-5323.

i. *FERC Contact:* Emily Carter at (202) 502-6512 or e-mail at emily.carter@ferc.gov.

j. We are asking Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with

¹ KMIP is filing concurrently in Docket Nos. CP06-455-000, *et al.* a related application seeking authority to develop and operate a new pipeline system designed to transport gas for The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company (PGLC), including the lease of capacity in existing facilities owned by Natural.

us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in paragraph "n" below.

k. *With this notice we are initiating informal consultation with:* (a) The United States Fish and Wildlife Service and/or National Marine Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations there under at 50 CFR Part 402; and (b) the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106 of the National Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 50 CFR 800.2.

l. Pacific Gas and Electric Company filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD) including a proposed process plan and schedule with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

m. A copy of the PAD is 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 (P-2106-047), 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, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph "h."

Register online at <http://ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the Scoping Document 1 (SD1). All comments on SD1 should be sent to the address above in paragraph "h." In addition, all comments on SD1, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application (original and eight copies) must be filed with the Commission at the following address: Magalie R. Salas, 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 (McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project) and number (P-2106-047), and bear the heading "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Study Requests," "Request for Cooperating Agency Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in

commenting on the PAD or SD1, submitting study requests, or any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by October 25, 2006.

Comments on SD1 and other permissible forms of communications with the Commission 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.

o. At this time, Commission staff intends to prepare and Environmental Assessment (EA) for this project, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). There is the possibility, however, that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, the scoping meetings will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

Scoping Meetings

Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the vicinity of the project at the times and place noted below. The agenda for each meeting is also listed below. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend one or all of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental document. We encourage all attendees to review the PAD before the meetings to facilitate effective discussion.

The times, location, and agendas of these meetings are as follows:

All meetings will be held in the same location: Holiday Inn Hotel, 1900 Hilltop Dr., Redding, CA.

Day 1—Evening Scoping Meeting

Date: Monday, October 23, 2006.

Time: 6 p.m.—9 p.m. (PST).

Agenda:

Session 1—6–7 p.m.:

- “Open House” atmosphere.
- All interested parties bring forth issues for discussion on a one-on-one basis with FERC staff.
- All issues and comments will be summarized.

Session 2—7–9 p.m.:

- Brief overview of the identified issues.
- Summary of the Open House Session.
- Open discussion of issues, management objectives, existing information, data gaps, and

information needs.

- Discussion of integrated process plan.

Day 2—Morning Scoping Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2006.

Time: 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

Agenda:

- Brief overview of the identified issues and summary of evening meeting and open house session.
- Open discussion of issues, management objectives, existing information, data gaps, and information needs.
- Discussion and Finalization of integrated process plan.

SD1, which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, will be mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph "m" above. Based on all oral and written comments, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 may include a revised process plan and schedule, as well as a revised list of issues identified through the scoping process.

Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of Federal, State, and Tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss the appropriateness of any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

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