

f. *Location*: On an unnamed stream, in Petersburg Borough, Alaska. The project would occupy 0.1 acre of United States lands administered by U.S. Forest Service.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Douglas Leen, P.O. Box 341, Petersburg, AK 99833; (907) 518–0335; [mail@dougleen.com](mailto:mail@dougleen.com).

i. *FERC Contact*: Ryan Hansen at (202) 502–8074; or email at [ryan.hansen@ferc.gov](mailto:ryan.hansen@ferc.gov).

j. *Cooperating agencies*: Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. *Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status*: January 28, 2019.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto: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–14862–001.

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. The proposed hydroelectric project would consist of: an intake located in either a containment pond created by 50 sand bags or an existing pond; a penstock consisting of an up to 400-foot-long, 0.5-foot-diameter PVC pipe; one turbine unit with a capacity of 1.5 kilowatts; a 4-foot-long, 3-foot-wide, 7-foot-high lumber shed on a cement pad; a 150-foot-long transmission line; and appurtenant facilities.

o. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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, contact FERC Online Support.

p. *Procedural schedule*: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Notice of Acceptance March 2019  
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments April 2019  
Comments on Scoping Document 1 May 2019

Issue notice of ready for environmental analysis May 2019  
Commission issues EA August 2019  
Comments on EA September 2019

Dated: December 11, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 619–000]

#### Pacific Gas and Electric Company and City of Santa Clara, California; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

On December 12, 2016, Pacific Gas and Electric Company and City of Santa Clara, California, licensees for the Bucks Creek Hydroelectric Project, filed an Application for a New License pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. The Bucks Creek Hydroelectric Project is located on Bucks, Grizzly, and Milk Ranch Creek in Plumas County, California.

The license for Project No. 619 was issued for a period ending December 31, 2018. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license

expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 619 is issued to the licensee for a period effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before December 31, 2019, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that the licensee, Pacific Gas and Electric Company and City of Santa Clara, are authorized to continue operation of the Bucks Creek Hydroelectric Project, until such time as the Commission acts on its application for a subsequent license.

Dated: December 12, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL19–14–000]

#### Cottonwood Energy Company LP; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On December 12, 2018, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL19–14–000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e (2012), instituting an investigation into whether Cottonwood Energy Company LP's Rate Schedule FERC No. 1 may be unjust and unreasonable. *Cottonwood Energy Company LP*, 165 FERC 61,228 (2018).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL19–14–000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in Docket No. EL19-14-000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214, within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

Dated: December 12, 2018.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC19-11-000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-538); Comment Request; Extension**

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

(Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-538 (Gas Pipelines Certificates: Sections 7(a) Mandatory Initial Service).

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due [insert date that is 60 days after publication in the **Federal Register**].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC19-11-000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's website:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.
- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:*

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

*Instructions:* All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

*Docket:* Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Brown may be reached by email

at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Gas Pipelines Certificates: Sections 7(a) Mandatory Initial Service. *OMB Control No.:* 1902-0061.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-538 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* Under sections 7(a), 10(a) and 16 of Natural Gas Act (NGA),<sup>1</sup> upon application by a person or municipality authorized to engage in the local distribution of natural gas, the Commission may order a natural gas company to extend or improve its transportation facilities, and sell natural gas to the municipality or person and, for such purpose, to extend its transportation facilities to communities immediately adjacent to such facilities or to territories served by the natural gas pipeline company. The Commission uses the application data in order to be fully informed concerning the applicant, and the service the applicant is requesting.

*Type of Respondents:* Persons or municipalities authorized to engage in the local distribution of natural gas.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>2</sup> The Commission estimates the annual reporting burden and cost for the information collection as:

**FERC-538—GAS PIPELINE CERTIFICATES: SECTION 7(A) MANDATORY INITIAL SERVICE**

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response <sup>3</sup>	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)
	(1)	(2)	(1)*(2) = (3)	(4)	(3)*(4) = (5)	(5)/(1)
Gas Pipeline Certificates.	1	1	1	240 hrs.; \$18,960 .....	240 hrs.; \$18,960 .....	\$18,960

<sup>3</sup> The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours per Response \* \$79.00/hour = Average cost/response. The figure is the 2018 FERC average hourly cost (for wages and benefits) of \$79.00 (and an average annual salary of \$164,820/year). Commission staff is using the FERC average salary because we consider any reporting requirements completed in response to the FERC-538 to be compensated at rates similar to the work of FERC employees.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility

and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: December 12, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 717f-w.

<sup>2</sup> "Burden" is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to

generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information

collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.