

filed with the Commission by January 2, 1999.

After comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions are filed, applicants are given 45 days to file response comments. Given our schedule for completing relicensing of the Holyoke Project, we will not favorably view and requests for extensions of time to file reply comments. Despite the additional time provided above, reply comments are still due on or before February 18, 1999.

The Commission staff expects to issue a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) in March 1999, with a final EIS being issued in July 1999. Parties will be given 45 days to comment on the draft EIS, and, should there be a need, consultation pursuant Section 10(j) of the Federal Power Act will be completed within 75 days from the issuance of the draft EIS. Moreover, consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act will be completed during this same period of time.

In light of our goal to act on the applications by September 1, 1999, we provided the above schedule. We do this so that participants in the process are able to anticipate and prepare for necessary actions, such as review of the draft EIS and 10(j) negotiations.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions to Intervene and Protests

December 9, 1998.

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

*a. Type of Application:* New Major License.

*b. Project No.:* P-2661-012.

*c. Date filed:* September 24, 1998.

*d. Application:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

*e. Name of Project:* Hat Creek Hydroelectric Project.

*f. Location:* On Hat Creek in Shasta County, California. About 6.57 acres of the project occupy lands of the U.S. Forest Service, Shasta National Forest.

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

*h. Applicant Contact:* Mr. Terry Morford, Manager, Hydro Generation,

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, P.O. Box 770000, N11C, San Francisco, California 94177, (415) 973-4603.

*i. FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to David Turner, E-mail address, David.Turner@FERC.FED.US, or telephone (202) 219-2844.

*j. Deadline for filing interventions and protests:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

*All documents* (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

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. Status of Environmental Analysis:* This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

*l. Description of Project:* The run-of-river project consists of two developments: that Creek No. 1 and Hat Creek No. 2.

*Hat Creek No. 1 consists of:* (1) A 12-foot-high, 231-foot-long concrete buttress overflow diversion dam impounding a 13-acre reservoir at a water surface elevation of 3,188 feet (referred to as Cassel Pond); (2) a 2,270-foot-long, 9-foot-deep, 30-foot-wide canal with a hydraulic capacity of about 600 cfs; (3) a 14-foot-high, 750-foot-long shotcreted earthfill forebay with an overflow spillway, having a surface area of about 2 acres; (4) a 1,600-foot-long, riveted steel penstock that varies in inside diameter from 12 feet at the intake to 7 feet-six inches at the powerhouse; (5) a 43 foot by 56.5 foot reinforced concrete powerhouse containing a Francis/Vertical shaft turbine with a generating capacity of 10,000 kilowatt (kW).

*Hat Creek No. 2 consists of:* (1) Crystal Lake, a natural lake with a surface area of 115 acres at a water surface elevation of 2,980 feet; (2) a 29-foot-high, 120-foot-long concrete gravity overflow diversion dam impounding an 89-acre reservoir at a water surface elevation of 2,975 feet (referred to as Baum Lake); (3) a 4,520 foot-long, 7-foot-deep, 18-foot-wide reinforced concrete flume, with a hydraulic capacity of 600 cfs; (4) a 414-foot-long riveted steel penstock with an inside diameter varying from 14 feet at

the intake to 7 feet-six inches at the powerhouse; and (5) a 43 foot by 56.5 foot reinforced concrete powerhouse containing a Francis/Vertical shaft turbine with a generating capacity of 10,000 kW.

*m. Locations of Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application maybe viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us). Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection an reproduction at the address in item h above.

*n. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs:* B1 and E1.

*B1. Protests or Motions to Intervene—* Anyone may submit 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 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

*E1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—* The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time; therefore, the Commission is not now requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," (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. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional

copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests and Comments

December 9, 1998.

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

*a. Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

*b. Project No.:* 11634-000.

*c. Date Filed:* November 10, 1998.

*d. Applicant:* Continental Lands, Inc.

*e. Name of Project:* Boundary Creek Water Power.

*f. Location:* In Boundary County, Idaho. Would Utilize U.S. Forest Service lands in the Kaniksu National Forest.

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

*h. Applicant Contact:* Mr. Chuck Roady, Continental Lands, Inc., HCR-85, Box 17, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805, (208) 267-5397.

*i. FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Robert Bell, E-mail address, robert.bell@ferc.fed.us, or telephone 202-219-2806.

*j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and comments:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

*All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with:* David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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 Project:* The proposed project would consist of: (1) A proposed 8-foot-high, 75-foot-long diversion dam; (2) an impoundment having negligible surface area and storage, with a normal water surface elevation of 3,080 feet msl; (3) a proposed intake structure; (4) a proposed 26,900-foot-long, 60-inch-diameter steel penstock, which trifurcates into three arteries; (5) a proposed powerhouse containing three generating units having a total installed capacity of 25 megawatts; (6) a proposed 2.7-mile-long, 13.8-kV transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 61,200 MWh and would be sold to a local utility.

*l. Locations of the application:* A copy of the application 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) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us). Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

*m. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs:* A5, A7, A9, A10, B, C, and D2.

*A5. Preliminary Permit—*Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

*A7. Preliminary Permit—*Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license

application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

*A9. Preliminary Permit—*A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

*A10. Preliminary Permit—*A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

*B. Comments, Protests, or Motions or 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.

*C. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—*Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the