



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 619-176]

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. Type of Application: Request for a temporary variance of minimum flow requirements
- b. Project No.: 619-176
- c. Date Filed: June 6, 2023
- d. Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- e. Name of Project: Bucks Creek Project
- f. Location: The project is located in Plumas County, California on Bucks, Grizzly, and Milk Ranch Creeks – tributaries of the North Fork Feather River, and occupies federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC §§ 791 (a)-825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact: Ms. Jamie Visinoni, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Mail Code: N11D P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, CA 94177, (530) 215-6676
- i. FERC Contact: Mr. John Aedo, (415) 369-3335, john.aedo@ferc.gov

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: July 15, 2023

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/doc-sfiling/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: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-619-176. 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 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 applicant requests a temporary variance of the minimum flow requirement in Bucks Creek below Lower Bucks Dam as soon as possible through

July 2023, and from March through July 2024. In lieu of the monthly required minimum flows, the applicant would provide an alternate flow of 8 cubic feet per second (cfs) plus a 1 cfs buffer flow through a temporary pumping system that would extract water from Lower Bucks Lake and release it into the stream channel below the dam. The applicant states that the variance is necessary to facilitate rehabilitation work at Lower Bucks Dam spillway, which requires dewatering the plunge pool below the dam where minimum flows are typically released from the low-level outlet works.

l. Locations of the Application: This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <https://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 e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

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, Motions to Intervene, or Protests: Anyone may submit comments, a motion to intervene, or a protest 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, motions to intervene, or protests must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “MOTION TO INTERVENE”, or “PROTEST” as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number(s) of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person intervening or protesting; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

p. The Commission’s Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Dated: June 15, 2023.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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