



## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Project Nos. 703-001, 20-117]**

#### **PacifiCorp; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, Commission staff reviewed PacifiCorp's applications, filed with the Commission on March 16, 2023, to decommission project facilities and surrender the Paris Hydroelectric Project (P-703) conduit exemption, and to amend Article 408(b) of its license for the Bear River Hydroelectric Project (P-20) to adjust minimum instream flows in the Grace Development's bypass reach. Commission staff have prepared a single Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed surrender of conduit exemption and amendment of license given the inter-relatedness of the proposals. The Paris Hydroelectric Project is located on Paris Creek in Bear Lake County, Idaho and does not occupy Federal lands. The Bear River Hydroelectric Project is located on Bear River in Franklin and Caribou counties, Idaho and occupies Federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the proposed surrender of conduit exemption and amendment of license, alternatives to the proposed action, and concludes that the proposed surrender and amendment, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The EA may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "elibrary" link. Enter the docket numbers (P-703-001 for the Paris Hydroelectric Project, or P-20-117 for the Bear River Hydroelectric Project) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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