



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1121-135]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; 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 Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) application for an amendment to the license of the Battle Creek Hydroelectric Project No. 1121 to support a new Phase 2 of the Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project (Restoration Project) and have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed amendment.¹ The Restoration Project is a collaborative effort to restore fish habitat on Battle Creek and some of its tributaries. The new Phase 2 amendment requires the removal of the South Diversion Dam, Soap Creek Feeder Diversion Dam, Lower Ripley Creek Feeder Diversion Dam, and Coleman Diversion Dam, but does not include the tailrace connector tunnel from South Powerhouse to Inskip Canal as originally proposed as part of the Restoration Project. The project is located on Battle Creek, and North Fork and South Fork Battle Creek in Shasta and Tehama counties, California. The

¹ The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1741169216.

project occupies federal lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of not constructing the tailrace connector and any changes that have occurred since it was originally evaluated in a 2005 Environmental Impact Statement, and concludes that the proposed 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 number (P-1121) 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.

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All comments must be filed by **May 5, 2025**.

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Dated: April 3, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
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