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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Project No. 96-048]**

### **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) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license to continue to operate and maintain the Kerckhoff Hydroelectric Project. The project is located about 25 miles northeast of the city of Fresno, on the San Joaquin River (SJR), in Fresno and Madera Counties, California. Commission staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. The project would occupy 113.3 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Forest Service, 57.8 acres of federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and 56.5 acres of federal lands of the Bureau of Reclamation that is managed by BLM.

The EA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the EA via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<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 at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or at (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number **P-96-048**.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

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