
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY'S PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR CHILI BAR HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT, FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT NO. 2155

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E or Petitioner) has petitioned the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to reconsider the water quality certification issued, pursuant to section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341), for the Chili Bar Hydroelectric Project (Project), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 2155. This petition was filed pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3867.

BACKGROUND

On November 8, 2012, the State Water Board's Executive Director issued a water quality certification for the Project, which is undergoing relicensing before FERC. The Project Licensee, PG&E, filed a Petition for Reconsideration of the water quality certification for the Project dated December 6, 2012. PG&E's Petition requests reconsideration of conditions in the water quality certification related to: reservations of authority; notice and opportunity for hearing, compliance with the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins; reintroduction of anadromous fish; and climate change.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The water quality certification and the Petition for Reconsideration can be found on the Project website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/chilibar_ferc2155.shtml

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Any party or person wishing to file a response to the petition with the State Water Board shall have 20 days from the date of mailing of this notification to do so. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 3867.1.) Responses to the petition should be submitted to the State Water Board, as directed below. Copies of responses should also be submitted to the Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Petitioner at the following addresses:

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If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact David Rose, Staff Counsel at (916) 341-5196 or by email at DRose@waterboards.ca.gov.



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