Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From (Public Agency):
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Project Title: Iron Gate Dam Low Level Outlet Slide Gate Test Project (Project)
Project Applicant: PacifiCorp Energy (Applicant)
Project Location - Specific: The Project is located at Iron Gate Dam on the Klamath River, approximately 25 miles north of Yreka, California.

Project Location - City: N/A **Project Location – County:** Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Project consists of testing the functionality of Iron Gate Dam's low level outlet slide gate as required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and as directed by the California Department of Water Resources' Division of Safety of Dams.

The Applicant plans to test Iron Gate Dam's low level outlet slide gate to ensure that the slide gate is fully operational. Iron Gate Dam's low level outlet is comprised of a 5-foot-tall slide gate connected to a 16-foot-diameter tunnel that extends 20 feet before intersecting a flange gate. The tunnel continues past the flange gate for an additional 575 feet and discharges to the Klamath River.

During the Project, the low level outlet's flange gate will be sealed to prevent water from exiting the low level outlet tunnel. Leakage from the slide gate will fill the 20-foot long section of the low level outlet tunnel between the slide gate and flange gate with approximately 4,500 cubic feet of water. Once the 20-foot long section of the low level outlet tunnel is full, the Applicant will fully open the slide gate to test its ability to operate. After testing the slide gate, the Applicant will close the slide gate and slowly drain the water into the 575-foot section of tunnel and then to the Klamath River. Once the tunnel has slowly drained, the Applicant will unseal the flange gate.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: PacifiCorp Energy
Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, § 15301 & Class 9, § 15309
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Class 1 exemption (Existing Facilities) applies because the Project involves operation and maintenance of an existing structure involving no expansion of use. The Class 9 exemption (Inspections) applies because the Project is a required inspection to ensure the safety of the facilities. The Project will be performed by the Applicant in compliance with the Department of Water Resources' Division of Dam Safety, and is not anticipated to have a significant environmental impact.

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____ Title: Executive Director

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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