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Mr. Matthew A. Fogelson
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Dear Mr. Fogelson:

NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF WATER CERTIFICATION FOR CHILI BAR HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT, FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, PROJECT NO. 2155

By submission of this letter, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) gives written notification per California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3867.1 (§3867.1) of receipt of a Petition for Reconsideration from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Petitioner) for the water quality certification issued on November 8, 2012, 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. The petition for reconsideration, dated December 6, 2012, is posted on the State Water Board Project website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/chilibar_ferc2155.shtml.

In accordance with section 3867.1, the enclosed notice was prepared to provide interested parties with an opportunity to file a response to the petition with the State Water Board. Interested persons shall have 20 days from the date of mailing of the enclosed notice to file a response to the petition with the State Water Board. Copies of responses to this petition by respondents should be sent to the State Water Board, the Petitioner and the Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact David Rose, Staff Counsel, at (916) 341-5196 or by email at DRose@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence may be mailed to: David Rose; State Water Resources Control Board; Office of Chief Counsel; P.O. Box 2000; Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

Sincerely,



Barbara Evoy, Deputy Director
Division of Water Rights

Enclosure

CHARLES R. HOPPIN, CHAIRMAN | THOMAS HOWARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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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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The State Water Board copy may be sent electronically to: MMaher@waterboards.ca.gov or hard copies can be mailed to:

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Erin Ragazzi
Manager, Water Quality Certification
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Date