



## SENT VIA E-MAIL

November 10, 2015

Mr. Thomas Howard Executive Director State Water Resources Control Board 1001 I Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject:

Withdrawal and Resubmittal of Section 401 Water Quality Certification for PacifiCorp's Klamath Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. P-2082),

Siskiyou County

Dear Mr. Howard:

In February 2004, PacifiCorp applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a new major license for its Klamath Hydroelectric Project (Project) on the Klamath River in California and Oregon. In conjunction with that application, on March 29, 2006, PacifiCorp requested that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) certify the California portions of the Project pursuant to section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act (33 USC § 1341, California Water Code § 13160, and 23 C.C.R. Chpt. 28). This request was withdrawn and simultaneously resubmitted to the SWRCB on February 28, 2007, and again on February 22, 2008. More recently, on July 11, 2008, PacifiCorp withdrew its application to facilitate settlement negotiations for a long-term settlement of the project. By letters dated August 22, 2008 and September 22, 2008, the SWRCB requested that PacifiCorp resubmit its application for water quality certification so that the certification process could continue. The application was resubmitted to the SWRCB on September 26, 2008.

Subsequently, the application was withdrawn and simultaneously resubmitted to the SWRCB on September 10, 2009, August 25, 2010, August 3, 2011, July 17, 2012, December 18, 2012, December 2, 2013, and November 24, 2014. In a response letter, dated December 16, 2014, the SWRCB concluded that the letter initiated a one-year time clock from the date received for the SWRCB to act on the request for water quality certification.

In order to allow the SWRCB more time to consider PacifiCorp's 401 water quality certification application, PacifiCorp hereby formally withdraws its prior certification request dated November 24, 2014, and hereby submits, as of the date of this letter, this new request for certification of the California portions of the Project pursuant to section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The resubmitted application incorporates all revisions provided to the SWRCB on August 15, 2014.

Please acknowledge receipt of this correspondence and confirm acceptance of the application.

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Pursuant to applicable statutes and regulations, PacifiCorp is providing notice of the resubmitted application to the Executive Officer of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, via copy of this letter.

If you have any questions on the application, please feel free to contact me at (503) 813-6170.

Sincerely,

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