

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of Plumas
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From: State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
Attention: Mr. Jeffrey Parks
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812

Project Title: Rock Creek Powerhouse Efficiency Upgrade Project

Project Location - Specific: The Rock Creek Powerhouse Efficiency Upgrade Project (Project) is located on the North Fork Feather River, approximately 2.5 miles southwest from Tobin, California in Plumas County.

Project Location – City: Tobin

Project Location – County: Plumas

Description of Project: The existing Rock Creek Powerhouse is part of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) Rock Creek-Cresta Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Number 1962, for which FERC issued a new operating license on October 24, 2001. PG&E proposes to increase the efficiency of the Rock Creek Powerhouse by upgrading the existing hydropower turbine-generators and associated equipment. The Rock Creek Powerhouse Efficiency Upgrade Project (Project) activities are exclusively contained within the Rock Creek Powerhouse and are not expected to involve any encroachment into either the North Fork Feather River or the Rock Creek Reservoir.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

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
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: PG&E's upgrade project will occur on land that is already developed, will not encroach upon the North Fork Feather River, and will be contained within the existing Rock Creek Powerhouse.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jeffrey Parks

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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: *bc* Date: APR 13 2012 Title: *Deputy Director*

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

