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State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF REQUEST TO MODIFY THE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR THE SPRING-GAP STANISLAUS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will consider changes recommended by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to the Water Quality Certification (Certification) for the Spring Gap - Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project (Project), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2130. After the comment period given below, the Executive Director for the State Water Board will respond to PG&E's request for modification.

BACKGROUND

On February 7, 2012, PG&E submitted a request by email for a time extension to make necessary infrastructure changes to comply with Condition #7 of the Certification issued under State Water Board Order WR 2009-0039 for its Project. On April 2, 2012, PG&E notified State Water Board staff by email that additional time is needed to complete the Project modifications required in the Certification. State Water Board Condition #7 states:

Where facility modification is required to implement or measure the specified minimum streamflows, the Licensee shall complete such modifications as soon as reasonably practicable and no later than three years after license issuance. Prior to completion of such required facility modifications, the Licensee shall make a good faith effort to achieve the specified minimum streamflows within the capabilities of the existing facilities.

During the process of automating the low-level outlet of the Relief Dam, PG&E determined that the existing guard valves were unsafe and in need of replacement before the automation equipment could be installed. The construction season at the 7,000 foot elevation of the Relief Dam was too short to complete the repairs and installations needed to complete the automation process by the deadline stated in Condition #7. PG&E also notes that modifications to Gaging Weir S-83 below the Philadelphia Diversion are needed to comply with ramping rate requirements in the Certification.

Three years after license issuance falls on April 24, 2012. PG&E requests a time extension for Condition #7 until September 1, 2013, to complete the upgrades on the Relief Dam and modifications on Gaging Weir S-83.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Certification for the Project is located on the State Water Board website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/board_decisions/adopted_orders/orders/2009/wro2009_0039.pdf. Persons without internet access can obtain a paper copy of Order WR 2009-0039 by contacting Mr. Jeffrey Parks by phone at (916) 341-5319. A copy of Order WR 2009-0039 will also be available at the State Water Board's office in the Cal/EPA Building, by visiting the Division of Water Rights Records Unit, located at: 1001 I Street, 2nd Floor, Room 114, Sacramento, CA 95814.

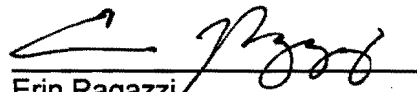
SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written comments on PG&E's request to modify the deadline from April 24, 2012, to September 1, 2013, for completion of upgrades to the Relief Dam and modifications to Gaging Weir S-83. **Written comments on this proposed deadline change will be accepted until Noon (12:00 pm) on April 11, 2012.** Written comments should be submitted to:

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State Water Resources Control Board
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