

NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Dated: July 15, 2016.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14789-000]

#### **Lock+ Hydro Friends Fund IV, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications**

On June 27, 2016, the Lock+ Hydro Friends Fund IV, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit under section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act proposing to study the feasibility of the proposed Mississippi River Lock and Dam 26 Project No. 14789-000, to be located at the existing Mississippi River Lock and Dam No. 26 on the Mississippi River, near the City of West Alton, in St. Charles County, Missouri and the City of Alton, in Madison County, Illinois. The Mississippi River Lock and Dam No. 26 is owned by the United States government and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The proposed project would consist of: (1) A new 750-foot-long by 22-foot-wide by 66-foot-high steel frame modular hydropower system containing fifty 1.5-megawatt (MW) hydropower turbines for a total combined generating capacity of 75 MW; (2) a new 550-foot-long by 750-foot-wide tailrace; (3) a new 50-foot by 100-foot switchyard; (4) a new 5.2-mile-long, 69-kilovolt (kV) or 115 kV transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an estimated annual generation of 427,050 megawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Wayne F. Krouse, P.O. Box 43796, Birmingham, AL 35243; telephone (877) 556-6566, extension 709.

*FERC Contact:* Tyrone A. Williams, (202) 502-6331.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14789-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14789) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 77-282]

#### **Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests**

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Application for Temporary Variance of Minimum Flow Requirements.

b. *Project No.:* 77-282.

c. *Date Filed:* July 6, 2016.

d. *Applicant:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company (licensee).

e. *Name of Project:* Potter Valley Project.

f. *Location:* Eel River and East Fork Russian River in Lake and Mendocino Counties, California.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Elizabeth Rossi, Senior License Coordinator, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Mail Code: N13E, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, CA 94177, Phone: (415) 973-2032.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. John Aedo, (415) 369-3335, or [john.aedo@ferc.gov](mailto:john.aedo@ferc.gov).

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, protests, and recommendations is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission (August 15, 2016). The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, comments, or recommendations using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-77-282) on any comments, motions to intervene, protests, or recommendations filed.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee requests a temporary variance of the minimum flow requirements in the Eel River below Scott Dam and the East Branch of the Russian River. The licensee explains that Lake Pillsbury only filled to 80 percent this year due to: Dry spring conditions; the April 1, 2016 closure schedule of the spillway gates for dam safety purposes; and minimum and supplemental flow releases. Therefore, in order to conserve water resources, ensure that adequate water is available for minimum flow releases and regular water deliveries later in the year, and avoid Lake Pillsbury bank sloughing and water turbidity, the licensee proposes to reduce minimum flow releases at the project. Specifically, the licensee proposes to reduce flows in the Eel River below Scott Dam from the required 60 cubic feet per second (cfs) normal year requirement to the 20 cfs critical year requirement. The licensee