

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2735–104]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On April 18, 2024, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed a relicense application for the 1,212-megawatt Helms Pumped Storage Project No. 2735 (project). The existing project is located approximately 50 miles northeast of the city of Fresno, on the North Fork Kings River and Helms Creek, in Fresno and Madera Counties, California. The project currently occupies 3,346.6 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service), 28.36 acres of federal land managed by the U.S. Bureau of

Reclamation (BOR), and 0.07 acres of land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM). As proposed, the project would occupy 458.9 less acres of federal land administered by the Forest Service, an additional 0.14 acre of land managed by the BOR, and an additional 2.15 acres of land managed by the BOR.

In accordance with the Commission’s regulations, on May 29, 2025, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA Notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the project.¹

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission’s final licensing decision.

The Commission’s Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, community organizations, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA	June 17, 2026.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Evan Williams at (202) 502–8462 or evan.williams@ferc.gov.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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has invited FERC Staff to attend and provide a status update on the licensing process for the proposed White Pine Pumped Storage Project.

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previously published in the **Federal Register** on April 16, 2003 (68 FR 18621). The collection procedures remain unchanged but are being republished, for administrative purposes, to remove references to a specific WAPA–SN Power Marketing Plan (PMP).

DATES: A consultation and comment period will begin August 12, 2025 and end September 11, 2025.

WAPA–SN will accept comments any time during the consultation and comment period.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests concerning the proposed collection procedures should be sent to: Michelle R. Williams, Regional Manager, Sierra Nevada Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630, or email: SNR-RateCase@wapa.gov. WAPA–SN will post information about the proposed collection procedures and written comments received to its website at: www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/sn/sn-rates/restoration-fund/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Autumn Wolfe, Rates Manager, Sierra Nevada Region, Western Area Power Administration, (916) 353–4686 or email: SNR-RateCase@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3407 of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) (Pub. L. 102–environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1754558424.

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[Project No. 14851–003]

White Pine Waterpower, LLC; Notice of FERC Staff Attendance at Public Meeting

- a. *Project Name and Number:* White Pine Pumped Storage Project No. 14581–003.
- b. *Applicant:* White Pine Waterpower, LLC.
- c. *Date and Time of Meeting:* Monday, August 18, 2025, from 8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time.
- d. *Place:* Bristlecone Convention Center, 150 W 6th St, Ely, NV 89301.
- e. *FERC Contact:* Ryan Hansen at 202–502–8074 or at ryan.hansen@ferc.gov.
- d. *Purpose of Meeting:* The meeting will be a listening session hosted by U.S. Representative Mark Amodei, who

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Western Area Power Administration

Proposed Collections From Central Valley Project Power Contractors To Carry Out the Restoration, Improvement and Acquisition of Environmental Habitat Provisions of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act of 1992

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.
ACTION: Notice of proposed collection procedures.

SUMMARY: The Sierra Nevada (SN) region of the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) proposes unchanged procedures for the Collection of Restoration Fund payments from the Central Valley Project (CVP) Power Contractors. These collection procedures supersede those

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification

number for documents relating to this