

project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 6972 is issued to the Ampersand Hollow Dam Hydro, LLC for a period effective May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before April 30, 2027, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Ampersand Hollow Dam Hydro, LLC is authorized to continue operation of the Hollow Dam Hydroelectric Project under the terms and conditions of the prior license until the issuance of a subsequent license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 803-129]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC) regulations, 18 CFR part 380, Commission staff reviewed Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (licensee) application for a temporary variance of flow requirements under Article 39 of

the license for the DeSabra-Centerville Hydroelectric Project No. 803 and have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.¹ The licensee proposes to temporarily modify the flow requirements for the West Branch Feather River below the Hendricks Head Dam and Philbrook Creek below Philbrook Reservoir. Specifically, the licensee requests the minimum flow requirements for a normal water year: (1) in the West Branch Feather River, 15 cubic feet per second (cfs), respectively, be temporarily modified to 7 cfs over 48 hours; and (2) in Philbrook Creek, of 2 cfs, be temporarily modified to between 1 and 2 cfs over 48 hours, regardless of water year type. The licensee proposes to execute these changes as soon as the Commission grants approval until September 30, 2026. The DeSabra-Centerville project is located on Butte Creek, West Branch Feather River, and their tributaries in Butte County, California, and occupies federal lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

The final EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the proposed temporary variance of flow requirements, alternatives to the proposed action, and concludes that the proposed variance, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The final EA may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "elibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-803-129) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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.

For further information, contact Ms. Joy Kurtz at 202-502-6760 or joy.kurtz@ferc.gov.

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¹ The unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX-019-20-000-1773149143.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2735-000]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

The license for the Helms Pumped Storage Project No. 2735 was issued for a period ending April 30, 2026.

Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee(s) under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2735 is issued to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company for a period effective May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first.

If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before April 30, 2027, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.