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Sharon Thrall, Chair  
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Dear Chairwoman Thrall:

**TIME EXTENSION REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, UPPER NORTH FORK FEATHER RIVER PROJECT, FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION NO. 2105**

Thank you for your October 27, 2009 letter that requested a review period of 120 days for the pending Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the relicensing of Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) Upper North Fork Feather River Project (Project), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) No. 2105. As you are aware, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is currently working to complete a DEIR that analyzes measures consistent with regulatory requirements for Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification of Project No. 2105.

The State Water Board and its staff are sensitive to your desire for the public to have a reasonable period of time to review the DEIR. State Water Board staff anticipates that the DEIR will be available for public review by winter of 2009 or spring of 2010, and at that time the State Water Board will work with the State Clearinghouse to circulate the DEIR. Given the complexity of the issues in the Upper North Fork Feather River relicensing and stakeholder interest, the State Water Board will consider a 60-to 90-day review period for the DEIR.

State Water Board staff appreciates your interest in matters associated with relicensing of Project No. 2105. We look forward to receipt of your comments on the CEQA document and of your concerns for water quality protection of the Upper North Fork Feather River Watershed. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact

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