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Honorable Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20426

Upper North Fork Feather River Project (FERC No. 2105)

Dear Secretary Salas:

Attached is a letter to resource agencies and interested parties requesting that they hold in abeyance any further work on the proposed Hamilton Branch amendment application to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (Company's) October 2002 Application for New License for the Upper North Fork Feather River Project (FERC No. 2105). This amendment, which has not been filed, was as part of the Company's proposed Plan of Reorganization. Placing this effort on hold is consistent with a Settlement Agreement recently proposed in the Company's bankruptcy case. Please place this letter on the FERC's FERRIS system.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 973-1646.

Sincerely

Bill Zemke
Senior License Coordinator

Attachment



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To: RESOURCE AGENCIES, INDIAN TRIBES, AND INTERESTED PARTIES

**UPPER NORTH FORK FEATHER RIVER PROJECT, FERC No. 2105
HAMILTON BRANCH DEVELOPMENT**

On April 11, 2003 I mailed you Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (Company) draft Amendment to Application for New License for the Upper North Fork Feather River Hydroelectric Project to add the Hamilton Branch Development (Hamilton Branch Amendment). In that letter I explained that adding the existing Hamilton Branch Hydroelectric Development to the existing Upper North Fork Feather River Project license is part of the Company's Plan of Reorganization, and that final decisions on the Company's Plan of Reorganization were still pending in Bankruptcy Court.

As you may know, pursuant to settlement procedures implemented by the Bankruptcy Court, the Company, PG&E Corporation, and the Staff of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) have announced a proposed settlement of the Company's bankruptcy case which the CPUC Staff is prepared to recommend to the CPUC. The proposed Settlement Agreement requires that the Company move to "stay" certain proceedings upon execution of the Settlement Agreement.

Although the Settlement Agreement has not yet been executed and the final Hamilton Branch Amendment has not yet been filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Company believes that holding the Hamilton Branch Amendment work in abeyance is consistent with the Settlement Agreement and will benefit all parties' interest in the efficient use of their resources. Accordingly, the Company hereby requests that all resource agencies, Tribes and interested parties hold the Hamilton Branch Amendment work in abeyance until further notice. The Company will resume pursuit of the Hamilton Branch Application in the event the proposed Settlement Agreement does not receive the necessary approvals.

The Company expresses its great appreciation to you and others for your work on the Hamilton Branch Amendment.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (415) 973-9320.

Sincerely,

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