

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Washington, D. C. 20426**

OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

**Project No. 2105-CA
Upper North Fork Feather River Project
Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

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Re: September 30, 2003, Letter regarding Post-Environmental-Inspection Actions

Dear Mr. Livingston:

Thank you for your letter dated September 30, 2003, regarding actions to address items identified during the June, 2003, environmental inspection of the Upper North Fork Feather River Project, FERC Project No. 2105, as described in our letter dated August 1, 2003. We appreciate your dedication to public safety and sound management of the project.

We note that construction within the project boundary has been stopped at the Vision Lake Homes subdivision pending negotiations, submission to FERC of an application to amend the license, and approval by FERC of any proposed construction, project boundary changes, or other mitigations.

We also note that you intend to (1) raise three company-owned power lines that do not meet the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) minimum clearances at roads providing access to boat ramps at Lake Almanor Reservoir, and (2) notify the owners of five other lines at Lake Almanor Reservoir that do not meet NESC minimum clearances at boat ramp access roads. Please provide a schedule for accomplishing the raising of the PG+E power lines and notify us once the other owners have been contacted. We would also appreciate being kept apprised of the efforts of the other owners to address this issue at the project. If they are unwilling to voluntarily raise the lines, please arrange to post warning signs regarding the clearances and notify us as soon as the signs are in place, but no later than April 30, 2004.

This letter confirms that no guard cable need be installed at the power line crossing at the Alder Creek Boat Ramp parking area at Butt Valley Reservoir given the existing level of use that you describe and your relocation of the warning sign from the water side to the land side of the power line crossing. Thank you for accomplishing this public safety improvement.

You reported a clearance at maximum sag and full pool of 50.2 feet at the Hamilton Branch inlet of Lake Almanor Reservoir for the 60 kV or less line. No further action is required at this location.

Thank you for providing results of your inspection and copies of letter notifications to the resort owners along the Lake Almanor Reservoir shoreline concerning the need to increase visibility of the log boom wind barriers to meet the established standards. You reported that most of the resorts have made improvements. Please notify us once all resorts have complied with the standards (estimated to be by the end of this month).

We look forward to receiving your follow-up report on actions to be implemented prior to the 2004 recreation season to reduce and manage congestion at the Big Cove area of Lake Almanor Reservoir. Please submit the report no later than May 15, 2004.

Thank you for your timely accomplishment of the recreation maintenance items identified during the inspection. We note that all items except those to be accomplished by the Forest Service this fall and the fire ring replacements (to be completed by next spring) have been accomplished, as reported in your letter dated September 30, 2003, and in an October 15, 2003, phone conversation with Mr. Bill Zemke regarding the items that were completed on October 3, 2003. We also appreciate your timely removal of debris at the Pacific Service Employees Association (PSEA) docks and the Plumas Pines Resort in addition to your work with the Northshore Campground concerning removal of the child play structure with sharp edges, loose connections, and protruding bolts.

Concerning pollution control, we appreciate your speedy action to install a temporary filter in a customized basket at the Butt Valley Powerhouse. Please notify us once the permanent fix has been designed and installed.

For all requested submittals, an original and seven copies should be filed with the Secretary, FERC, at 888 First St. N. E., Washington, D.C. 20426, with a copy to Ms. Lattin at the San Francisco Regional Office at 901 Market Street, Room 350, San Francisco, CA 94103-1778, no later than 60 days from the date of this letter unless a longer deadline is established for a specific item.

Sincerely,



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