

in lieu of an environmental assessment (EA). The EIS will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

### Scoping

The FERC staff prepared a scoping document and held public scoping meetings on October 19, 2009 in Palo Cedro, CA and October 22, 2009 in Redding, CA. FERC staff held public environmental site reviews of the project on October 20 and 21, 2009. The public meetings and environmental site reviews assisted staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed. The results of the scoping were extensive and indicate that an EIS should be prepared for this project rather than an EA, as staff had initially anticipated. The upcoming EIS will reflect input received at the scoping meetings and justify why staff has determined that an EIS should be prepared.

### Process

The FERC staff will first issue and circulate a draft EIS to all of the interested parties for comment. All comments filed on the draft EIS will be analyzed by the FERC staff and considered in the final EIS pursuant to NEPA. The FERC staff will also hold a public meeting in California before issuing the final EIS. The staff's conclusions and recommendations will then be presented for the consideration of the Commission in the order reaching its final decision.

For further information please contact the project coordinator, CarLisa Linton at (202) 502-8416 or [carlisa.linton-peters@ferc.gov](mailto:carlisa.linton-peters@ferc.gov).

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EF10-5-000]

#### Western Area Power Administration; Notice of Filing

February 19, 2010.

Take notice that on February 2, 2010, the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy, under the authority vested in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Delegation Order No. 00-037.00, submitted Rate Order No. WAPA-149, the power rate formula for the Provo River Project, for confirmation

and final approval to be effective April 1, 2010, and ending March 31, 2015.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1354-081]

#### Pacific Gas & Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

February 19, 2010.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations (18 CFR Part 380),

Commission staff has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) regarding Pacific Gas & Electric Company's (PG&E) proposal to perform seismic remediation work at Crane Valley Dam, part of the Crane Valley Hydroelectric Project. The project occupies approximately 738 acres of federal lands within Sierra National Forest, approximately 40 miles northeast of the city of Fresno in Modesto County, California. Crane Valley Dam is located on North Fork Willow Creek, in the San Joaquin River Basin. The FEA analyzes the environmental effects of the seismic remediation proposal, PG&E's resource protection and mitigation plans, and recommends further measures to minimize any environmental effects. The FEA concludes that the proposed seismic remediation and resource plans, with the recommended measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the FEA is available for review at the Commission's Public Reference Room, or it may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-1354) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222, or (202) 502-8659 (for TTY).

For further information on this notice, please contact B. Peter Yarrington at (202) 502-6129.

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Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM07-10-002]

#### Transparency Provisions of Section 23 of the Natural Gas Act; Notice of Form No. 552 Technical Conference

February 22, 2010.

Take notice that on March 25, 2010, a technical conference will be convened to consider certain issues concerning Form No. 552, related to Order Nos. 704, 704-A and 704-B.<sup>1</sup> The technical conference will be held in the

<sup>1</sup> *Transparency Provisions of Section 23 of the Natural Gas Act*, Order No. 704, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,260 (2007) (Final Rule); *Transparency Provisions of Section 23 of the Natural Gas Act*, Order No. 704-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,275 (2008); and *Transparency Provisions of Section 23 of the Natural Gas Act*, Order No. 704-B, 125 FERC ¶ 61,302 (2008).