### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13630-000]

Lewis County Development Corporation; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

March 3, 2010.

On November 16, 2009, Lewis County Development Corporation (Lewis County Corp) filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Croghan Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 13630, to be located at the existing Croghan Dam, on the on the Beaver River, in Lewis County, New York.

The proposed project would consist of: (1) An existing concrete gravity dam structure consisting of an 11.5-foot-high by 120-foot-long section, and a 9.5-foothigh by 103-foot-long section; (2) an existing approximately 121-acre impoundment with a normal water surface elevation of 817.7 feet mean sea level; (3) a new 75-foot-long by 35-footwide powerhouse; (4) two new turbine generator units for a total installed capacity of 450 kilowatts; (5) a new approximately 360-foot-long, 13.2kilovolt transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would operate in run-of-river mode and generate an estimated average annual generation of 2,773 megawatt-

Lewis County Corp: Larry Dolhof, Lewis County Development Corporation, P.O. Box 704, Lyons Falls, NY 13368, (315) 348–4066.

FERC Contact: Michael Watts, (202) 502–6123.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "eFiling" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paperfiled. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at

http://www.ferc.gov/filingcomments.asp. More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at

http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp. Enter the docket number (P–13630) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1–866–208–3372.

#### Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 12779-005]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company;
Notice of Intent To File License
Application, Filing of Draft Application,
Request for Waivers of Integrated
Licensing Process Regulations
Necessary for Expedited Processing of
a Hydrokinetic Pilot Project License
Application, and Soliciting Comments

March 3, 2010.

- a. *Type of Filing*: Notice of Intent to File a License Application for an Original License for a Hydrokinetic Pilot Project.
  - b. Project No.: 12779–005.c. Date Filed: March 1, 2010.
- d. Submitted By: Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Humboldt WaveConnect Pilot Project.
- f. Location: The project would be located in the Pacific Ocean west of the City of Eureka in Humboldt County, California within California State waters.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Brian McDonald, Director—Renewable Resource Development, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 77 Beale Street, MC B5Q–542, San Francisco, CA 94105— 1814, telephone: (415)–973–2005.
- i. FERC Contact: Kenneth Hogan (202) 502–8434.
- j. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has filed with the Commission: (1) A notice of intent (NOI) to file an application for an original license for a hydrokinetic pilot project and a draft license application with monitoring plans; (2) a request for waivers of the integrated licensing process regulations necessary for expedited processing of a hydrokinetic pilot project license application; (3) a proposed process plan

and schedule; (4) a request to be designated as the non-Federal representative for section 7 of the Endangered Species Act consultation; and (5) a request to be designated as the non-Federal representative for section 106 consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act (collectively the pre-filing materials).

k. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the pre-filing materials listed in paragraph j above, including the draft license application and monitoring plans. All comments should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments (original and eight copies) must be filed with the Commission at the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All filings with the Commission must include on the first page, the project name (Humboldt WaveConnect Pilot Project) and number (P-12779-005), and bear the heading "Comments on the proposed Humboldt WaveConnect Pilot Project." Any individual or entity interested in submitting comments on the pre-filing materials must do so by April 30, 2009.

Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (http://www.ferc.gov) under the "e-filing" link.

- 1. With this notice, we are approving PG&E's request to be designated as the non-Federal representative for section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and its request to initiate consultation under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; and recommending that it begin informal consultation with: (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service as required by section 7 of ESA; and (b) the California State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.
- m. This notice does not constitute the Commission's approval of PG&E's request to use the Pilot Project Licensing Procedures. Upon its review of the project's overall characteristics relative to the pilot project criteria, the draft license application contents, any comments filed, and PG&E's response to any additional information requests by the Commission, the Commission will determine whether there is adequate information to conclude the pre-filing