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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

**Subject: Narrows Hydroelectric Project  
FERC Project No. 1403 - California  
Filing of Pre-Application Document**

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to Section 5.6 of Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), the Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA or Licensee), a State of California public agency, files with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) this attached Pre-Application Document (PAD) in support of YCWA's intent to file an application for a new license for the Narrows Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project Number 1403 (Project). YCWA is the existing licensee and current owner and operator of the Project.

The Federal Power Commission, FERC's predecessor, issued the original Project license to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) on February 11, 1993, stating that the license would be effective for the period from February 1, 1993, through January 31, 2023. On January 26, 2018, FERC approved PG&E's request to extend the license term to January 31, 2026. On May 2, 2019, FERC approved the transfer of the license from PG&E to YCWA.

Simultaneously with the filing of this PAD and in conformance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.5., under separate cover YCWA has filed with FERC a Notice of Intent (NOI) to file an application for new license for the Project on or before January 30, 2024. In addition, in conformance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.3(b) and (c)(1), YCWA has filed with FERC a request to use the traditional licensing process (TLP) to relicense the Project.

This PAD filing includes one volume, all contents of which are public information, and includes: 1) a process plan and schedule; 2) information on the Project location, facilities, and operations; 3) a description of the existing environment and potential resource impacts; 4) a list of preliminary issues and studies; and 5) a summary of contacts made with various resource agencies, Native American tribes, non-governmental organizations (NGO) or other members of the public in connection with preparing the PAD. It is YCWA's belief that the PAD demonstrates YCWA's exercise of due diligence in obtaining and providing relevant existing information.

YCWA is filing all portions of the PAD following the Commissions' eFiling guidelines, with the following exceptions:

- Appendix C, Attachment B-1, Operations Model. The Operations Model includes the spreadsheet model spreadsheet file, as well as HEC-DSS files that cannot be uploaded to FERC's eLibrary system.
- Section 3.2.2, Attachment 3.2.2-1, Water Temperature Model. The Water Temperature Model includes the model files, as well as HEC-DSS files that cannot be uploaded to FERC's eLibrary system.

YCWA will file separately with FERC on Digital Versatile Disc an original and two copies of Appendix C – Attachment B-1 and Section 3.2.2 – Attachment 3.2.2-1.

In conformance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.2(a) and Sections 5.6(a)(1) and (2), YCWA will make the PAD, NOI, and YCWA's request to use the TLP available to appropriate federal and State of California resource agencies, Native American tribes, local governments, NGOs, and members of the public likely to be interested in the proceeding. A list of those parties is provided in the NOI.

Further, in conformance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.3(d)(2), YCWA has caused to be published a notice of the filing of this NOI and PAD and a notice of filing of YCWA's request to use the TLP in daily and weekly newspapers of general circulation in each county in which the Project is located.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Willie Whittlesey  
General Manager

Attachment: YCWA's Narrows Hydroelectric Project Pre-Application Document

cc w/out Attach: Narrows PAD Distribution List (via e-mail)

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