

separate document. In Order No. 659,⁴ the Commission modified the reporting requirements in 18 CFR 294.101(e) to provide that public utilities must comply with the requirements to report shortages and anticipated shortages by submitting this information electronically using the Office of Electric Reliability's alert system at emergency@ferc.gov in lieu of submitting an original and two copies to the Secretary of the Commission. The Commission uses the information to

evaluate and formulate an appropriate option for action in the event an unanticipated shortage is reported and/or materializes. Without this information, the Commission and State agencies would be unable to:

- Examine and approve or modify utility actions;
- prepare a response to anticipated disruptions in electric energy; and/or
- ensure equitable treatment of all public utility customers under the shortage situation.

The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 294.101.

The 60-day notice⁵ published on 5/06/2021 with no comments received.

Type of Respondents: Public Utilities.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*⁶ The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

FERC-585 (REPORTING OF ELECTRIC SHORTAGES AND CONTINGENCY PLANS UNDER PURPA SECTION 206)

	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response ⁷	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)(5)÷(1)
	(1)	(2)	(1) * (2) = (3)	(4)	(3) * (4) = (5)	
Contingency plan	1	1	1	1 hrs.; \$83.00	1 hrs.; \$83.00	\$83.00
Capacity Shortage	1	1	1	1 hrs.; \$83.00	1 hrs.; \$83.00	83.00
Total	2 hrs.; \$166.00

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2310-242]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- Application Type:* Temporary variance of license requirement.
- Project No.:* 2310-242.
- Date Filed:* July 2, 2021 and supplemented on July 14, 2021.
- Applicant:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company (licensee).
- Name of Project:* Drum-Spaulding Project.
- Location:* South Yuba River and Bear River in Placer and Nevada counties, California.
- Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- Applicant Contact:* Michelle Ocken, License Coordinator, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, (530) 863-3439.
- FERC Contact:* Robert Ballantine, (202) 502-6289, robert.ballantine@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 20 days from the issuance of this notice by the Commission (August 4, 2021).

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2310-242. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not

⁴ Final Rule in Docket RM05-19-000, issued on 5/27/2005

⁵ 86 FR 20684

⁶ "Burden" is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide

information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

⁷ The estimates for cost per response are derived using the following formula: Average Burden Hours

per Response * \$3.00 per Hour = Average Cost per Response. This is Based upon FERC's 2020 FTE average salary plus benefits. Commission staff believes that any industry effort applied to FERC-585 would be compensated similarly to FERC's average salary.

considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Request:* Due to persistent drought conditions, the licensee requests Commission approval of a temporary variance of the minimum flow requirement at streamflow gages YB-316 (Upper Peak Lower Peak and/or Kidd Lake), YB-207 (Lake Creek below Feeley Lake), YB-208 (Carr Lake), and YB-209 (Rucker Creek below Blue Lake). The licensee is requesting to reduce flow at YB-316, to 3 cubic feet per second (cfs) and that flows at YB-207, YB-208 and YB-209 be reduced from license required flows of 0.50 cfs (target), 0.20 cfs (allowable) to proposed flows of 0.50 cfs (target), 0.10 cfs (allowable), measured as a 48-hour average. As requested, the reduced flow releases would prevent dewatering of these reaches. If granted, the variance would last through October 1, 2021, or until adequate precipitation occurs to ensure that inflow equals outflow at the referenced reservoirs for at least seven consecutive days, whichever comes later.

l. *Locations of the Application:* The Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 385.2010.

Dated: July 15, 2021.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD21-4-000]

Billing Procedures for Annual Charges for the Costs of Other Federal Agencies for Administering Part I of the Federal Power Act; Notice Reporting Costs for Other Federal Agencies' Administrative Annual Charges for Fiscal Year 2020

1. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is required to determine the reasonableness of costs

incurred by other Federal agencies (OFAs)¹ in connection with their participation in the Commission's proceedings under the Federal Power Act (FPA) Part I² when those agencies seek to include such costs in the administrative charges licensees must pay to reimburse the United States for the cost of administering Part I.³ The Commission's *Order on Remand and Acting on Appeals of Annual Charge Bills*⁴ determined which costs are eligible to be included in the administrative annual charges. This order also established a process whereby the Commission would annually request each OFA to submit cost data, using a form⁵ specifically designed for this purpose. In addition, the order established requirements for detailed cost accounting reports and other documented analyses to explain the cost assumptions contained in the OFAs' submissions.

2. The Commission has completed its review of the forms and supporting documentation submitted by the U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Agriculture), and the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) for fiscal year (FY) 2020. This notice reports the costs the Commission included in its administrative annual charges for FY 2021.

Scope of Eligible Costs

3. The basis for eligible costs that should be included in the OFAs' administrative annual charges is prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Circular A-25—*User Charges* and the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board's Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) Number 4—*Managerial Cost Accounting Concepts and Standards for the Federal Government*. Circular A-25 establishes Federal policy regarding fees assessed for government services and provides specific information on the scope and type of activities subject to user charges.

¹ The OFAs include: The U.S. Department of the Interior (Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of the Solicitor, Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance, Office of Hearings and Appeals, and Office of Policy Analysis); the U.S. Department of Agriculture (U.S. Forest Service); the U.S. Department of Commerce (National Marine Fisheries Service); and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

² 16 U.S.C. 791a-823d (2018).

³ See *id.* § 803(e)(1) and 42 U.S.C. 7178 (2018).

⁴ 107 FERC ¶ 61,277, *order on reh'g*, 109 FERC ¶ 61,040 (2004).

⁵ Other Federal Agency Cost Submission Form, available at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/forms.asp#ofa>.