

focused on challenges in electric grid supply chains, solar PV, platinum group metals, and more.¹ In June 2022, President Biden issued Presidential Determinations to DOE to utilize the DPA authority to accelerate domestic manufacturing and deployment of five key energy technologies.²

Congress passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL),³ which invests over \$22 billion in several clean energy supply chains, including technologies such as batteries, carbon capture, clean hydrogen, nuclear energy as well as critical minerals used in multiple clean energy technologies.⁴ Most recently, Congress passed significant investments in clean energy supply chains through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)⁵ and the CHIPS and Science Act (CHIPS Act).⁶

IRA energy investments total approximately \$369 billion over the next 10 years,⁷ which will help drive deployment and manufacturing of clean energy technologies, while the CHIPS Act provides more than \$52.7 billion over the next 10 years to restart and expand the development and manufacturing of the domestic semiconductors industry.⁸ Further, section 30001 of the IRA appropriates \$500 million to DPA. Consistent with Congressional intent, the activities supported by these funds will focus on critical minerals processing and on electric heat pumps. As such, DOE plans to use \$250 million of DPA funds appropriated by IRA for electric heat pumps, and public comments on the use of DPA for electric heat pumps will be solicited through a separate forthcoming announcement.

Through this RFI, DOE seeks comments to understand the needs, concerns, and challenges related to energy supply chains for *transformers and critical electric grid components; solar photovoltaics; insulation materials; and electrolyzers, platinum*

group metals, and fuel cells for clean hydrogen. Responses will help inform how best the Department, with appropriate funding, can use the DPA tools to support the private sector, workers, and communities to secure and strengthen the U.S. industrial base needed to ensure current and future energy and national security. This RFI includes broad questions on the use of DPA authority and invites comments on four of the five technologies that received Presidential Determinations; information specifically related to electric heat pumps should be reserved for a separate, forthcoming comment opportunity focused on the use of IRA funds.

This RFI is available at: www.energy.gov/mesc/defense-production-act-request-information.

Confidential Business Information: Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit via email two well-marked copies: one copy of the document marked “confidential” including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document marked “non-confidential” with the information believed to be confidential deleted. Submit these documents via email. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on September 29, 2022, by Kathleen Hogan, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Infrastructure, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 5, 2022.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1121–135]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Application for Amendment of License, 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:

- a. *Type of Proceeding:* Application for non-capacity amendment of license.
- b. *Project No.:* 1121–135.
- c. *Date Filed:* September 9, 2022.
- d. *Licensee:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Battle Creek Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the mainstem Battle Creek, and on the North Fork and South Fork Battle Creek in Shasta and Tehama Counties, California.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a–825r.
- h. *Licensee Contact:* Richard Doble, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Mail Code N11D, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, CA 94177, (415) 260–2675, Richard.Doble@PGE.com.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Rebecca Martin, (202) 502–6012, Rebecca.martin@ferc.gov.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, interventions, and protests:* November 2, 2022.

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, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket

¹ www.energy.gov/policy/securing-americas-clean-energy-supply-chain.

² www.energy.gov/articles/president-biden-invokes-defense-production-act-accelerate-domestic-manufacturing-clean.

³ www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3684.

⁴ www.energy.gov/policy/articles/americas-strategy-secure-supply-chain-robust-clean-energy-transition.

⁵ www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5376/text.

⁶ www.commerce.senate.gov/services/files/CFC9CC6-CE84-4B1A-8BBF-8D2E84BD7965.

⁷ www.democrats.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/inflation_reduction_act_one_page_summary.pdf.

⁸ www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/08/09/fact-sheet-chips-and-science-act-will-lower-costs-create-jobs-strengthen-supply-chains-and-counter-china/.

number P-1121-135. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not 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:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company (licensee or PG&E) is requesting that its license for the Battle Creek Hydroelectric Project be amended to support a new Phase 2 of the Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project (Restoration Project). The Restoration Project is a collaborative effort to restore fish habitat on Battle Creek and some of its tributaries through modification of the project facilities and operations, including instream flow releases. This collaborative effort is between PG&E, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service, and the California Department of Fish and Game. The new Phase 2 amendment requires the removal of the South Diversion Dam, Soap Creek Feeder Diversion Dam, Lower Ripley Creek Feeder Diversion Dam, and Coleman Diversion Dam.

The licensee has submitted the Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR), prepared in July 2005, as part of its application. The referenced EIS/EIR was a collaborative effort between PG&E, the Bureau of Reclamation, California State Water Resources Control Board, California Bay-Delta Authority, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), to fulfill National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act requirements. The Commission intends to use the EIS/EIR to meet the NEPA requirements under the proposed action to amend the Battle Creek Project. The EIS/EIR is available for review at the Restoration Projects website (link: http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?Project_ID=99).

l. *Locations of the Application:* This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://>

www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. 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. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

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, respectively. 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 Documents:* Any filing 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 commenting, 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. Any filing made by an intervenor 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 18 CFR 385.2010.

Dated: October 3, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD22-10-000]

Reliability Technical Conference; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued in this proceeding on August 23, 2022, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene its annual Commissioner-led Reliability Technical Conference in the above-referenced proceeding on Thursday, November 10, 2022, from approximately 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. The conference will be held in-person at the Commission's headquarters at 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426 in the Commission Meeting Room.

The purpose of this conference is to discuss policy issues related to the reliability and security of the Bulk-Power System.

The conference will be open for the public to attend, and there is no fee for attendance. Supplemental notices will be issued prior to the conference with further details regarding the agenda, how to register to participate, and the format. Information on this technical conference will also be posted on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's website, www.ferc.gov, prior to the event. The conference will also be transcribed. Transcripts will be available for a fee from Ace Reporting, (202) 347-3700.

Those who wish to nominate their names for consideration as a panel participant should submit their name, title, company (or organization they are representing), telephone, email, a one-paragraph biography, picture, and topic they wish to address to: 2022ReliabilityTechConference@ferc.gov by close of business on October 14, 2022.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to accessibility@ferc.gov, call toll-free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 208-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this technical conference, please contact Lodie White at Lodie.White@ferc.gov or (202) 502-8453. For information related to logistics, please contact Sarah