

Commission effective on the day of this notice. As such, pursuant to 18 CFR 385.2202 (2021), no OPP employee shall participate or advise as to the findings, conclusion or decision of the Commission in a proceeding covered by such rule. OPP staff will not be involved in such Commission decisional processes and will not advocate positions or conduct investigations for the Commission.

Given the non-decisional status of each OPP employee as stated herein, communications between employees of OPP and parties or members of the public as to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding will not constitute *ex parte* communications, 18 CFR 385.2201 (2021). However, no OPP employee may share the contents of such communications with any decisional employee of the Commission, unless an established regulatory exception applies.

This designation will remain in effect until withdrawn or modified by a subsequent notice.

Dated: May 20, 2022.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2022-11331 Filed 5-25-22; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

#### Filings in Existing Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* RP22-696-000.

*Applicants:* Trailblazer Pipeline Company LLC.

*Description:* Refund Report: TPC 2022 Annual L&U Cash-Out Refund Report to be effective N/A.

*Filed Date:* 5/19/22.

*Accession Number:* 20220519-5141.

*Comment Date:* 5 pm ET 5/31/22.

Any person desiring to protest in any the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests,

service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: May 20, 2022.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2022-11332 Filed 5-25-22; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-P

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 77-311]

#### 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:

a. *Application Type:* Application for Temporary Variance of Flow Requirements.

b. *Project No:* 77-311.

c. *Date Filed:* May 16, 2022.

d. *Applicant:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company (licensee).

e. *Name of Project:* Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Eel River and East Fork of the Russian River in Lake and Mendocino counties, California.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Jackie Pope, License Coordinator; Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Mail Code N11D, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, CA 94177; Phone: (530) 245-4007.

i. *FERC Contact:* Alicia Burtner, (202) 502-8038, [Alicia.Burtner@ferc.gov](mailto:Alicia.Burtner@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* June 9, 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](mailto: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 the docket number P-77-311. 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:* The licensee requests a temporary variance of its minimum flow requirements in the East Fork of the Russian River and the maximum irrigation releases to the Potter Valley Irrigation District (PVID). Due to ongoing drought conditions and operating restrictions, the storage in Lake Pillsbury is severely depleted and is expected to reach critical levels by late fall, whereby bank sloughing in the vicinity of the outlet works and impaired flow releases could occur. In order to conserve water and ensure project operability, the licensee is proposing to reclassify the water year type to reduce flow releases to Eel River below Scott Dam from the current normal water year requirement of 60 cfs to a critical water year flow floor set by the minimum opening of the low-level outlet of approximately 35 cubic feet per second (cfs); flow releases to the East Fork of the Russian River from normal water year requirements of 75 cfs to between 5 and 25 cfs based on storage projections; and flow releases to the PVID from 50 cfs to a demand-based schedule not to exceed 50 cfs. The licensee additionally requests that compliance with flow requirements to the East Fork of the Russian River be measured as a target flow with no buffer versus a minimum flow with a buffer. The licensee would operate the project to maintain at least 30,000 acre-feet of storage in Lake Pillsbury to limit the depletion of the cold-water pool for salmonid protection. The May 16, 2022