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Pacific Gas and Electric Company) Project No. 137-002 - CA

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

(December 19, 1996)

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for relicensing the Mokelumne River Hydroelectric Project, located in Alpine, Amador, and Calaveras Counties, California, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. In the DEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the existing project and has concluded that approval of the project, with appropriate environmental protection measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Room 1-A, Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix "Mokelumne River Hydroelectric Project No. 137" to all comments. For further information, please contact Tom Dean at (202) 219-2778.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR HYDROPOWER LICENSE**

Mokelumne River Hydroelectric Project
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