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Via Electronic Filing

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Re: Docket No. P-77-332 (Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project;
Application for License Surrender and Decommissioning);
Request for Scoping Meetings in Humboldt County

To Whom it May Concern:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company has filed an application for license surrender and decommissioning of the Potter Valley Project (“LSA Application”).¹ The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has given notice that it will hold two in-person scoping meetings in Ukiah, California, “to collect comments on the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the NEPA document” for the LSA Application (“Scoping Notice”).²

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, we respectfully request that the Commission schedule additional in-person scoping meetings in Humboldt County, California. Although portions of the Potter Valley Project are located in Mendocino County, the Eel River downstream of the project flows into and through Humboldt County. The Project has long diverted Eel River water into the Russian River watershed. These diversions have a direct and immediate impact on the Eel River—including its fisheries, recreational opportunities, water supply, habitat, and other resources—as it flows through Humboldt County to the Pacific Ocean.

Humboldt County residents, including the elected members of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, County departments and local partners, have a strong interest in participating in the Commission’s scoping meetings for this Project. However, the city of Ukiah in Mendocino County is an approximately three-hour drive from Eureka, the county seat of Humboldt County. Given the long distances and travel times between rural communities on California’s North Coast, the Commission should provide an opportunity for interested stakeholders and community members to attend scoping meetings in Humboldt County.

Several venues in Humboldt County could potentially accommodate scoping meetings for this project, including the following:

¹ Pacific Gas and Electric Company, *Final Application for Surrender of License; Final Application for Non-Project Use of Project Lands* (FERC Docket No. P-77-332; July 25, 2026), Doc. Accession No. 20250725-5175.

² FERC, *Notice of Scoping Meetings and Request for Comments on Proposed Surrender, Decommissioning, and Non-Project Use of Project Lands at 2* (FERC Docket No. P-77-332; May 22, 2026), Doc. Accession No. 2026-0522-3069.

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Adomi Center
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Eureka, CA 95501
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1929 4th St
Eureka, CA 95501
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We strongly encourage Commission staff to reach out to these venues, schedule additional in-person scoping meetings, and provide public notice as soon as feasible.

Thank you for your attention to this request. We look forward to providing additional comments in response to the Scoping Notice at an appropriate time.

Sincerely,



Mike Wilson
Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors