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**Upper North Fork Feather River Project (FERC No. 2105)  
Response to Environmental Inspection Results**

Dear Secretary Salas:

This letter is in response to the Commission's August 1, 2003 letter which itemized various follow-up items resulting from the Environmental Inspection held on June 10 - 13, 2003.

**Private Development within the Project Boundary**

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("the Company") has been working with the developer of the new Vision Lake Homes subdivision near Lake Almanor on a proposal whereby the private property now within the Project boundary could be removed from the Project. Assuming a mutually agreeable proposal can be reached, the Company will submit to the Commission for its approval a license amendment application to modify the Project boundary. Until such an amendment is approved by FERC, the developer has agreed to halt any further construction of homes in that part of the subdivision that lies within the Project boundary.

**Power Lines and Boat Launching/Boating Safety**

The Commission's August 1, 2003 letter noted concern about the height of power lines at roads providing access to boat ramps around Lake Almanor. Most of the lines viewed during the inspection were installed by parties other than the Company. In addition, the locations of many of these lines are outside of the Project 2105 FERC boundary. Nevertheless, as requested the Company has conducted a survey of boat ramps around Lake Almanor, including those owned by third parties. This survey concluded that power lines at eight (8) out of twenty-three (23) boat ramps do not meet NESC clearance requirements. Of these eight (8) non-complying power lines, five (5) are owned by third

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parties and three (3) are owned by the Company. With regard to the three (3) Company-owned power lines, the Company intends to raise the lines to meet NESC clearance requirements and will file a follow-up report with FERC upon completion. With regard to the five (5) power lines owned by third parties, the Company is in the process of notifying the owners of the non-compliance issue and will request that they take appropriate corrective action.

As requested in the August 1, 2003 letter, the Alder Creek Boat Ramp warning sign that provides an overhead electric line warning has been relocated to the entrance of the parking area, between the access road and the power line. Boating activity at Butt Valley Reservoir is relatively light and most of this use is by small fishing boats. A questionnaire surveys performed for the Application for New License for this Project filed in 2004 showed that only 8 percent of the respondents participated in some form of sailing. No large sailboats were observed during on-site visits. As a result, the Company believes that a guard cable over the ramp area is not warranted. The Company is considering lesser options, such as more prominent signage to address the concern of potential electrical contact.

The 12 KV line that crosses Hamilton Branch inlet has been surveyed and the lowest point in this line is at elevation 4544.2 feet (PG&E datum). The maximum reservoir elevation is 4494 feet, giving a minimum clearance of 50.2 feet. The Company believes that this is more than adequate to protect operators of sailboats.

#### **Log Boom Visibility and Boating Safety**

The Company has provided the owners of marinas at Lake Almanor with a reminder that log booms need to meet the standards established for visibility. An inspection of all resorts was made to determine what was needed to bring log booms into compliance with marking requirements and any other safety issues. The Company sent letters to the owners of resorts requesting corrective action. Copies of these letters are attached. Most of the resorts have responded with the work completed. The remaining resorts have indicated the work will be completed by the end of October.

#### **Recreation Planning**

The Commission's August 1, 2003 letter requests information regarding how the Company intends to address the issue of congestion at Lake Almanor, and in particular, Big Cove. The Company has entered into agreements marina operators at Lake Almanor that provide in relevant part as follows, "B) [Marina] docks or log booms shall not at any time extend

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more than 200 feet from the water edge of Lake Almanor. . . . (G) Docks or log booms located in areas designated by PG&E as coves or inlets, shall not extend more than one third of the distance across the cove or inlet areas current shoreline. If in the opinion of PG&E any dock or log boom causes congestion, presents a safety problem, or overburdens an area of use, PG&E reserves the right to remove or determine alternate locations, numbers and/or sizes of docks and/or log booms. Docks or log booms shall not be placed where they will obstruct navigation, cause confusion, or constitute a hazard.”

While the Company does not believe that dock congestion is a significant issue at most areas around Lake Almanor, the Big Cove area has experienced congestion. With regard to Big Cove, the Company will consult with marina operators and the Plumas County Sheriff’s Boat Patrol to determine what changes should be made prior to the beginning of the 2004 recreation season to address congestion and safety issues. The Company will file a follow-up report with FERC after such consultation.

**Debris Removal**

The clean up work requested in the Commission’s August 1, 2003 letter has been completed. The PSEA docks and the abandoned dock and loose cable at Plumas Pines Resort have been removed from the shoreline.

**Recreation and Public Safety**

Below is a table showing the status of the items that need to be addressed in regard to Recreation and Public Safety.

LOCATION	ITEM NEEDING ATTENTION	STATUS (as of 09/29/03)
CANYON DAM PICNIC AREA	ABANDONED HOSE BIBS AT DAY USE AREA SHOULD BE REMOVED AND WELL WHERE FAUCET DISCHARGED SHOULD BE FILLED.	COMPLETED
CANYON DAM BOAT RAMP	WORK WITH FOREST SERVICE TO REPAIR THE COURTESY DOCK AT THE JUNCTION OF THE WOOD AND CONCRETE SECTION, REMOVE OUTDATED VAULT TOILET NEAR ADA FISHING PLATFORM AND DESIGNATE AN ADA PARKING SPACE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE ADA ROUTE TO THE PLATFORM	FOREST SERVICE IS PLANNING TO DO THIS WORK THIS FALL

LOCATION	ITEM NEEDING ATTENTION	STATUS (as of 09/29/03)
LAKE ALMANOR COMPGROUND	WORK WITH FOREST SERVICE TO REPAIR THE SPALLED CONCRETE AT THE BOAT RAMP.	FOREST SERVICE IS PLANNING TO DO THIS WORK THIS FALL
PG&E'S CAMPGROUND	VISIBILITY OF CABLE GATES IN THE RECREATIONAL AREAS	COMPLETED
ALDER CREEK BOAT RAMP	SEDIMENT DEPOSITED ON BOAT RAMP RESULTS IN DIFFICULT VEHICLE TRACTION	COMPLETED
PONDEROSA CAMPGROUND	METAL ANCHORS AT OLD CONCRETE GARBAGE CAN PADS REPRESENT A TRIPPING HAZARD	COMPLETED
COOL SPRING CAMPGROUND	REPLACE THE PEDESTRAIN BRIDGE ACROSS THE GULLY BETWEEN WALK-IN SITES AND VAULT TOILET	TO BE COMPLETED BY END OF WEEK 10/3
BUTT CREEK	REPLACE SUDDEN WATER FLUCTUATION WARNING SIGN AT HOWELL-BUNGER VALVE RELEASE WITH LARGER SIGN	COMPLETED
BELDON FOREBAY	REMOVE BERRY BUSHES AND VEGETATION OBSCURING SUDDEN FLUCTUATION SIGNS ALONG NORTH FORK FEATHER RIVER BELOW BELDEN FOREBAY	COMPLETED
BELDEN REST STOP	THE STAIR STRUCTURE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING OF THE EBY STAMP MILL IS IN NEED OF REPAIR	MATERIAL ORDERED AND WORK TO BE COMPLETED 10/03
BUTT VALLEY CAMPGROUNDS	BROKEN CONCRETE FIRE RINGS NEED TO BE REPLACED AND GRASSES AND OTHER VEGETATION AT SOME CAMPSITE FIRE RINGS AND GRILLS NEED TO BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY	GRASSES AND OTHER VEGETATION REMOVED; FIRE RINGS ARE ORDERED AND WILL BE INSTALLED BEFORE START OF THE 2004 RECREATIONAL SEASON

**Child Safety**

The August 1, 2003 letter noted that the child play structure at Northshore Campground needed to be repaired or replaced. The Northshore Campground has removed the play structure and has advised the Company that it is considering replacing the play structure with new equipment in the spring of 2004.

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**Pollution Control**

As outlined in the Company's August 29, 2003 e-mail to Antonia Lattin, the temporary basket has been installed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 973-1646.

Very truly yours,



Bill Zemke  
Senior License Coordinator

Original and eight copies

cc: Ms. Antonia Lattin  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
901 Market Street, Suite 350  
San Francisco, CA 94103-1778

Attachment



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Lake Cove Resort  
Attn. Mr. and Mrs. David Carson  
3584 Hwy 147  
Lake Almanor, CA 96137

RE: 2003 FERC INSPECTION

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Carson:

To follow up on our conversation, during a recent inspection of Lake Cove Resort, by both personnel of Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the Federal Energy Regulator Commission (FERC), an item of concern was noted within the licensed area.

- Some of the logs booms are riding low in the water and need to be replaced.

As directed by the FERC, the correction of the above issues must be completed within 30 day of receipt of this letter. Please notify this office as soon as the above has been completed.

Additionally, we marked three dead trees that need to be removed. Under the terms of your license, as the Licensee, you are responsible for the cost and removal of said trees. This letter acts as your permission to remove said trees. Please have your contractor provide proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 and have PG&E named as an additional insured.

If you have any questions, please call me in Chico at (530) 894-4756 or Mr. Mark Sanford at (530) 894-4653.

Sincerely,

Jim Clawson  
Land Agent

bcc: Mark Sanford  
Bill Zemke  
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Wilson's Camp Prattville  
Attn. Mrs. Carol Franchetti  
2932 Lake Almanor Drive West  
Canyon Dam, CA 95923

RE: 2003 FERC INSPECTION

Dear Mrs. Franchetti:

To follow up on our conversation with Ken and Debbie Wilson, during a recent inspection of Lake Almanor Resort, by both personnel of Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the Federal Energy Regulator Commission (FERC), an item of concern was noted within the licensed area.

There is an accumulation of debris along the westerly projection of the log boom, namely, tires, an old anchor barrel, old docks and flotation material and building debris. This material must be removed from the premises.

As directed by the FERC, the correction of the above issue must be completed within 30 day of receipt of this letter. Please notify this office as soon as the above has been completed.

If you have any questions, please call me in Chico at (530) 894-4756 or Mr. Mark Sanford at (530) 894-4653.

Sincerely,

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Lake Almanor Resort  
Attn. Mr. Frank Alling  
2706 Big Springs Road  
Lake Almanor, CA 96137

RE: 2003 FERC INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Alling:

To follow up on our conversation, during a recent inspection of Lake Almanor Resort, by both personnel of Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the Federal Energy Regulator Commission (FERC), several items of concern were noted within the licensed area.

These item include:

- The need for the placement of additional high visibility markers (approximately every 50 feet) along the log booms.
- There is one partially sunken log (from an old log boom) that needs to be removed from PG&E's lands.

As directed by the FERC, the correction of the above issues must be completed within 30 day of receipt of this letter. Please notify this office as soon as the above has been completed.

If you have any questions, please call me in Chico at (530) 894-4756 or Mr. Mark Sanford at (530) 894-4653.

Sincerely,

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Moonspinners Resort  
Attn. Mr. Brett Womack  
P. O. Box 2726  
Lake Almanor, CA 96137

RE: 2003 FERC INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Womack:

During a recent inspection of Moonspinner Resort, by both personnel of Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the Federal Energy Regulator Commission (FERC), an item of concern were noted within the licensed area.

There are numerous pieces of heavy pipe piled in the parking area. As this is a safety concern, these items should be removed immediately. Please notify this office as soon as this material is removed.

If you have any questions, please call me in Chico at (530) 894-4756 or Mr. Mark Sanford at (530) 894-4653.

Sincerely,

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Almanor Lake Front Village  
Attn. Mr. William Kerns  
325 Peninsula Drive  
Lake Almanor, CA 96137

RE: 2003 FERC INSPECTION

Dear Mr. Kerns:

During a recent inspection of Almanor Lake Front Village, by both personnel of Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the Federal Energy Regulator Commission (FERC), several items of concern were noted within the licensed area.

These item include:

- There is a buoy in front of the village, we assume to belong to you, that is unauthorized and should be removed.
- There is a large log on the shore line that should be removed.

As directed by the FERC, the correction of the above issues must be completed within 30 day of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, please call me in Chico at (530) 894-4756 or Mr. Mark Sanford at (530) 894-4653.

Sincerely,

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High Sierra Resort  
Attn. Carol Occhuizzo  
434 Edgewood Avenue  
Indiana, PA 15701

RE: 2003 FERC INSPECTION

Dear Mrs. Occhuizzo:

During a recent inspection of High Sierra Resort, by both personnel of Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the Federal Energy Regulator Commission (FERC), a item of concern were noted within the licensed area.

The existing boat dock is in disrepair. As this is a safety concern, and under the terms of the existing license with PG&E, this facility needs to be repaired or removed from the premises.

As directed by the FERC, the correction of the above issue must be completed within 30 day of receipt of this letter. Please notify this office when the appropriate action has been completed.

If you have any questions, please call me in Chico at (530) 894-4756 or Mr. Mark Sanford at (530) 894-4653.

Sincerely,

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Land Agent

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