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**Subject: Middle Fork American River Project (FERC Project No. 2079)
Draft Application for New License**

Dear Relicensing Participant:

In accordance with 18 CFR § 5.18, Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) the attached Draft Application for New License (Draft License Application) for the Middle Fork American River Project (MFP or Project), FERC Project No. 2079.

The MFP operates under a 50-year license, which was issued on March 13, 1963, by the Federal Power Commission, predecessor of the current FERC. The current license expires on March 1, 2013. Through submittal of this Draft License Application, PCWA is requesting renewal of its license to continue operation and maintenance of the MFP with a license term of 50 years (expiring on March 1, 2063). The new license term is based on the substantial costs associated with relicensing of the MFP; capital improvements; new environmental measures, programs, and facilities; and extensive monitoring and on-going resource agency consultation to ensure continued resource protection over the term of the new license.

The Draft License Application is comprised of five volumes, including public, critical energy infrastructure, confidential, and privileged information. Enclosed is an outline of the material contained in each volume. Volume 1 and 3 of the Draft License Application containing public information are enclosed (one electronic copy on Compact Disk (CD)). As previously requested, select relicensing participants will receive a paper copy. Volumes 2 and 5, which contain critical energy infrastructure information (CEII) and privileged cultural information, are not provided. Volume 4 containing confidential biological resource information is only provided to state and Federal agencies with stewardship over those resources.

By copy of this letter, PCWA is notifying resource agencies and other interested parties of the Draft License Application (see attached Distribution List). The Draft License Application, with the exception of materials with CEII, Confidential, and Privileged designations (Volumes 2, 4, and 5), is available on PCWA's Middle Fork American River Project Relicensing website at <http://relicensing.pcwa.net/> and at the Resource Library, located at the PCWA Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, California. Any other interested party may request an electronic

copy of Volumes 1 or 3 (Public Information) by contacting Beverly Bell, PCWA Administrative Aide at (530) 823-4973 or by E-Mail at bbell@pcwa.net.

Comment on the Draft License Application will be accepted for 90 days, with the comment period closing on December 27, 2010. Comments should be submitted to:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr., Deputy Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

Comments may also be filed electronically. Instructions for electronic filings are available on the FERC's website (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>).

PCWA looks forward to working with the resource agencies and other interested parties on the Middle Fork American River Project relicensing. If you have any questions regarding the Draft License Application, please contact Andrew Fecko, PCWA Resource Planning Administrator at (530) 823-4889 or by E-Mail at afecko@pcwa.net.

Sincerely,
PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY



Andrew Fecko
Resource Planning Administrator

Enclosures:

- The Distribution List
- Cover Letter to the FERC's Archaeologist
- Cover Letter to Tribal Representatives
- Outline of Each Volume of the Draft License Application
- Volume 1: Initial Statement, Exhibit A, B, C, D, G, and H (Public Information)
- Volume 3: Exhibit E and Supporting Documents A, B, and C [Books 1 through 11]
(Public Information)
- Volume 4: Exhibit E Supporting Documents A, B, and C (Confidential Information) - select distribution