

December 10, 2018

**Via Electronic Submittal (eFile)**

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
888 – 1st Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426-0001

**Subject: Yuba River Development Project  
FERC Project No. 2246-046 California  
Transmittal of Non-Capacity Amendment (Exhibit R)**

Dear Secretary Bose:

This letter provides to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) the attached Application for a Non-Capacity Amendment of License Major Project – Existing Dam for Yuba County Water Agency’s (YCWA) Yuba River Development Project, FERC Project No. 2246 (Project).

YCWA is filing this non-capacity amendment in response to FERC’s letters dated November 1, 2016 and May 24, 2017 requesting that the YCWA provide FERC additional information regarding YCWA’s proposal to replace the burned Cottage Creek Picnic Area with a 100 persons-at-one-time group campground and to re-organize the existing boat ramp parking areas at the Cottage Creek and Dark Day boat launch facilities, respectively. Specifically, FERC requested that YCWA provide an application to amend the existing Exhibit R in the current license. At this time, YCWA is submitting this non-capacity license amendment application to update the existing Exhibit R (Amended Exhibit R).

YCWA is in the process of applying for a new FERC license for the Project. As part of this relicensing process, YCWA has been involved in extensive discussions and consultation with the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, and other interested parties since June 2013 to develop the new license recreation plan based on the results of YCWA’s relicensing recreation study. As part of the consultation, YCWA, the Forest Service and other interested parties have agreed upon several improvements to the existing Project recreation facilities as part of the existing license, specifically at Cottage Creek Campground and the parking areas at Dark Day and Cottage Creek boat launch facilities. Both areas are on National Forest System (NFS) lands.

As requested by FERC, YCWA prepared a draft Amended Exhibit R that shows all existing Project recreation facilities, YCWAs proposed new Cottage Creek Campground, and a proposed re-organized parking at the Cottage Creek and Dark Day boat launch facilities. YCWA provided the draft Plan to the Forest Service for review on July 9, 2017, and then met on January 16, April 20, June 5, and recently on August 21, 2018. Following additional consultation in September and

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October 2018, YCWA and the Forest Service have developed a mutually acceptable Amended Exhibit R. YCWA understands that the Forest Service will be filing a letter of support with FERC in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions regarding the Non-Capacity Amendment Application, please contact me.

Sincerely,

  
for  
Curt Aikens  
General Manager

Attachment 1: Initial Statement for the Application for a Non-Capacity Amendment of License Major Project – Existing Dam for the Yuba River Development Project (Amended Exhibit R), FERC Project Number 2246

Attachment 2: Amended Exhibit R

cc: David Rudisail, FERC, DC  
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Amy Lind, Forest Service  
FERC Service List for the Yuba River Development Project, FERC Project No. 2246

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in this proceeding (Yuba River Development Project, FERC Project No. 2246-046).

Dated in Sacramento, CA this \_10th\_ day of December, 2018.



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