



December 2, 2013

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. 2246-058
Transmittal of Draft License Application**

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.16(a) and (c), the Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA), as owner and operator of the Yuba River Development Project (Project), FERC Number 2246, files with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the attached Draft Application for New License Major Project – Existing Dam (Draft License Application, or DLA).

YCWA is filing with FERC all portions of the DLA, with the exception of Appendix E6 to Exhibit E,¹ following the Commission's eFiling guidelines.

The DLA was prepared in accordance with FERC's Integrated Licensing Process, and includes six volumes. A copy of the transmittal letter is included with each volume.

Volumes I through IV contain information YCWA considers Public, and include the following:

- **Volume I** Initial Statement
 - Exhibit A Project Description
 - Exhibit B Project Operations and Resource Utilization
 - Exhibit C Construction History and Proposed Construction Schedule
 - Exhibit D Statement of Project Costs and Financing

¹ With FERC's approval, YCWA is not filing Appendix E6 to Exhibit E with the DLA. Appendix E6 contains material such as the Yuba River Water Balance/Operations Model, technical memoranda for relicensing studies, and a helicopter video of Project facilities and stream reaches. This material has been provided to Relicensing Participants and is available on YCWA's Relicensing Website (www.ycwa-relicensing.com). Since the size and format of the material precludes its uploading to FERC's e-Library system, FERC agreed that this material would not be filed with the DLA, but would be available to Relicensing Participants on YCWA's Website. YCWA will file the material with FERC in its final Application for New License Major Project – Existing Dam (FLA) in April 2014.

- **Volume II** Exhibit E Environmental Report

- **Volume III** Exhibit F General Design Drawings
 Exhibit G Project Maps
 Exhibit H Miscellaneous Material

- **Volume IV** Applicant-Prepared Draft Biological Assessment for Central Valley
 Spring-run Chinook Salmon and Central Valley Steelhead
 Applicant-Prepared Draft Essential Fish Habitat Assessment

Volume V contains information YCWA considers Privileged due to its confidential nature. Volume V contains the following:

- **Volume V** Historic Properties Management Plan

Volume VI contains information that FERC considers Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII). Volume VI contains the following:

- **Volume VI** General Design Drawings
 Single Line Electrical Diagram

YCWA will make Volume I through IV available to all federal, state and local agencies, Native American tribes, non-governmental organizations and members of the general public that have expressed an interest in the relicensing by:

- posting the volumes to the public Project Relicensing website: <http://www.ycwa-relicensing.com/>

- making a hardcopy of the volumes available to the public during regular business hours (8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday) at YCWA's place of business, which is:

Yuba County Water Agency
1220 F Street
Marysville, CA 95901

The public is instructed to contact Mr. Curt Aikens or his designee by telephone at (530) 741-5000 to make an appointment to review the information.

- making a hardcopy of volumes available at the following public library in the Project region:

Yuba County Public Library
303 2nd Street
Marysville, CA 95901

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YCWA will mail a hardcopy of Volume V to the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service; California State Historic Preservation Officer; and Native American tribes that have been active in the relicensing.

Volume VI will not be made available to Relicensing Participants unless FERC directs YCWA to do so.

Within 90 days of the date of this filing, as provided in 18 CFR § 5.16(e), parties interested in the relicensing proceeding may file comments with FERC on the DLA.

If you have any questions regarding the DLA, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Curt Aikens
General Manager

Attachment: Draft Application for New License Major Project – Existing Dam for the Yuba River Development Project, FERC Project No. 2246

cc: Alan Mitchnick, FERC Project Coordinator
FERC Project No. 2246 Relicensing Participants E-mail Contact List (via electronic mail)