



April 21, 2014

**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. 2246-042  
Transmittal of Final License Application**

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. Section 5.17, 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 Application for New License Major Project – Existing Dam (Final License Application, or FLA).

YCWA is filing with FERC all portions of the FLA following the Commission's eFiling guidelines with two exceptions. Appendix E6 to Exhibit E, must be filed by Digital Versatile Discs (DVD) because the large size and format of the material included in Appendix E6 precludes uploading it to FERC's e-Library system. Appendix E6 includes the Water Balance/Operations Model (HEC-ResSim) for the Yuba River Development Project, hydrologic information, technical memoranda for relicensing studies, a helicopter video of Project facilities and stream reaches, and other information. The second exception is Exhibit G, Project Maps, in ESRI ArcGIS™ shapefile format (shapefiles), which must be filed on DVD due to their format and size. YCWA will file with FERC an original and two copies of Exhibit E, Appendix E6, and an original and two copies of Exhibit G, shapefiles.

The FLA was prepared in accordance with FERC's Integrated Licensing Process, and includes six volumes. A copy of this 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

- **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, Central Valley Steelhead and North  
                     American Green Sturgeon  
                     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

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.

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

Sincerely,



Curt Aikens  
General Manager

Attachment: Application for New License Major Project – Existing Dam for the Yuba River Development Project, FERC Number 2246

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