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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

Project No. 298-080-California  
Kaweah Project  
Southern California Edison Company

**Reference: Consultation with Tribes for the Kaweah Project No. 298**

To the Parties Addressed:

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) invites your participation in the relicensing process for the 8.85-megawatt (MW) Kaweah Project No. 298. The project is located on the Kaweah River in Tulare County, California. Southern California Edison Company owns and operates the project under a license issued by the Commission and has decided to use the Commission's Integrated Licensing Process to relicense the project.<sup>1</sup> The current license expires on December 31, 2021 and the licensee must file an application for a new license by December 31, 2019. The project occupies public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

The Kaweah Project has three developments. Kaweah No. 1 consists of: (1) a 20-foot-long and 6-foot-high concrete diversion dam, (2) a 30,723-foot-long steel flume, (3) a 3,340-foot-long penstock, and (4) a powerhouse with an impulse turbine rated at 2.25 megawatts (MW). Kaweah No. 2 consists of: (1) a 161-foot-long, 7-foot-high concrete diversion dam, (2) a 16,738-foot-long concrete-lined ditch, (3) a 3,822-foot-long steel flume, (4) a 1,047-foot-long steel pipe, (5) a 1,012-foot-long buried penstock, and (6) a powerhouse with a Francis turbine rated at 1.8 MW. Kaweah No. 3 consists of: (1) an embankment forebay, (2) a 2,580 foot-long concrete-lined flume, (3) a 3,151 foot-long penstock, and (4) a powerhouse with two impulse turbines rated at a combined 4.8 MW. The project has a 4.09-mile-long transmission line and appurtenant facilities.

To ensure that issues of concern to you are being addressed in the current prefilings phase of the process, Commission staff invites you to meet with them at this time. Any such meeting can be limited to members of our respective staff, or it can include other tribes, the licensees, or any other stakeholder(s) you wish.

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<sup>1</sup> 58 FERC ¶ 62,097 (1992).

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**If at all possible, we would appreciate your response by February 10, 2017.** Our regulations require that we hold a meeting with your tribe no later than thirty days from the filing of Southern California Edison Company's Notice of Intent<sup>2</sup> if a meeting is desired;<sup>3</sup> however, we are waiving that timeframe to ensure that, if your tribe desires a meeting, we will be able to conduct it at a mutually agreeable time. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file your response using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-298-080.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jim Hastreiter at (503) 552-2760, or [james.hastreiter@ferc.gov](mailto:james.hastreiter@ferc.gov). Commission staff will contact your office shortly to follow up on this letter.

Sincerely,

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<sup>2</sup> Southern California Edison Company filed its Notice of Intent with the Commission on December 14, 2016.

<sup>3</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 5.7.



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