

section 204 of the Federal Power Act seeking authorization to issue short-term debt securities in an amount not to exceed \$550 million.

Comment Date: May 6, 2003.

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Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 233-081]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, California; Notice of Public Meetings for Discussion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Pit 3, 4, 5 Project

April 15, 2003.

On March 14, 2003, the Commission staff mailed the Pit 3, 4, 5 Hydroelectric Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to the Environmental Protection Agency, resource and land management agencies, and interested organizations and individuals.

The DEIS was noticed in the **Federal Register** on March 21, 2003 (68 FR 13911), and comments are due by May 21, 2003. The DEIS evaluates the environmental consequences of the relicensing and subsequent operation of the existing 325-megawatt Pit 3, 4, 5 Project located on the Pit River, in Shasta County, California. The project occupies 746 acres of land of the United States administered by the Forest Supervisors of the Shasta-Trinity and Lassen National Forests. It also evaluates the environmental effects of implementing the applicant's proposals, agency and NGO recommendations, staff's recommendations, and the no-action alternative.

The Commission will hold three public meetings on the DEIS. At these meetings, resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments and recommendations regarding the DEIS. The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and all comments and recommendations received will become part of the formal record for this Commission proceeding. We invite all interested agencies, non-governmental organizations, Native American tribes, and individuals to attend one or more of the meetings. The meetings will be held as follows.

Date	Time	Location
April 29, 2003	10 a.m.-noon.	Holiday Inn, 1900 Hilltop Drive, Redding, California.
April 29, 2003	7-9 p.m.	Burney Community Center, 37477 Main Street, Burney, California.
April 30, 2003	1-3 p.m.	Veterans Hall, 508 South Main Street, Alturas, California.

For further information, please contact John Mudre, at (202) 502-8902, or john.mudre@ferc.gov, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Energy Projects, 888 First St., NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP03-57-000]

El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Bondad Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

April 16, 2003.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of a proposal by El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) to replace certain facilities at its Bondad Compressor

Station in La Plata County, Colorado.¹ These facilities consist of the replacement of 3 gas-fired turbines with increased horsepower units, installation of a new boiler and modifications to related equipment at the facility. All work and modifications would take place within the existing facility and no additional land would be necessary. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

Summary of the Proposed Project

El Paso proposes to replace certain compression facilities at its Bondad Compressor Station, located in Township 33 North, Range 9 West, La Plata County, Colorado. El Paso is seeking to replace 3 existing Solar

¹ El Paso's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations.