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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
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**Re: FERC Project No. 12779-005 – PG&E’S Humboldt WaveConnect Project
Request for 90-Day Extension of Time to File Revised Monitoring Plans**

Dear Secretary Bose:

On April 30, 2010, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission” or “FERC”) commented on Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (“PG&E”) March 1, 2010 Draft Pilot License Application (“DPLA”) for PG&E’s Humboldt WaveConnect Project (“Project”). The Commission noted that PG&E’s DPLA largely met FERC’s regulatory requirements, however, FERC had some concerns with PG&E’s proposed monitoring plans and various resource protection plans. Consequently, before FERC could approve PG&E’s request to use the Pilot Licensing Process, the Commission instructed PG&E to file revised monitoring and adaptive management plans (“MAMPs”). These revised MAMPs are due August 30, 2010.

Since the Commission’s April 30th letter, there have been a variety of Project-related developments and activities including:

1. The May 18, 2010 execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between FERC and the State of California to coordinate procedures and schedules for review of hydrokinetic energy projects;
2. PG&E’s May 26, 2010 Answer to Comments on the Humboldt WaveConnect DPLA;
3. FERC’s June 8 and 9, 2010 Technical Meetings and Land-Based Environmental Site review which were held in coordination with the California State Lands Commission (“CSLC”); and



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4. Various meetings and telephone conferences with the Humboldt Working Group Permitting Authority Sub-Committee (“HWG”) and agencies including the August 4, 2010 meeting with FERC, California State Lands Commission, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Coastal Commission, California Department of Fish & Game, State Water Resources Control Board, and the California Energy Commission.

As the Commission knows from its participation in the various HWG and public meetings, including the recent August 4th meeting, PG&E and the interested parties are trying to move forward with the WaveConnect Project, but there are numerous economic, regulatory, technical, community, and environmental challenges. These challenges have slowed the Project’s progress, and it will not be possible for PG&E to meet FERC’s August 30, 2010 deadline to submit the revised MAMPs. Consequently, PG&E respectfully requests a ninety-day extension, or by November 29, 2010, to file the revised MAMPs. The extension will allow PG&E to work with the resource agencies and other interested parties to address these project challenges and prepared the revised MAMPs.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact me at (415) 973-7145 or by e-mail at arf3@pge.com, or Mr. Robert Blair, Project Manager, at 973-5238 or by e-mail at r9be@pge.com.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Service List for FERC Project No. 12779