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From (Public Agency):
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
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Project Title: Camp Far West Transmission Line Project (Project)

Project Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

Project Location – Specific: The Camp Far West Transmission Line consists of approximately 10.9 miles of transmission line from South Sutter Water District's (SSWD) Camp Far West Project switchyard to a switch on the Smartville-Nicholas No. 1 60 kV line at Beale Air Force Base. The Project is located in Placer and Yuba Counties, and is approximately 5 miles northeast of Wheatland, California.

Project Location – Nearest City: Wheatland

Project Location – County: Placer, Yuba

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: On June 27, 2019, PG&E filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a subsequent license to continue operation and maintenance of the Camp Far West Transmission Line Project (Project). The Project transmits power approximately 10.9 miles from the Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project's switchyard to a switch on the Smartville-Nicholas No. 1 60 kV line at Beale Air Force Base. On July 13, 2023, PG&E applied for a water quality certification from the State Water Resource Control Board. Proposed operation and maintenance of the Project involves: (1) routine inspections, (2) minor repairs, (3) tree trimming and hazard tree reduction, (4) wood pole testing and treatment, (5) maintenance of tubular steel poles, (6) pole repair and replacement, and (7) conductor repair and replacement. Project operation and maintenance will not result in a change to the design or function of the transmission line. By maintaining the functionality of the transmission line, the Project will continue transmitting power to the California wholesale electric market.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: PG&E

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Existing Facilities, section 15301; Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction, section 15302; Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land, section 15304; and Class 9, Inspections, section 15309.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project is categorically exempt from the requirements to prepare environmental documents under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 (Existing Facilities). Project operations and maintenance of existing facilities used to transmit electric power and other public utility services involves no expansion of use nor increase of the facilities' footprint. The Project is categorically exempt from the requirements to prepare environmental documents under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction). Replacement or reconstruction of existing Project infrastructure involves negligible or no expansion of use nor increase of the facilities' footprint. The Project is categorically exempt from the requirements to prepare environmental documents under California Code of Regulations, title 14,

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

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Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land). Project repair, replacement, vegetation management, and maintenance of existing facilities involve minor alterations in land. The Project is categorically exempt from the requirements to prepare environmental documents under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15309 (Inspections). Project inspections of existing facilities involve checking operational performance and compliance with state and federal regulations. None of the exceptions to categorical exemptions apply to the Project. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21084; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15300.2.)

Lead Agency: State Water Resources Control Board

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Parker Thaler Title: Environmental Program Manager I Date: 7/12/24

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant