

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

South Sutter Water District

Project No. 2997-031

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE LICENSE APPLICATION, FILING OF PRE-APPLICATION DOCUMENT, APPROVING USE OF THE TRADITIONAL LICENSING PROCESS

(May 13, 2016)

- a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- b. Project No.: 2997-031
- c. Date Filed: March 14, 2016
- d. Submitted By: South Sutter Water District
- e. Name of Project: Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: On the Bear River, in Yuba, Nevada, and Placer Counties, California. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR §5.3 of the Commission's regulations
- h. Potential Applicant Contact: Bradley J. Arnold, General Manager/Secretary, South Sutter Water District, 2464 Pacific Avenue, Trowbridge, CA 95659; (530) 656-2242; e-mail – sswd@hughes.net.
- i. FERC Contact: Quinn Emmering at (202) 502-6382; or e-mail at quinn.emmering@ferc.gov.
- j. South Sutter Water District filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on March 11, 2016. South Sutter Water District provided public notice of its request on April 14, 2016. In a letter dated May 13, 2016, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved South Sutter Water District's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR § 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR § 800.2.
- l. With this notice, we are designating South Sutter Water District as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- m. South Sutter Water District filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.
- o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 2997-031. Pursuant to 18 CFR §§ 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by June 30, 2019.

- p. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.