Kimberly Bose, Secretary

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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(Date)

Dear Secretary Bose,

In order to protect and recover threatened runs of spring run Chinook salmon and steelhead in Butte Creek, the Centerville Head dam of the DeSabla-Centerville project must be removed as soon as possible. This will restore access to a dozen miles of high-quality habitat above Centerville Dam, in addition to providing other ecological benefits. Furthermore, the recently failed Butte Canal needs a complete rebuild to ensure the safety of the canal from the horribly destructive failures such as happened August 10, 2023.

PG&E has acknowledged that Centerville Dam has no purpose as the Centerville powerhouse and canal are beyond repair. Centerville Dam needs to be removed immediately. The powerhouse, penstocks, and canals must be decommissioned or repurposed.

The public’s best interest is served by requiring PG&E to set a path to accelerated dam removal, repair and modification, thus furthering protection and restoration of Butte Creek native fish. Transferring the license of the DeSabla-Centerville Project to Pacific Generation would do nothing to advance project licensing, repair or decommissioning, and could instead slow the process.

If PG&E’s license transfer proposal is approved, FERC must ensure that Pacific Generation has the financial and technical means to handle PG&E’s liabilities for decommissioning, dam removal, and restoration of the project area. If the Commission decides the transfer is inappropriate, it should require PG&E to complete the current licensing and immediately begin satisfying the conditions imposed by the State and Federal agencies, including Centerville dam removal, lower Centerville canal repurposing, and any other contemporary conditions, such as total repair of the recently failed Butte Canal.

Sincerely,

(your name and address)