

February 25, 2004

Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Mail Code: ES-1
888 First Street, N.E., Room 11G-1
Washington, DC 20426

Subject: Notice of Intent to File an Application for New License for
Big Creek No. 3 Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 120)

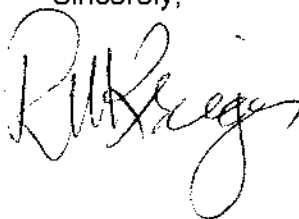
Dear Ms. Salas:

This will serve as Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) notice, pursuant to Federal Power Act Section 15(b)(1) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) regulations at 18 C.F.R. §16.6, of SCE's unequivocal intent to file an application for a new power license for Big Creek No. 3 Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 120).

The Big Creek No. 3 Project is being licensed pursuant to the Commission's regulations at 18 C.F.R Part 16, Subpart B. Additionally, on March 15, 2000, the Commission approved the SCE request to license this project, along with 3 additional hydroelectric projects (Big Creek 2A, 8 and Eastwood - FERC Project No. 67; Big Creek Nos. 1 and 2 - FERC Project No. 2175; and Mammoth Pool - FERC Project No. 2085), using the alternative licensing procedures set forth in 18 C.F.R. §4.34(i). An original and fourteen copies of this letter and enclosure are being provided. The enclosure provides the detailed information required by 18 C.F.R. §16.6(b).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Geoff Rabone at (909) 394-8721.

Sincerely,



Enclosure

cc: Mark Robinson, FERC Washington D.C.
James Fargo, FERC Washington D.C.
Takeshi Yamashita, FERC San Francisco

Enclosure
Southern California Edison
Notice of Intent to Relicense
Big Creek No. 3 Project – FERC Project No. 120

Licensee's Name and Address: Southern California Edison Company
Attention: Nino J. Mascolo
Senior Attorney
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Rosemead, California 91770

Southern California Edison Company
Attention: Russ Krieger
Vice President, Power Production
300 North Lone Hill Ave.
San Dimas, California 91773

Project Number: FERC Project No. 120

License Expiration Date: February 28, 2009

Principal Project Works: The project consists of Dam 6 Forebay and Dam with a capacity 993 acre-feet, Powerhouse No. 3 equipped with five turbine generator units with a total installed capacity of 174.45 megawatts (MW), and the water conveyance system of unlined tunnels, steel piping, penstocks, and valving.

Water for the project is diverted from the Dam 6 Forebay to Powerhouse No. 3.

Type of Application: Application For New Power License

Location of the Project: Project No. 120 is located in Fresno County, California, and within the Sierra National Forest. The project is situated on the San Joaquin River. The nearest communities are the town of Big Creek approximately 9 mile northeast of the project, the town of Shaver Lake approximately 4.5 miles southeast of the project, the town of North Fork approximately 9 miles northwest of the project, the town of Auberry approximately 7 miles southwest of the project, and the City of Fresno approximately 27 miles southwest of the project. Powerhouse No. 3 is located in Section NW ¼ of section 17, T.9.S., R.24.E.

Installed Plant Capacity: Big Creek Powerhouse No. 3 has a total installed plant capacity of 174,450 MW.

Location of Information Available to the Public: Northern Hydro Regional Office
54205 Mountain Poplar Road
Big Creek, CA 93605
(559) 893-3611

The following Distribution Lists were used to develop a comprehensive list for this Notice of Intent. These include:

Entities required by 18 CFR Section 16.6(b)(10);

FERC Service List for Project No. 67 (Big Creek Nos. 2A, 8, and Eastwood);

FERC Service List for Project No. 120 (Big Creek No. 3);

FERC Service List for Project No. 2175 (Big Creek Nos. 1 and 2); and

Individuals and entities participating in the Big Creek Collaborative Tier 1.