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Subject: Request for California Energy Commission Perspective on Possible Decommissioning of Kilarc-Cow Hydroelectric Project (Project), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) No. 606, Shasta County

For the past six months, representatives of the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) have been meeting with representatives of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and other interested parties to discuss the environmental and socio-economic consequences of decommissioning PG&E's Kilarc-Cow Hydroelectric Project in Shasta County. The DFG considers these meetings to have been productive and we look forward to a continued dialogue with PG&E and other stakeholders on the future of this Project.

August 11, 2004, Synergics Energy Services, LLC (Synergics) sent comment letter to the DFG which presents an alternative perspective on the Kilarc-Cow decommissioning discussions. A copy of this letter is enclosed for your reference. A large portion of the Synergics letter focuses on the energy implications of decommissioning the 4.6 megawatt Kilarc-Cow Project. The DFG respectfully requests the California Energy Commission (CEC) consider providing comments on this letter, given your relevant expertise. We believe CEC comments would be valuable not only to the DFG but to all of the parties involved in the on-going decommissioning discussions.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Environmental Scientist Annie Manji of my staff at (530) 225-3846.

Enclosure

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