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**PG&E HOSTING PUBLIC MEETINGS ON KILARC-COW CREEK
HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT DECOMMISSION PLANNING**

PG&E to present preliminary proposed decommission plan and open public comment period

REDDING – Pacific Gas and Electric Company will host two public meetings to present its preliminary proposed decommission plan for the Kilarc-Cow Creek Hydroelectric Project, located in Shasta County near Whitmore.

PG&E is developing the plan based upon comments received during public meetings held last April and May, as well as public site visits last June, informal discussions with stakeholders, written comments received, and the March 22, 2005 project agreement with resource agencies and other stakeholders.

PG&E will distribute copies of the preliminary proposed plan at the meetings and afterwards post it on the project Web site www.kilarccowcreek.com. The meetings are scheduled for:

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007, at 7 p.m.

Foothill High School, 9733 Deschutes Road, Palo Cedro

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

CH2M Hill office, 2525 Airpark Drive, Redding

Comments are welcomed on the preliminary plan and PG&E requests that written comments be submitted by October 12, 2007 and mailed to: Pacific Gas and Electric Company c/o Brian Frantz, Entrix, 2300 Clayton Rd Suite 200. Concord, CA 94520. Comments can also be sent by email to kilarccowcreek@ch2m.ca

PG&E will schedule and announce a subsequent meeting to discuss responses to comments. The comments and responses will be incorporated into the license surrender application, which PG&E is required to file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission no later than March 27, 2009.

In 2005, PG&E announced it would not seek a new license from FERC to continue operating the Kilarc-Cow Creek Hydroelectric Project, which totals 5 megawatts of power

generation. PG&E made this decision after an extensive analysis of anticipated new license conditions revealed the project would no longer be an economic source of power for PG&E's electric customers, as well as upon concluding that decommissioning would benefit wild salmon and steelhead by returning water to the streams.

Once PG&E did not file an application for a new license, an 18-month period commenced for any interested party to file an application, but none did. PG&E is now required to develop a license surrender application, which will include a decommissioning plan, and file it with FERC for approval, by March 27, 2009.