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Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
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SUBJECT: North Fork Stanislaus River Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2409
Filing of Pre-Application Document

Dear Secretary Reese:

Pursuant to Section 5.6 of Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Calaveras County Water District (CCWD or Licensee), a State of California public agency, files with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) this attached Pre-Application Document (PAD) in support of CCWD's intent to file an application for a new license for the North Fork Stanislaus River Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project Number 2409 (P-2409 or Project). CCWD is the existing licensee and current owner of the Project.

FERC issued the original Project license to CCWD on February 8, 1982, stating that the license would be effective the first day of the month of license issuance for a 50-year period, expiring on January 31, 2032.

Simultaneously with the filing of this PAD and in conformance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.5., under separate cover CCWD has filed with FERC a Notice of Intent (NOI) to file an application for new license for the Project on or before January 31, 2030, two years prior to the expiration of the existing license. In addition, in conformance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.3(b) and (c)(1), CCWD has filed with FERC a request to use the traditional licensing process (TLP) to relicense the Project.

This PAD filing includes one volume, all contents of which are public information, and includes: 1) a process plan and schedule; 2) information on the Project location, facilities, and operations; 3) a description of the existing environment and potential resource impacts; 4) a list of preliminary issues and studies; and 5) a summary of contacts made with various resource agencies, Native American tribes, non-governmental organizations or other members of the public in connection with preparing the PAD. It is CCWD's belief that the PAD demonstrates CCWD's exercise of due diligence in obtaining and providing relevant and existing information.

In conformance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.2(a) and Sections 5.6(a)(1) and (2), CCWD will make the PAD, NOI, and CCWD's request to use the TLP available to appropriate federal and State of California resource agencies, Native American tribes, local governments, non-governmental

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organizations (NGO), and members of the public likely to be interested in the proceeding. A list of those parties is provided in the NOI.

Further, in conformance with 18 C.F.R. Section 5.3(d)(2), CCWD has published a notice of the filing of this NOI and PAD and a notice of filing of CCWD's request to use the TLP in daily and weekly newspapers of general circulation in each county in which the Project is located.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact me at (209) 754-3001 or by email at michaelm@ccwd.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M Minkler", is positioned above the typed name.

Michael Minkler
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Attachment: CCWD's North Fork Stanislaus River Hydroelectric Project Pre-Application Document

cc w/out Attach: North Fork Stanislaus River Hydroelectric Project Relicensing Contact List (via e-mail)

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