

orders otherwise. If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Alabama Power Company is authorized to continue operation of the Coosa River Project until such time as the Commission acts on its application for a subsequent license.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2155-000]

#### **Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation**

August 8, 2007.

On July 15, 2005, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, licensee for the Chili Bar Hydroelectric Project, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations. The Chili Bar Project is located on the South Fork American River in El Dorado, near Placerville, California.

The license for Project No. 2155 was issued for a period ending July 31, 2007. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2155 is issued to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, for a period effective August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before July 31, 2008, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise. If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Pacific Gas and Electric Company is authorized to continue operation of the Chili Bar Project until such time as the Commission acts on its application for a subsequent license.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2545-000]

#### **Avista Corporation; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation**

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The Spokane River Hydroelectric Project, P-2545, as currently licensed, consists of five developments: Upper Falls, Monroe Street, Nine Mile, Long Lake and Post Falls. On July 28, 2005, Avista Corporation, licensee for the Spokane River Hydroelectric Project, filed two applications for new or subsequent licenses pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations. One application, docketed P-2545, is for the Upper Falls, Monroe Street, Nine Mile, Long Lake project developments. The other application, docketed P-12606, is for the Post Falls development only. The Post Falls development is located on the Spokane River in the counties of Kootenai and Benewah, Idaho. The Spokane River Hydroelectric Project Developments are located on the Spokane River in Spokane, Steven, and Lincoln County, Washington.

The license for Project No. 2545 was issued for a period ending July 31, 2007. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C.

808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2545 (Upper Falls, Monroe Street, Nine Mile, Long Lake and Post Falls) is issued to Avista Corporation, for a period effective August 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008, or until the issuance of a new license(s) for the project(s) or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license(s) (or other disposition) does not take place on or before July 31, 2008, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise. If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Avista Corporation, is authorized to continue operation of the Spokane River Hydroelectric Project until such time as the Commission acts on its application for a subsequent license.

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