

with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New License for Major Project—Existing Dam.

b. *Project No.:* P-120-020.

c. *Date Filed:* February 23, 2007.

d. *Applicant:* Southern California Edison Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Big Creek No. 3 Hydroelectric Power Project.

f. *Location:* The Big Creek No. 3 Hydroelectric Project is located in Fresno and Madera Counties, California near the town of Auberry within the San Joaquin River watershed. The Project occupies 377.16 acres of Federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Russ W. Krieger, Vice President, Power Production, Southern California Edison Company, 300 North Lone Hill Ave., San Dimas, California 91773. Phone: (909) 394-8667.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ken Hogan at (202) 502-8434, or e-mail: [Kenneth.Hogan@ferc.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Hogan@ferc.gov).

j. Deadline for filing comments, and recommendations, final terms and conditions, and prescriptions is 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

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k. This application has been accepted for filing and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Description of Project:* The existing Big Creek No. 3 Hydroelectric Power Project consists of one powerhouse; one moderate-sized dam and forebay; and one water conveyance system. The Project is operated as a reservoir-storage type plant with an installed operating

capacity of 174.45 MW. Water for the Project is taken from the San Joaquin River just downstream of its confluence with Big Creek and conveyed to the Big Creek No. 3 Powerhouse through Tunnel No. 3. The energy generated by the Project is transmitted to the SCE transmission and distribution system and used for public utility purposes. The project would have an average annual generation of 804,240 megawatt-hours.

- *Powerhouse:* Big Creek Powerhouse No. 3, with five turbine generator units.

- *Moderate-sized dam and forebay:* Dam 6 and Dam 6 Impoundment, with a capacity of about 933 ac-ft, at an elevation of about 2,230 ft above mean sea level (msl).

- *Water conveyance system:* Powerhouse No. 3 water conveyance system, about 5.3 miles long, conveys water from Dam No. 6 Impoundment to Big Creek Powerhouse No. 3 through a tunnel with a capacity of about 3,250 cfs. The system includes a pressure-relief valve system and penstocks providing pressurized water from the tunnel to the turbine.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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o. *Procedural schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made if the Commission determines it necessary to do so:

Milestone	Tentative date
Comments, recommendations, final terms and conditions, and prescriptions due.	March 8, 2008.
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Notice of the availability of the final EIS.	March 2009.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2175-014]

#### **Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, and Recommendations, Final Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions**

January 8, 2008.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

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b. *Project No.:* P-2175-014.

c. *Date Filed:* February 23, 2007.

d. *Applicant*: Southern California Edison Company.

e. *Name of Project*: Big Creek Nos. 1 and 2 Hydroelectric Power Project.

f. *Location*: In Fresno County, California, and within the Sierra National Forest. The project is situated along Big Creek, a tributary to the San Joaquin River. The project affects 1,877.96 acres of federal land administered by the Sierra National Forest.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r)

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l. *Description of Project*: The existing Big Creek Nos. 1 and 2 Hydroelectric Power Project consists of two powerhouses, four major dams forming one major reservoir, one moderate dam and impoundment, three small diversions, and three water conveyance systems. The project would have an average annual generation of 657,072 megawatt-hours.

- *Powerhouses* (i) Powerhouse No. 1 with four turbine/generator units and a total dependable operating capacity of about 82.9 MW; and (ii) Powerhouse No. 2, with four turbine/generator units and a total dependable operating capacity of about 67.1 MW.

- *Major dams and reservoirs* (i) Dams 1, 2, 3, and 3a, which form Huntington Lake, with a capacity of about 89,166 ac-ft, at an elevation of about 6,950 ft above mean sea level (msl).

- *Moderate dam* (i) Dam 4, which forms Dam 4 Impoundment (Powerhouse 2 Forebay), with a capacity of about 60 ac-ft, at an elevation of about 4,810 ft above msl.

- *Small diversions* (i) Balsam Creek Diversion, with a usable capacity of less than 1 ac-ft, at an elevation of about 4,880 ft above msl; (ii) Ely Creek Diversion, with a usable capacity of less than 1 ac-ft, at an elevation of about 4,844 ft above msl; and (iii) Adit 8 Diversion, with a usable capacity of less than 1 ac-ft, at an elevation of about 4,825 ft above msl.

- *Water conveyance systems* (i) Tunnel No. 1, about 2 miles long, conveys water from Huntington Lake through an 84-inch diameter pipe to Big Creek Powerhouse No. 1.; (ii) Tunnel No. 2, approximately 4.1 miles long, conveys water from the Dam 4 impoundment just downstream of Powerhouse 1 to Big Creek Powerhouse No. 2. Water from Ely and Balsam Creek diversions also enter into Tunnel No. 2 between the forebay and powerhouse; and (iii) The Shoo Fly, conveys water from Shaver Lake.

- (FERC Project No. 67) through Tunnel 5 and into Tunnel 2 leading to Powerhouse No. 2. The Shoo fly was used during the construction of Shaver Lake Dam and Powerhouse No. 2A to keep water off the dam and to get more generation from Powerhouse No. 2. Although not currently in use, the Shoo fly Complex gives SCE the flexibility to divert water from Shaver Lake to Powerhouse No. 2, if required.

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