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Subject: RE: operational status for Big Creek

Sean:

We used the 2008 procurement plan as the basis for this filing as that plan was in effect during the meat of the negotiations on this deal. A large part of the negotiations took place before the 2009 Plan was approved in June. Based on that, the transactor used the 2008 plan at the time to evaluate the project against other opportunities. I might add that the deal is also consistent with the 2009 plan, but we used the 2008 plan based on the timing of the negotiations to be consistent.

As far as the status on Big Creek coming online, here is the latest:

No on questions 1 and 2.

3) The penstock has been repaired and the site excavated to remove any risk of boulders eroding toward the site. The other minor repairs/enhancements to the facility are 90% complete and are anticipated to be finished within 10 days, approximately March 1.

Big Creek made a deposit to PG&E to review its electrical interconnection. The interconnection may be signed in a month, but depends on PG&E completing the review. The latest I have heard is an online date in May. I am checking in with our ET folks to confirm.

Thanks,

David

From: Simon, Sean A. [mailto:svn@cpuc.ca.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 4:53 PM
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David,

I have another question for you about this advice letter. On page 3, PG&E states that the PPA is consistent with PG&E's 2008 RPS procurement plan. Can you explain why PG&E referenced the 2008 Plan rather than PG&E's 2009 procurement plan, which was adopted in June, 2009? The advice letter was submitted in December, 2009.

Regards,
Sean

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2010 4:33 PM
To: Simon, Sean A.
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Sean:

I will get back to you on this soon. The short answer is no, it has not achieved commercial operation. I am waiting for Big Creek to fill in the details on timing/milestones.

Thanks,
David

From: Simon, Sean A. [mailto:svn@cpuc.ca.gov]
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Subject: operational status for Big Creek

David,

PG&E's advice letter for Big Creek (AL 3575-E) states a January 2010 expected commercial online. Please answer the following questions.

- 1/ Has the Big Creek facility achieved commercial operation?
- 2/ If Big Creek has achieved commercial operation, is PG&E taking deliveries from Big Creek and paying for the generation according to the terms and conditions set forth in the proposed PPA?
- 3/ If Big Creek has not achieved commercial operation, when does PG&E expect this to

occur? Please include a date and/or any critical path milestones that must occur for Big Creek to achieve commercial operation.

Regards,
Sean

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