PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY General Rate Case 2011 Phase I Application 09-12-020 Data Response

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EXHIBIT REFERENCE: PG&E-5, CHAPTER 3

SUBJECT: NEW HYDRO GENERATION

QUESTION 1

Referring to p. 3-51, please provide copies of any environmental assessments performed by or for PG&E regarding the proposed five new small hydro powerhouses: Britton Powerhouse, Chalk Mountain Powerhouse, Rock Creek Dam Powerhouse, McCloud Dam Powerhouse and Pit 7 Weir Powerhouse.

ANSWER 1

The new powerhouses will be located at the base of existing dams and will not impact the amount, timing, nor quality of the water released from the dams. As a result, environmental assessments are performed as part of the permit process for the construction of the new facilities. Only Britton Powerhouse has reached the point in its development to have an environmental assessment performed. See GRC2011-Ph-I_DR_DRA_222-Q01Atch01 for PG&E's application to amend the Pit 3, 4 and 5 license to add Britton Powerhouse, and GRC2011-Ph-I_DR_DRA_222-Q01Atch02 for FERC's Order Amending the License to add Britton Powerhouse.