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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12496-002]

Rugraw, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact

Statement for the Lassen Lodge Hydroelectric Project and Intention to Hold

Public Meetings

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Lassen Lodge Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 12496-002), to be located on the upper South Fork Battle Creek in Tehama County, California, and has prepared a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. The project would occupy no federal land or Indian reservations.

The draft EIS contains staff's evaluations of the applicant's proposal and the alternatives for licensing the proposed Lassen Lodge Hydroelectric Project. The draft EIS documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicant, and Commission staff.

A copy of the draft EIS is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, located at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. The draft EIS also may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

All comments must be filed by Friday, February 2, 2018.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of

your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-12496-002.

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS (18 CFR 380.10). You must file your request to intervene as specified above.¹ You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, we will hold two public meetings to receive comments on the draft EIS. A daytime meeting will focus on comments of the resource agencies, NGOs, and Indian tribes, and an evening meeting will focus on receiving input from the public. We invite all interested agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and individuals to attend one or both of the meetings. The time and location of the meetings is as follows:

Daytime Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, January 3, 2018
TIME: 9:00 AM
LOCATION: Holiday Inn Express, 2810 Main Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080

Evening Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, January 3, 2018
TIME: 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Holiday Inn Express, 2810 Main Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080

At the meetings, resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments and recommendations regarding the draft EIS. The meeting will be recorded by a court reporter, and all statements (verbal and written) will become part of the Commission's public record for the project. This meeting is posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

For further information, contact Kenneth Hogan at (202) 502-8434 or at Kenneth.Hogan@ferc.gov.

Dated: December 4, 2017.

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Deputy Secretary.

¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.