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### Sub-Recommendation 1: LANL Transportation Safety Document

Sub-Recommendation 1.a. *Revise the LANL TSD to address the safety concerns identified in this Recommendation and to comply with a revised safe harbor methodology per sub-Recommendation 2.a.*

The Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) Los Alamos Field Office (NA–LA) approved a revised Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Transportation Safety Document (TSD) Documented Safety Analysis (DSA) for onsite transfers and Technical Safety Requirements (TSRs) on August 10, 2023, with two conditions of approval requiring LANL to address additional comments in the 2023 and 2024 annual update. DOE/NNSA continues to work with LANL as they address the conditions of approval and demonstrate that workers, members of the public, and the environment are adequately protected during onsite transfers. Once DOE has completed Recommendation 2.a., LANL will revise their DSA following the new methodology.

DOE accepts Sub-Recommendation 1.a.

Sub-Recommendation 1.b. *Ensure compensatory safety measures remain in place until implementation of the LANL TSD revised per sub-Recommendation 1.a above.*

By elevating the compensatory safety measures to TSRs, NA–LA has ensured the controls cannot be changed without DOE approval. As identified by the DNFSB, Safety Basis Approval Authorities and Safety Basis Review Teams can change and even reduce commitments from previous approvals and reviews. Therefore, DOE commits to ensuring the approved safety basis maintains the elevated controls until LANL re-writes the DSA and TSRs following a revised methodology.

DOE accepts Sub-Recommendation 1.b.

### Sub-Recommendation 2: Onsite Transportation Directives

Sub-Recommendation 2.a. *Rewrite DOE safe harbors for onsite transportation—DOE Order 460.1D, Hazardous Materials Packaging and Transportation Safety, and DOE Guide 460.1–1, Implementation Guide for Use with DOE O 460.1A, Packaging and Transportation Safety—to:*

*i. Provide requirements and guidance to ensure TSDs comply with all applicable 10 CFR 830 safety basis requirements including requirements*

*related to accident evaluation and hazard controls.*

*ii. Include robust evaluation criteria to ensure TSDs demonstrate that safety controls are effective at reducing risk.*

*iii. Include implementation guidance for restricting public access to transportation routes, and controlling onsite traffic, during onsite transportation of radioactive materials.*

DOE will revise the DSA methodology for onsite transfers to ensure compliance with 10 CFR part 830, subpart B, *Safety Basis Requirements*.

DOE accepts Sub-Recommendation 2.a.

Sub-Recommendation 2.b. *Change DOE Standard 1104, Review and Approval of Nuclear Facility Safety Basis and Safety Design Basis Documents, to incorporate requirements and guidance for DOE review and approval of TSDs.*

Once the methodology in 2.a is complete, DOE will revise DOE–STD–1104, *Review and Approval of Nuclear Facility Safety Basis and Safety Design Basis Documents*, as appropriate for reviewing and approving DSAs and TSRs for onsite transfers.

DOE accepts Sub-Recommendation 2.b.

Sub-Recommendation 2.c. *Conduct an extent of condition review of TSDs for DOE sites with defense nuclear facilities to identify any near-term actions necessary to ensure safety until the safe harbors are revised and implemented.*

DOE will compile extent of condition work already completed at DOE sites and will conduct an extent of condition review of DSAs and TSRs for onsite transfers at remaining DOE sites with Defense Nuclear Facilities to determine if any near-term actions are necessary to ensure safety until the revised methodology is issued and implemented. As part of the review, DOE will evaluate the variation between DSAs/TSRs to understand how the current methodology is being implemented to identify potential issue(s) that could inform actions necessary for Sub-Recommendation 2.a.

DOE accepts Sub-Recommendation 2.c.

### Sub-Recommendation 3: DOE Oversight

Sub-Recommendation 3.a. *Perform an independent causal analysis for the safety issues identified in this Recommendation, including the effectiveness of DOE oversight of contractor TSDs, DOE’s management of its onsite transportation directives, and DOE’s evaluation of and actions in response to the safety issues identified in prior Board correspondence on onsite transportation safety. Identify and*

*implement corrective actions to address appropriate causal analysis results that preclude recurrence of the safety issues.*

Pending the outcome of the extent of condition review performed in Sub-Recommendation 2.c., DOE will identify and implement applicable corrective actions. DOE agrees with the DNFSB on the need for greater flexibility in identifying these corrective actions to preclude recurrence of the safety issues.

DOE accepts Sub-Recommendation 3.a.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 298–081]

#### Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

On December 23, 2019, Southern California Edison Company filed a relicensing application for the 8.85-megawatt Kaweah Hydroelectric Project No. 298 (project). The project is located on the Kaweah River and East Fork Kaweah River in Tulare County, California.

In accordance with the Commission’s regulations, on April 15, 2020, Commission staff issued a notice that the project was ready for environmental analysis (REA Notice). Based on the information in the record, including comments filed on the REA Notice, staff does not anticipate that licensing the project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, staff intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the application to relicense the project.

The EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the EA will be analyzed by staff and considered in the Commission’s final licensing decision.

The Commission’s Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502–6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Commission issues EA ....	June 2024. <sup>1</sup>
Comments on EA .....	August 2024.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Rebecca Kipp at (202) 502-8846 or [rebecca.kipp@ferc.gov](mailto:rebecca.kipp@ferc.gov).

Dated: May 20, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2818-025]

#### The City and Borough of Sitka; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document (PAD), Commencement of ILP Pre-Filing Process and Scoping; Request for Comments on the PAD and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application for a New License and Commencing Pre-filing Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 2818-025.

c. *Dated Filed:* March 26, 2024.

d. *Submitted By:* The City and Borough of Sitka.

e. *Name of Project:* Green Lake Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Vodopad River, between Green Lake and Silver Bay, in the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska. The project does not occupy Federal land.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Kord Christianson, City and Borough of Sitka; 105 Jarvis Street, Sitka, Alaska 99835; [kord.christianson@cityofsitka.org](mailto:kord.christianson@cityofsitka.org); 907-747-1886.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jeffrey Ackley at [Jeffrey.Ackley@FERC.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Ackley@FERC.gov).

<sup>1</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations under 40 CFR 1501.10(b)(1) (2023) require that EAs be completed within 1 year of the federal action agency's decision to prepare an EA. See National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, as amended by section 107(g)(1)(B)(iii) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023, Public Law 118-5, 4336a, 137 Stat. 42.

j. *Cooperating Agencies:* Federal, State, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item o below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, part 402; and National Marine Fisheries Service under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating the City and Borough of Sitka as the Commission's non-Federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management and Conservation Act, and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. The City and Borough of Sitka filed with the Commission a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including proposed process plan and schedule), pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD is available for review on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

You may register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/ferconline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

o. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PAD and Commission staff's Scoping Document 1 (SD1), as

well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and SD1, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application must be filed with the Commission.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file all documents using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/ferconline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Deputy Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Deputy Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Green Lake Hydroelectric Project (P-2818-025).

All filings with the Commission must bear the appropriate heading: "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Study Requests," "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Request for Cooperating Agency Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by July 24, 2024.

p. The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202)502-6595, or at [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

q. The Commission's scoping process will help determine the required level of analysis and satisfy the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)