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**Via Electronic Submittal (E-File)**

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Division of Dam Safety and Inspections  
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**RE: DeSabla-Centerville Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 803-CA  
Butte Canal – Return to Service Status Update**

Dear Frank L. Blackett:

This letter presents a status update regarding the operational status of Butte Canal, which is part of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) DeSabla-Centerville Hydroelectric Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) No. 803. On March 14, 2024, PG&E committed to providing FERC a final decision regarding the future of Butte Canal by December 1, 2024. PG&E has decided that it will not pursue returning Butte Canal to service because of the extent and cost of the necessary repairs, which would negatively impact PG&E customers. As a result, flows will remain in Butte Creek and will not be diverted for generation purposes.

As required by the November 19, 2024, FERC Notice of Violation (NOV), PG&E will indicate PG&E's future plans for the ultimate disposition of Butte Canal, or plans for filing an amendment to the project license or modifying our relicense application to remove it from the project, by February 17, 2025.

If you have questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact Sky Ramirez-Doble, license coordinator for PG&E, at (530) 250-7002.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Janet Walther'.

Janet Walther  
Director, Hydro Licensing

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