

Attachment P

Concurrence letter from the California State Historic Preservation Officer

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In Reply Refer To: FERC050822A/FERC080922A

Stacy Evans
PG&E Project Manager
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Re: Determination of Eligibility and Finding of Effect for the Kilarc-Cow Creek Hydroelectric Decommissioning Project (FERC No. 606)

Dear Ms. Evans:

You are continuing consultation with me regarding the above referenced project in order to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f) as amended and its implementing regulations codified at 36 CFR 800. Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) has been delegated authority to complete Section 106 responsibilities for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). PG&E consulted with my office in March of 2008 and has determined that the decommissioning of the Kilarc-Cow Creek system involves properties that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Your recent letter (received in this office (6 October 2008) requests my concurrence with the following items:

- 1) the Kilarc and Cow Creek Powerhouses are eligible to the NRHP ,
- 2) the Kilarc and Cow Creek hydroelectric systems (canals, bridges, dams, flumes, siphons, tunnels, spillways berms, forebays and penstocks) are not eligible individually or as components of historic districts due to their lack of integrity,
- 3) the avoidance of the five unevaluated prehistoric sites is appropriate for the purposes of decommissioning the systems,

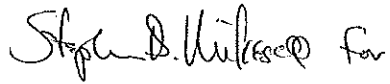
To support these findings, you have submitted a report entitled *Cultural Resources Inventory and Evaluation for the Kilarc-Cow Creek Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 606, Shasta County, California*. Based on the documentation you have provided, I have the following comments:

- I concur with PG&E's determination of eligibility for the Kilarc and Cow Creek Powerhouses.
- I concur that the hydroelectric systems are not eligible individually or as components of historic districts.
- I agree that the avoidance of the five unevaluated sites is appropriate

Further, PG&E has determined that the decommissioning of these systems constitutes an "adverse effect" and proposes to draft a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to mitigate these effects. I concur with this finding and agree that an MOA is the appropriate document.

I look forward to working with your staff to draft the MOA and addressing the effects of decommissioning activities. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Foster-Curley of my staff at (916) 653-9019, or email at ccurley@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen D. Milford" followed by a circled "FA" and the word "for".

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State Historic Preservation Officer