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Comment to FERC today on PG&E's Surrender Plan Deadline: December 1st, 2:00pm (PST)

Instructions for filing comments with FERC:

1. Click on [FERC Online](#); enter required information; click on "Authorize."
2. Draft your comments in a Word or text file, to later copy and paste to the eComment text box in Ferc Online.
3. Check your email for your eComment link.
4. Click the eComment link, enter docket number **P-77-332** and click "Search"
5. When the docket appears, **select** the big blue plus **+** symbol
6. Copy your prepared comments and paste them into the eComment text box
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Snailmail comments:

Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington DC, 20426

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Personalized letters carry more weight than form letters, so please write your own!
Feel free to use any of the following information to help craft your own response.
Maximum of 6,000 characters.

Sample comment letter - Lake Pillsbury communities:

I strongly oppose PG&E's proposed action to dismantle Scott Dam and drain Lake Pillsbury because it will directly threaten the health and safety of the Lake Pillsbury communities and other communities within the region who depend upon this secure, year-round water source for their families, farms and fire protection.

As a Lake Pillsbury property owner and long time recreational user, I have witnessed first hand how important Lake Pillsbury is for rapid fire fighting response — especially as rivers and streams above Scott Dam dry up seasonally during peak fire season. Without the lake, property and lives will be lost.

The threat of decommissioning has decreased my property value and PG&E's decision to reduce Pillsbury water storage by 25% has impacted area water supply, water quality, and rendered most marinas and docks unusable by mid-July.

PG&E's proposed action risks thriving habitats - bald eagles, tule elk, Western pond turtles, migrating waterfowl - on the *hope* that reopening 35-45 river and stream miles above Scott Dam will revive the entire Eel River fishery. Furthermore, massive amounts of sediment will be released with unpredictable consequences.

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I urge the Commission to delay acceptance of PG&E's Surrender Application until a thorough, transparent and fact-driven environmental analysis is completed, all alternatives to dam removal are evaluated, and developed mitigation plans are put forth for public review. Only then will we know the true impacts of removing the Eel River Dams.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sample comment letter - regional response:

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PG&E's proposed action to transfer a portion of its Potter Valley Project lands and water diversion facilities to the Eel-Russian Project Authority does not guarantee water diversions to the Russian River will continue, and the absence of a coordinated risk mitigation plan to ensure that new water storage infrastructure is funded and in place before Lake Pillsbury water storage is eliminated is concerning.

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