

May 24, 2019

Via E-Filing

The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

**Re: GreenGenStorage's Mokelumne Pumped Storage Project No. 14796;
Six-Month Progress Report No. 3**

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to Article 4 of the above-referenced Preliminary Permit,¹ GreenGenStorage LLC ("GreenGen") hereby submits its third six-month progress report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC").

ACTIVITIES DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS

Since issuance of the Preliminary Permit, GreenGen has focused on determining the feasibility of the Mokelumne Pumped Storage Project ("Project"), both from an environmental perspective as well as from an economic one. In this third progress report, GreenGen provides updates to FERC and stakeholders on GreenGen's feasibility and alternatives analyses; and stakeholder outreach efforts.

Feasibility and Alternatives Analyses

In the past 12 months, GreenGen has continued to assess project feasibility and different project alternatives that limit environmental, cultural, and recreational impacts. The engineering work has focused on understanding the viability of varying project size (capacity) arrangements, including determining potential water supply needs and corresponding possible dam raise options for the upper reservoir alternatives. In addition, GreenGen has been analyzing potential regional transmission grid impacts of differing project configurations to determine the extent of the potential transmission upgrades might be required.

¹ *GreenGenStorage, LLC*, 161 FERC ¶ 61,283 (2017).

Stakeholder Outreach

GreenGen conducted three rounds of agency and stakeholder meetings between December 2018 and April 2019. The meetings were conducted in the project area to reach out to the stakeholder communities early in the project planning process in order to gather input, concerns, and available baseline data. Meetings were held with the following agencies, tribes, and groups:

- State Water Resources Control Board, Planning and Water Rights Divisions
- United State Forest Service
- California State Water Resources Control Board
- City of Jackson, CA
- Amador County
- Calaveras County
- Amador Water Agency
- Calaveras County Water District
- East Bay Municipal Utility District
- American Whitewater
- Friends of the River
- Foothill Conservancy
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians
- Calaveras Band of Mi-Wuk Indians

GreenGen reached out to all of the county supervisors in Amador and Calaveras Counties and was able to schedule meetings with the following supervisors: Jack Garamendi (District 2, Calaveras), Dennis Mills (District 4, Calaveras County), Benjamin Stopper (District 5, Calaveras County), Jeff Brown (District 3, Amador County), and Merita Callaway (District 3, Calaveras County).

Presentations were also made at scheduled board meetings for the following organizations: Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (April 26, 2019 board meeting in Valley Springs, CA), Amador Water Agency (March 14, 2019 board meeting

Re: GreenGen's Mokelumne Pumped Storage Project No. 14796

May 24, 2019

Page 3 of 3

in Sutter Creek, CA), and Calaveras County Water District (March 13, 2019 in San Andreas, CA).

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

While GreenGen had anticipated that its alternatives analysis would have been completed in the prior six-months, GreenGen will continue to evaluate alternative project configurations, seek stakeholder input and outline a project description. In addition, GreenGen will be focusing on securing (through purchase, lease, or another means) project water rights so that there will be adequate water for the Project. GreenGen will also continue to maintain steady progress towards completion of subsequent regulatory filings before expiration of the Preliminary Permit.

If FERC staff has any questions regarding the information in this six-month progress report, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Rouda, via e-mail at Jen@greengenstorage.com.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jen Rouda', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Jennifer Rouda
GreenGenStorage LLC

Cc: Service List P-14796