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DWR Files Final Applications for Conduit Exemptions and Non-Capacity License Amendment for Alamo Powerplant and Mojave Siphon Powerplant

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has filed the final applications for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s approval to convert the regulatory authorization for the 17 megawatt (MW) Alamo Powerplant (APP) and the 32.4 MW Mojave Siphon Powerplant (MSPP), both part of the East Branch of the California State Water Project, to conduit exemptions. This action will not involve any new construction or changes in the operation of the existing generating facilities.

Both SWP facilities are licensed facilities under the South SWP Hydropower FERC Project No. 2426. The non-capacity license amendment application requests FERC’s approval to: (1) remove APP, MSPP, and the associated lands (located in Kern, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties) from the P-2426 license; (2) modify or eliminate the associated maps and facility design drawing exhibits from the P-2426 license; (3) reduce the authorized installed capacity of P-2426; and (4) regulate APP and MSPP under conduit exemptions. The non-capacity license amendment will conform the P-2426 license to such changes.

DWR previously released the draft applications in June 2013 as part of the Initial Consultation Documents (ICDs) for soliciting comments from agencies and the public, and held two joint agency public meetings in July 2013, in Hesperia and Valencia. DWR filed the final applications with FERC on January 15, 2014 and awaits FERC’s action on the applications. The final applications are available at DWR’s website: <http://www.water.ca.gov/hlpco/p2426.cfm>.

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