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To: **Interested Parties**

From: **Michael Rosauer, Environmental Project Manager**

Subject: **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**
PacifiCorp's Morrison Creek Substation Project (A.07-07-018)
SCH# 2007112094

Date: **January 30, 2008**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (Final MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of PacifiCorp's Application to Construct the Morrison Creek Substation Project (A.07-07-018). The Final MND details the Proposed Project, evaluates and describes its potential environmental impacts, identifies those impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures to avoid or minimize these impacts.

Description of the Proposed Project. Through its CPUC application (A.07-07-018) filed on July 20, 2007, pursuant to CPUC General Order (GO) 131-D, PacifiCorp seeks a Permit to Construct (PTC) the proposed Morrison Creek Substation and remove the existing Simonson Substation (Proposed Project). The existing Simonson Substation, which currently steps voltage down from 69 kilovolt (kV) to 12.5 kV, would be replaced with the proposed Morrison Creek Substation which would have the same distribution capabilities. The objective of the Proposed Project is to increase system reliability in order to continue safe and reliable electric service to customers in the area.

Location of the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project site is in northwest Del Norte County approximately one quarter mile southeast of the community of Smith River, California, and approximately five miles south of the Oregon/California border (see map below). The site is south of Rowdy Creek and adjacent to the eastern side of U.S. Highway 101 and an existing 69 kV transmission line with 12.5 kV distribution underbuild.

Contents of the Final MND. The Final MND consists of three chapters plus Appendices. Chapter 1 contains an introduction to the Final MND, including descriptions of the CEQA and public review processes and an overview of the comments received on the Draft MND. Chapter 2 contains the comments on the Draft MND as well as the CPUC's responses to the comments. Chapter 3 contains the Mitigation Monitoring, Reporting, and Compliance Program. A compact disc (CD), located inside the back cover of the Final MND, contains the full document, as well as the published Draft MND.

CPUC Actions After Final MND Publication. There is no comment period following issuance of the Final MND. The CPUC will determine the adequacy of the Final MND, and, if adequate, will adopt the document as being compliant with CEQA. If adequate, the CPUC will issue a Proposed Decision on the Application, which will be announced and published concurrent with a scheduled CPUC Meeting. After the Commission makes the decision on the Application, a Notice of Determination will be mailed to the State Clearinghouse within 5 days of the Decision. After the Notice of Determination is filed, the 30 day statute of limitations for court challenges begins to run. For further information on the CPUC's decision-making process, please call the CPUC Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074.

Availability of Final MND. Copies of the Final MND will be available for public review at the Smith River Community Library and the Crescent City Branch of the Del Norte County Library, and on the project website: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/esa/morrisoncreek/morrison.html. Hard copies or CD copies of the Final MND may be requested by telephone at (415) 962-8468 or by e-mail at morrisoncreek@esassoc.com.

PROJECT INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

Smith River Community Library
241 First Street
Smith River, CA 95567
(707) 487-8048
Hours: M-F: 1:30PM to 4:30PM
Sa: 10AM to 2PM
Closed Sunday.

Crescent City Branch Library
190 Price Mall Circle
Crescent City, CA 95531
(707) 464-9793
Hours: M-Th: 12PM to 8PM
Closed Friday through
Sunday.

Map of the Proposed Project Location: