

Subject: Comments requested by October 12 on Preliminary Proposed Decommissioning Plan
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In regards to my request to the FERC for a hearing (e-filed) and PG&E's request to decommission (described in your Preliminary Plan dated September 10, 2007 but actually first disclosed publicly at the September 12 & 13 meetings before being posted on your website).

It does seem very black and white for the FERC to decide solely on one entity; PG&E's word, that it would be best not to relicense the project at Kilarc. The three month window ran out for another organization to step in and request the license. As I said in a prior letter The Fish and Wildlife have tunnel vision; a single goal, the Steel head salmon. This is an admirable goal and is a wonderful goal. I am an environmentalist as well. However, simply destroying Kilarc is not going to solve the environmental issues the Salmon have to overcome.

We as a group in the Whitmore community (Save Kilarc Committee) are looking at the full picture. We are trying to work with several groups: Davis Hydro, WSRCD, CCWMG, FoCCP, to develop a comprehensive plan that will enhance not only Kilarc reservoir but Mill Creek, Cow Creek and South Cow Creek. All of these water ways are polluted by ranchers and their cattle and irrigation practices. Our organization has been working with all of these organizations to develop healthier options for ranchers via the mitigation libraries and the Stewardship counsel.

If PG&E is allowed to proceed with their plans to decommission Kilarc without considering alternatives it will adversely affect environmental issues throughout our community. There is much more at stake here and a lot that needs to be considered from water rights, to environmental concerns, locally at Kilarc and down stream. At this time the Fish and Wildlife should also be concerned with the pollution that is taking place in these creeks, due to the ranching practices that are currently happening. Our organization in conjunction with the WSRCD, Davis Hydro and others are working on improving the environment of not only Kilarc but the water ways through out our community. We do not have the tunnel vision that PG&E and the Fish and Wildlife seem to have. This is why we are asking PG&E to complete a full environmental study of the area to look at what the impact would be if they did drain Kilarc.

In the summer some of these creeks would dry up and the viability of maintaining a healthy water way for the Steele Head may be impossible due to the ranching in the area and the types of irrigation that is currently being used. I realize your job is to only consider one part or area of this global problem, not our environment in its entirety. However, we must stop compartmentalizing the world into utilities, fish, or people. We must start recognizing that we are living here together and find alternatives to combining all the areas into one working, functioning green environment, from the power plant to the ocean; it can be done if we work together.

I reiterate that if we can find a viable answer to enhancing the chances for the Steele Head salmon that *may* exist and the bald eagles, osprey, migratory birds that *do* exist, as well as other birds that are known and unknown at this time, because a *proper* environmental study has been conducted, we should do it. Please consider our plea and do what is just and provide the information to give ALL resource values enjoyed locally and globally a fair hearing per our request.

Sincerely,

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