

This Calendar Item No. C18 was approved as Minute Item No. 18 by the California State Lands Commission by a vote of 3 to 0 at its 4-26-05 meeting.

**CALENDAR ITEM
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PRC 6205 WP 6205.1
R. Barham

AMENDMENT OF LEASE

APPLICANT:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
P.O. Box 770000 - N10A
San Francisco, California 94177-0001

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign lands across the Van Duzen River, near Alton, Humboldt County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Electrical distribution facilities under 60 kV.

LEASE TERM:

30 years, beginning September 1, 1982.

CONSIDERATION:

\$24,993 per year, with the State reserving the right to fix a different rent periodically during the lease term.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company is requesting that the Master Lease be amended to add two new parcels located adjacent to the riverbank on each side of the Van Duzen River, which will provide access for a new 12kV overhead electrical distribution line. All other terms and conditions of the lease shall remain in effect without amendment.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Applicant has a right to use the uplands adjoining the lease premises.
2. The Master Lease provides that the lease may periodically be amended by a series of addenda for the purpose of adding to and deleting from the lease the parcels of land necessary for the distribution of electrical energy.

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3. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to remove an existing, not previously authorized, 12kV overhead electrical distribution line, which is now in conflict with the CalTrans proposed widening of the Southbound State Route 101 Van Duzen River Bridge, which was previously approved by the Commission. The 12kV overhead electrical distribution line will be relocated west and adjacent to the new southbound bridge project and will consist of aluminum conductors placed on new tall wood poles located approximately 600 feet apart that will suspend the aluminum conductors over the bed of the Van Duzen River. Pole placement and construction may include a helicopter to set the tall poles as well as the use of conventional equipment used by PG&E Overhead Line Department. No activities will occur in the waterways, nor will the new poles block any existing public access or use. The new facilities will be permanent.
4. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction; Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905 (b).

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21084 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300 and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2905.

5. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through the CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

EXHIBIT:

A-27. Site and Location Map

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

N/A

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 2, REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION TITLE 2, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 2905 (b).

SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:

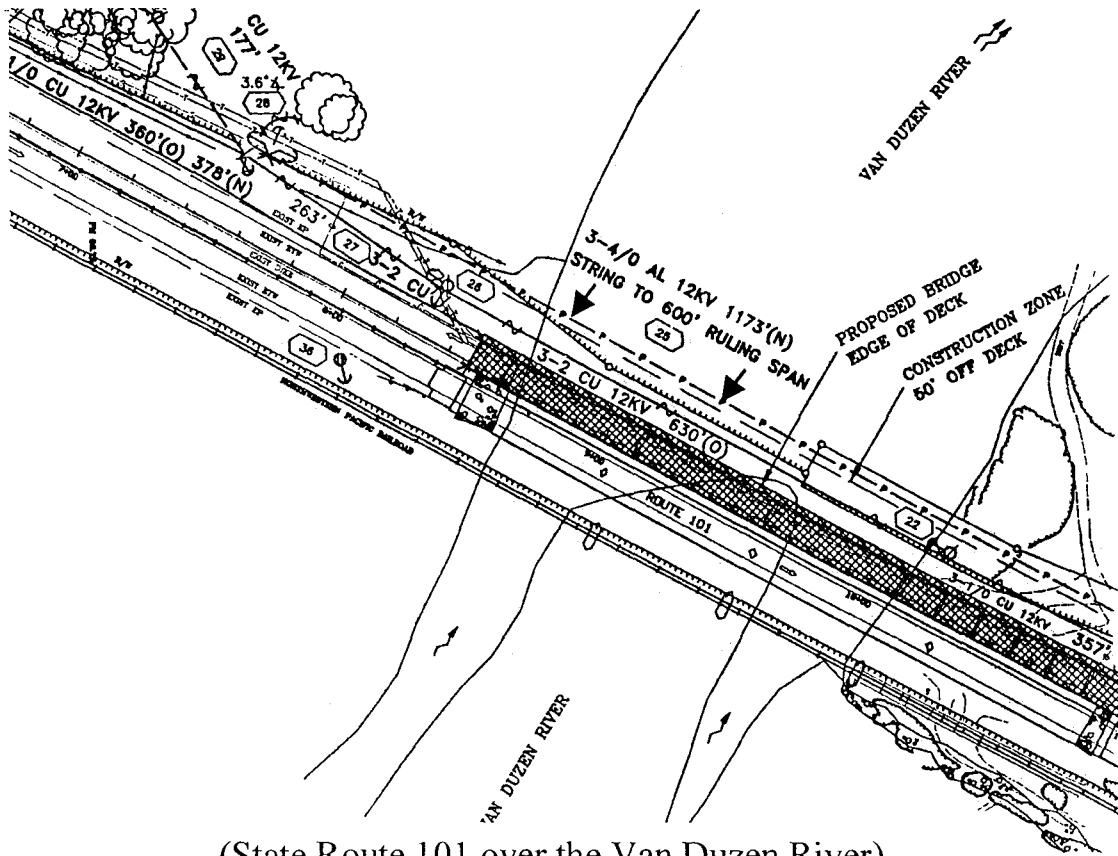
FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

AUTHORIZATION:

AUTHORIZE THE AMENDMENT OF MASTER LEASE NO. PRC 6205.1, A GENERAL LEASE - RIGHT OF WAY USE, AS REPRESENTED ON LANDS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT A-27 ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2005, TO ADD TWO NEW PARCELS, WHICH PROVIDE ACCESS TO A NEW 12KV OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION LINE CROSSING OVER THE BED OF THE VAN DUZEN RIVER WEST AND ADJACENT TO THE PROPOSED WIDENING OF THE SOUTHBOUND STATE ROUTE 101 BRIDGE, HUMBOLDT COUNTY; ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LEASE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT WITHOUT AMENDMENT.

NO SCALE

SITE MAP



(State Route 101 over the Van Duzen River)

NO SCALE

LOCATION MAP

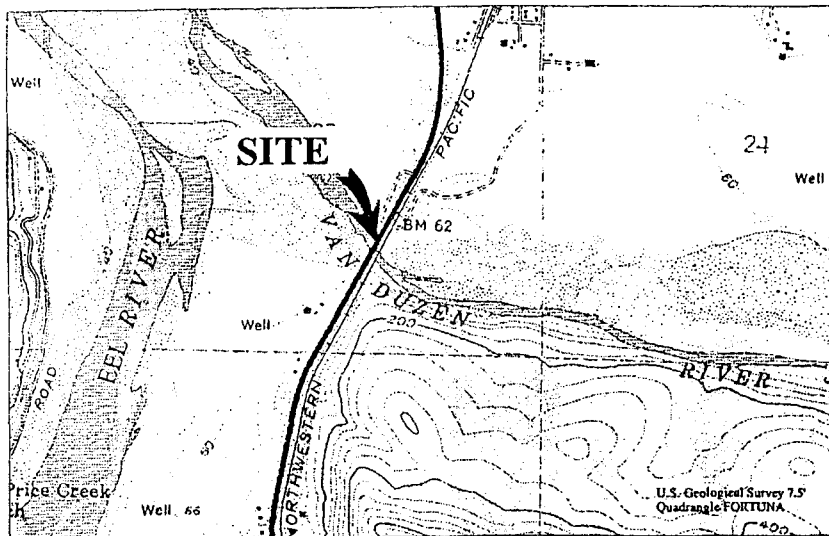


Exhibit A-27
WP 6205.1
PG&E Master Lease
Humboldt County



This Exhibit is solely for purposes of generally defining the lease premises, is based on unverified information provided by Lessee or other parties, and is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed as a waiver or limitation of any state interest in the subject or any other property.

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