

RESOLUTION NO. 2823

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES IN SUPPORT  
OF RELICENSING OF HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS TO THE  
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company has over the past 100 years developed a safe, reliable, and economic system of hydroelectric generating facilities dedicated to the use and benefit of its customers living throughout central and northern California; and,

WHEREAS, PG and E's 3.5 million customers represent an area population of almost 10 million people who now utilize and share the benefits of this power PG and E generates without the use of fossil fuels; and,

WHEREAS, certain of these hydroelectric facilities, consisting of projects licensed by the Federal Power Commission, now known as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), are subject to consideration for relicensing by FERC; and,

WHEREAS, efforts are being made by certain municipal entities to secure for themselves nine PG and E hydroelectric powerplants in projects on the Mokelumne, Feather, Stanislaus and Kings Rivers through applications to FERC; efforts which, if successful, would transfer ownership and operation of these hydroelectric facilities away from PG and E and would divert the low cost power away from PG and E's many customers; and,

WHEREAS, it would be directly contrary to the best interests of the citizens of the City of El Paso de Robles and to the best interests of the millions of PG and E customers throughout northern and central California whose rates have supported PG and E's ownership and operation of these hydroelectric facilities, if FERC were to cut out of the hydroelectric generating system PG and E uses to serve them, any of the following facilities:

1. Mokelumne River Project (No. 137);
2. Rock Creek-Cresta Project (No. 1962);
3. Phoenix Project (No. 1061); and
4. Haas-Kings Project (No. 1988); and

WHEREAS, if any of these projects were to be transferred to the municipalities seeking them, PG and E customers will be forced to pay, every year, increased power costs for electricity from oil or gas fired generating facilities, every year; and,

WHEREAS, the continued ownership, operation and improvement of its hydroelectric generating facilities by PG and E is essential to the public interest and to the social and economic well-being of the people of northern and central California; and,

WHEREAS, retention of these projects by PG and E is the only course consistent with the fullest improvement and utilization of these resources in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles hereby urges and requests that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission promptly relicense these hydroelectric facilities to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and reject the applications of the municipally-run utilities seeking to take these projects away from PG and E and its customers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles hereby requests that all hearings concerning Pacific Gas and Electric Company's hydro relicensing applications be conducted in the service territory of Pacific Gas and Electric Company where the projects are located and where the public they were built to serve lives and works.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of May, 1983 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Monroe, Ovitt, Thorndyke and Stemper (One vacancy)  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

*Gary E. Stemper*  
MAYOR GARY E. STEMPER

ATTEST:

*Donald B. Keefer*  
CITY CLERK, DONALD B. KEEFER

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO )ss.  
CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES )

I, Donald B. Keefer, City Clerk of the City of El Paso de Robles, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2823 was duly and regularly adopted, passed and approved by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles, California, at a regular meeting of said City Council held at the regular meeting place thereof, on the 17th day of May, 1983, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Monroe, Ovitt, Thorndyke and Stemper (One vacancy)  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Dated this 17th day of May, 1983

*Donald B. Keefer*  
City Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the City Council,  
City of El Paso de Robles, State of California