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Route Inspection

Concurrent with the public scoping meetings (August 3 and 4, 2004), we will also be conducting an inspection of the route and locations of aboveground facilities associated with El Paso's planned project. This inspection will include both aerial and ground components. Anyone interested in participating in the inspection activities may contact the FERC's Office of External Affairs (identified below) for more details and must provide their own transportation.

Environmental Mailing List

If you wish to remain on our mailing list to receive any additional environmental notices and copies of the draft and final EIS, it is important that you return the Return Mailer (appendix 2) attached to this notice. If you do not return the mailer, you will be removed from our mailing list.

Availability of Additional Information

Additional information about the planned project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC (3372) or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number (*i.e.*, PF04-13-000) excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

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In addition, a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site.

This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

El Paso has initiated a Public Participation Plan to provide a means of communication for participating stakeholders. A toll-free number has been established for communicating with El Paso regarding this project (Mr. David R. Anderson, Land Department Manager, 1-877-598-5263). Also, contacts and information requests can be made by e-mail directly to El Paso at david.r.anderson@elpaso.com. Finally, El Paso plans to establish a Web site for this project by the end of July 2004. The Web site will include a list of public repositories along the planned route where all maps and Federal applications are available for inspection, frequently asked questions regarding the planned project, and other useful information. El Paso's Web site will be: <http://www.elpaso.com>.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2244—Washington]

Energy Northwest; Notice of Site Visit

July 13, 2004.

Energy Northwest, Licensee for the Packwood Lake Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2244), will be hosting a site visit for the project on August 27, 2004. The site visit is being conducted to provide all parties interested in the Project's relicensing an opportunity to view the project's facilities and surrounding area. Commission staff will be attending the site visit and providing an overview of the Commission's Integrated Licensing Process (ILP), the process Energy Northwest is currently pursuing for the licensing of the project.

Under the ILP, the Commission conducts its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping meeting within 90 days of the filing of the Licensee's Notice of Intent. A site visit is typically held in conjunction with that scoping meeting. However, access to some project facilities may be limited by winter weather during the early part of the year when scoping for this project is currently planned, in 2005. For this reason, it is unlikely that the Commission will host its own site visit

in conjunction with its NEPA scoping meeting. Subsequently, the Commission encourages all interested parties to participate in this site visit to ensure a productive scoping meeting early next year. Details of the site visit follow:

Date and Time: August 27, 2004 at 11 a.m. (PST).

Location: Packwood Lake Project's Powerhouse, 179 Powerhouse Road, Packwood, WA.

Transportation will be provided from the powerhouse to the reservoir. Due to the remote location of the reservoir, some hiking will be involved (approximately 2 miles). Please dress accordingly. Additionally, it is recommended that parties interested in attending bring a bag lunch.

If you are planning to attend the site visit or require further information or directions, please contact Ms. Laura Schinnell of Energy Northwest at: (509) 372-5123 or via e-mail at: lschinnell@energy-northwest.com.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southwestern Power Administration

Sam Rayburn Dam Power Rate

AGENCY: Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of public review and comment.

SUMMARY: The Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), has prepared Current and Revised 2004 Power Repayment Studies that show the need for an increase in annual revenues to meet cost recovery criteria. Such increased revenues are required primarily due to increased future estimates of operations and maintenance expenses at the project. The Administrator has developed a proposed Sam Rayburn Dam rate schedule, which is supported by a power repayment study, to recover the required revenues. Beginning January 1, 2005, the proposed rate would increase annual revenues 24.9 percent from \$2,013,024 to \$2,513,700.

DATES: The consultation and comment period will begin on the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice and will end October 19, 2004.

1. Public Information Forum—July 27, 2004, 1 p.m. central time, Tulsa, OK.

2. Public Comment Forum—August 26, 2004, 9 a.m. central time, Tulsa, OK.