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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Boundary Establishment for the Allegheny National Wild and Scenic River, Allegheny National Forest, Warren, Forest, and Venango Counties, PA

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 3(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the USDA Forest Service, Washington Office, is transmitting the final boundary of the Allegheny National Wild and Scenic River to Congress.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information may be obtained by contacting Operations Staff Officer Jim Seyler, Allegheny National Forest, 4 Farm Colony Drive, Warren, PA or phone (814) 728-6239.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Allegheny Wild and Scenic River boundary is available for review at the following offices: USDA Forest Service, Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20024; Allegheny National Forest, 4 Farm Colony Drive, Warren, PA 16365. A detailed legal description is available upon request.

The Allegheny Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Pub. L. 102-271) of April 20, 1992, designated the Allegheny River, Pennsylvania, as a Wild and Scenic River, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. As specified by law, the boundary will not be effective until ninety days after Congress receives the transmittal.

Dated: April 3, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit and Tahoe National Forest, CA; Calpeco 625 and 650 Electrical Line Upgrade Project EIS/EIS/EIR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a joint environmental impact statement/ report.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the USDA Forest Service (USFS), Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU), together with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), EIS, and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (EIS/EIS/EIR; the nature of this type of document is described further below) to disclose the impacts associated with the following proposed action: California Pacific Electric Company (Calpeco) is proposing to upgrade their existing 625 and 650 kV transmission lines to 120 kV in order to maintain a safe and reliable electrical transmission system for the north Lake Tahoe area, while accommodating currently-expected normal growth in the area. The 650 line upgrade would involve rebuilding an approximately 10-mile section of transmission line from Truckee substation to the Kings Beach Diesel Generation Station. The majority of this line would be replaced within its current alignment. The 625 line upgrade would include approximately 15 miles of line from the Kings Beach Switching Station to the Tahoe City Substation. A significant portion of the existing 625 Line would be realigned to a location that parallels Mount Watson Road (also called Fiberboard Highway), an existing National Forest System road. The USFS LTBMU is the lead federal agency for the preparation of this EIS in compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and all other applicable laws, executive orders, regulations, and direction; the TRPA is the lead agency for preparation of an EIS in compliance with TRPA's Compact and Code of Ordinances and all other applicable laws and regulations; and the CPUC is the lead State of California agency for preparation of an EIR in compliance

with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and all other applicable laws and regulations (hence the document's designation as an EIS/EIS/EIR). All three agencies have determined that an EIS/EIS/EIR is needed in order to effectively analyze the proposal and evaluate impacts. In addition, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), as a federal cooperating agency, will be responsible for the scope and content of the NEPA portion of the environmental document as it pertains to lands within the jurisdictional boundaries of the agency for the project. The USFS, Tahoe National Forest will be responsible for the scope and content of the NEPA portion of the environmental document as it pertains to lands within the jurisdictional boundaries of that agency (outside of the LTBMU).

The project is scheduled to be completed in three phases, with initial construction beginning as early as 2013 and the final phase planned for completion in 2019.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by May 10, 2012. The draft EIS/EIS/EIR is expected in January 2013 and the final EIS/EIS/EIR is expected in July 2013.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Calpeco 625 and 650 Electrical Line Upgrade Project, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, P.O. Box 5310, Stateline, NV 89449, Attention: Wendy Jepson. Comments may also be sent via email to wjepson@trpa.org, or via facsimile to 775-588-4527.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Rodman, Lands Officer, at 530-543-2613 or email rrodmanjr@fs.fed.us. Additional project information, including maps, is available on the LTBMU web site at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/lbtmu/landmanagement/projects> under Calpeco 625 and 650 Electrical Line Upgrade Project.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 1, 2011, Calpeco purchased the California electric service territory from Sierra Pacific Power Company. The physical boundaries of the service territory include the California Lake