

*i. FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, robert.bell@ferc.fed.us, 202-219-2806.

*j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests and comments:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

*k. The proposed project would consist of:* (1) A 10-foot-high concrete faced rockfill dam; (2) A siphon intake located in Sunrise Lake; (3) A 20-inch-diameter 5,500-foot-long steel penstock; (4) A powerhouse containing two generating units having a total installed capacity of 4 MW; (5) A screened tailrace; (6) A 500-foot-long, 69 kV transmission line; and (7) Appurtenant facilities.

The project would have an annual generation of 12,208 MWh and project power would be sold to a local utility.

*l. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.*

*Preliminary Permit*—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission, on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

*Preliminary Permit*—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or

before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

*Notice of intent*—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

*Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit*—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

*Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

*Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title COMMENTS, NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION, COMPETING APPLICATION, PROTEST, MOTION TO INTERVENE, as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's

regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

*Agency Comments*—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR [www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa](http://www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa).

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed February 14, 2000 through February 18, 2000 pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 000045, FINAL EIS, FHW, AZ, AZ-260 Transportation Improvements, between Payson and Heber, Funding, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permits, Gila, Coconino and Navajo Counties, AZ, Due: March 27, 2000, Contact: Nathan M. Banks (602) 379-3646.

EIS No. 000046, FINAL EIS, FHW, ND, Interstate 29 Reconstruction Project, Improvements from Rose Coulee to Cass County Road No. 20, Funding, City of Fargo, ND, Due: March 27, 2000, Contact: J. Michael Brown (701) 250-4204.

EIS No. 000047, DRAFT EIS, NPS, KY, TN, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, General Management Plan, Implementation, McCreary, KY and Fentress, Morgan, Pickett, Scott Counties, TN, Due: April 10, 2000, Contact: Reed Detring (423) 569-9778.

EIS No. 000048, FINAL EIS, BLM, CO, North Fork Coal Program, Approval of

Two Lease-By-Applications (LBA) and Exploration License for Iron Point and Elk Creek Coal Leases, Delta and Gunnison Counties, CO, Due: March 27, 2000, Contact: Jerry Jones (970) 240-5338. The US Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management and Department of Agriculture's Forest Service are Joint Lead Agencies for this project.

EIS No. 000049, DRAFT EIS, AFS, MT, Mill-Key-Wey Project, Proposed Timber Harvesting, Ecosystem Burning, Road Construction and Reconstruction, Implementation, Lolo National Forest, Superior Ranger District, Mineral County, MT, Due: April 10, 2000, Contact: Tom Martin (406) 822-3961.

EIS No. 000050, FINAL EIS, FHW, MO, MO-19 Missouri River Replacement Bridge Project, Construction and Operation, US Coast Guard and COE Section 404 Permits, Gasconade and Montgomery Counties, MO, Due: March 31, 2000, Contact: Don Neumann (573) 636-7104.

EIS No. 000051, DRAFT EIS, FTA, OH, Bera/I-X Center Red Line Extension Project, Southwest Corridor Major Investment, Transit Improvements, Funding, Cuyahoga County, OH, Due: April 10, 2000, Contact: Carlos Pena (312) 353-2865.

#### Amended Notices

EIS No. 000042, DRAFT EIS, USN, CA, El Toro Marine Corps Air Station Disposal and Reuse, April 03, 2000, Contact: Robert Montana (619) 532-0942, Published -FR-02-18-2000. Correction to Comment date from 03-20-2000 to 04-03-2000. Correction to Contact Name and Telephone.

Dated: February 22, 2000.

**Joseph C. Montgomery,**  
*Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Federal Activities.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6251-5]

#### Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared February 07, 2000 through February 11, 2000 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments

can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 09, 1999 (63 FR 17856).

#### Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-E65052-KY Rating EC1, Daniel Boone National Forest, Implementation, Salvage Harvest Due to 1998 Storm Damage Timber, McCreary and Pulaskie County, KY.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts regarding water quality, riparian vegetation and increased bank erosion. EPA recommends implementing Alternative C which appears to strike a good balance by minimizing impacts to the sensitive important Rock and Marsh Creek corridors.

ERP No. D-BLM-J02038-WY Rating LO, Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Natural Gas Wells Project, Implementation, Sublette County, WY.

*Summary:* EPA has no objections to the action as proposed.

ERP No. D-COE-K36131-CA Rating EC2, Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project, Proposed Plan for Flood Control, City of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA concurred that alternative 12 would increase biological, visual, and water resource values associated with Mission Creek and would enhance flood control. EPA expressed concerns that the Tidewater Goby may be adversely affected and recommended that potential for scouring; wetland washouts; and culvert clogging be further addressed and rectified in the FEIS.

ERP No. D-FHW-E40781-TN Rating EC2, Interstate 40 (I-40) Transportation Improvements from I-75 to Cherry Street in Knoxville, Funding, NPDES and COE Section 404 Permits, Knox County, TN.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding potential noise and cultural resource impacts. EPA requested that these issues be addressed in greater detail in the final document.

ERP No. D-FHW-E40782-NC Rating EC2, Western Wake Freeway, Transportation Improvements from NC-55 at NC-1172 (Old Smithfield Road) to NC-55 near NC-1630 (Alston Avenue), Funding and COE 404 Permit, Wake County, NC.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns that the residential noise impacts will be substantial for all of the alternatives and

that additional efforts are needed to lessen them. Additionally, EPA expressed concerns for the cumulative social impacts to one community and for storm water impacts for the entire project.

ERP No. D-NPS-F65025-MI Rating EC2, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Historic Properties Management Plan, Implementation, MI.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns about the potential adverse impacts of development to the lakeshore resources and requested that the final EIS include information addressing the types of activities that will be subject to NEPA and the relationship between the Historic Properties Management Plan and the General Management Plan.

#### FINAL EISs

ERP No. F-FHW-F40085-IN US 231 Transportation Project, New Construction from CR-200 N to CR-1150 S, Funding, Right-of-Way Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Spencer and Dubois Counties, IN.

*Summary:* The information provided in the final EIS is sufficient to resolve EPA's previously expressed concerns for documentation of the project's Purpose and Need, Range of Alternatives to be Evaluated, and Selection of a Preferred Alternative. Additionally, the Conceptual Wetlands Mitigation Plan described is also acceptable.

ERP No. F-FHW-G40148-00 US-71 Transportation Improvements, from south of Bella Vista to Pineville, Benton County, AR and McDonald County, MO.

*Summary:* EPA has no further comments. The final EIS adequately responded to EPA's comments on the draft EIS.

ERP No. F-FHW-J54000-CO Southeast Corridor Multi-Modal Project, To Improve Travel between Central and Southeast Corridors, Light Rail Transit (LRT), Colorado Metropolitan Area, Denver, CO.

*Summary:* EPA continues to express concerns regarding potential indirect and cumulative impacts.

ERP No. F-FTA-L53002-WA Everett-to-Seattle Commuter Rail Project, Construction and Operation, To Link the Cities of Everett, Mukilteo, Edmonds, Shoreline, and the Seattle Waterfront, U.S. Coast Guard, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Snohomish County, WA.

*Summary:* EPA's primary concern was addressed in the final EIS: the preferred alternative identified will have fewer impacts to the environmental than the other build alternatives.

ERP No. F-NRC-E06003-SC Generic EIS—License Renewal of Nuclear Plants