

participate in the scoping process by identifying any additional concerns on issues, studies needed, alternatives, procedures, and other matters related to the scoping process. At this time, there are no plans for a public scoping meeting.

Public Involvement

We invite the participation of affected Federal, state and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties.

Coordination

The proposed action is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, with the FWS under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and with the State Historic Preservation Officer under the Natural Historic Preservation Act. On a working level, the proposed action is being conducted by an interdisciplinary/interagency team combining local, state, and federal organizations.

Other Environmental Review and Consultation

The proposed action would involve evaluation for compliance with guidelines pursuant to Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act; application (to the State of Florida) for Environmental Resource Permits pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act; certification of state lands, easements, and rights of way; and determination of Coastal Zone Management Act consistency.

Agency Role

As cooperating agency, non-Federal sponsor, and leading local expert; SFWD will provide extensive information and assistance on the resources to be impacted and alternatives.

DEIS Preparation

It is estimated that the DEIS will be available to the public in September, 1999.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Privacy Act; Systems of Records

AGENCY: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

ACTION: New system of records.

SUMMARY: Each Federal agency is required by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, to publish a description of the systems of records it maintains containing personal information. In this notice the Board announces a new system of records.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard A. Azzaro, Acting General Counsel, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20004-2901, (202) 208-6387.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The new system of records, designated NDFSB-6, is described below.

DNFSB-6

SYSTEM NAME:

DNFSB Staff Resume Book.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified materials.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004-2901.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Members of the Board's technical and legal staff.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

A summary of each employee's educational background and work experience, with emphasis on areas relevant to the individual's work at the Board.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM.

National Defense Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1989 (amended the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. § 2011 et seq.) by adding new Chapter 21—Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board).

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSE OF SUCH USES:

The Resume Book may be distributed to representatives of the press, Congressional staff, representatives of State and local governments, and to any member of the public or any organization having a legitimate interest in understanding the technical and legal qualifications of the Board's staff.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Paper records and computer files.

RETRIEVABILITY:

By employee name.

SAFEGUARDS:

Copies of the Resume Book will be sequentially numbered and all copies will be stored under the control of a Board employee. A record will be kept of each disclosure of the book by name of the receiving party and purpose for which the information is provided. The Resume Book will not be available via Internet nor will it be placed in the Board's Public Reading Room.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

The Resume Book will be periodically updated, and out-of-date copies will be destroyed when updated copies are printed.

SYSTEM MANAGER AND ADDRESS:

Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20004-2901. Attention: Andrew Thibadeau.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Board employees covered by the Resume Book may examine it at any time. They may also examine the list of disclosures maintained by the System Manager.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Same as Notification Procedure.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:

Any Board employee covered by the Resume Book may request that corrections be made in his/her resume at any time.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Subject individuals.

SYSTEM EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

Dated: June 11, 1997.

John T. Conway,

Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Transmission System Vegetation Management Program

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: This notice announces BPA's intention to prepare an EIS on

principles for implementing BPA's Transmission System Vegetation Management Program. In accordance with the Federal Columbia River Transmission System Act of 1974, the Administrator "shall operate and maintain the Federal transmission system to * * * maintain the electrical stability and electrical reliability of the Federal (transmission) system * * *." In order to ensure safe and reliable power, BPA must control the vegetation on land around the electrical transmission facilities.

BPA has invited the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to be cooperating agencies in this EIS process. They have been asked to participate in the formal scoping process; to review resource analysis; and to assist in developing alternative principles to guide the standards, techniques, and procedures used in BPA's Transmission System Vegetation Management Program. These agencies were invited because they manage some of the land where BPA transmission facilities are located.

BPA invites public comment on the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts to be addressed in the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program EIS.

DATES: BPA has established a scoping period during which affected landowners, concerned citizens, special interest groups, local governments, and any other interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. BPA will hold one scoping meeting (possibly more depending on public interest) and will contact tribes, agencies, and groups interested in BPA's Vegetation Management Program. Written comments are due to the address below no later than July 23, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comment letters and requests to be placed on the project mailing list to Communications, Bonneville Power Administration—ACS-7, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon, 97212. The phone number of the Communications office is 503-230-3478 in Portland (toll-free 1-800-622-4519 outside of Portland); or comment at our internet address at: comment@bpa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Tammie Vincent at (503) 230-3469, Bonneville Power Administration—ECN-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BPA owns and operates a high-voltage transmission system throughout Washington and Oregon, and in parts of Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and

California. To ensure safe, reliable service, vegetation is managed as part of the normal operation of the transmission system.

Proposed Action

BPA proposes to review its Transmission System Vegetation Management Program and set principles to guide the planning and implementation of vegetation management techniques used in the program. The objective of the proposed action is to provide the most cost-effective, efficient, and environmentally acceptable means of controlling vegetation that may threaten transmission system safety and reliability. General issues the EIS may address include the following: vegetation management, land management, water quality management, fish and wildlife management, threatened and endangered species management, cultural resources management, and economic effects. Additional issues may be identified by the public scoping process; scoping may also eliminate some issues from in-depth analysis. The EIS will develop broad, program-wide standards and practices for planning and implementing vegetation management. Site-specific analysis would then be tied to the Program EIS, when needed.

Information developed from other environmental reviews, especially concerning vegetation management in the Pacific Northwest, may be included in the BPA Transmission System Vegetation Management Program EIS, as appropriate.

Current Practice

BPA currently manages vegetation with a mix of techniques on a project-by-project basis. This approach does not foster consistency across projects, jurisdictions, BPA's regions, or over time. BPA needs to find a way to ensure consistency.

Alternatives Proposed for Consideration

Alternatives to be considered in the BPA Transmission System Vegetation Management Program EIS would include alternative vegetation management planning and implementation principles for each management issue addressed. The EIS will also consider a No Action alternative, i.e., continuing project-by-project vegetation management without defined program-or region-wide standards and guidelines.

Identification of Environmental Issues

The environmental issues associated with transmission system vegetation management include potential effects on land use, vegetation communities, water quality, human health and safety, and wildlife populations.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on June 6, 1997.

Randall W. Hardy,

Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-1546-001]

Illinova Energy Partners, Inc.; Notice of Filing

June 10, 1997.

Take notice that on May 5, 1997, Illinova Energy Partners, Inc. tendered for filing its compliance filing in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before June 20, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-558-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

June 10, 1997.

Take notice that on June 2, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company