

what issues should be addressed in the document to be prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The SDI will be circulated to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other interested parties to participate in the scoping process. SDI provides a brief description of the proposed action, project alternatives, the geographic and temporal scope of a cumulative effects analysis, and a list of issues.

Scoping Meetings

Tapoco and FERC staff will conduct two scoping meetings. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend and assist in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the APEA.

The first scoping meeting will be held on October 5, 1999, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Tapoco Lodge in Tapoco, NC, and the second scoping meeting will be held on October 5, 1999, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Blount County Chamber of Commerce Board Room, 201 South Washington Street, Maryville, TN. Each meeting will commence with a presentation by Tapoco representatives followed by the opportunity for participants to provide information on resources at issue or which should be analyzed in the APEA. For more details, interested parties should contact Sue Fugate at Tapoco at (423) 977-3321, prior to the meeting date.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, Tapoco and FERC staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues identified for analysis in the APEA; (2) identify reasonable alternatives to be addressed in the APEA, (3) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantified data, on the resources at issue, and (4) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the APEA. Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. Because these meetings will be NEPA scoping meetings, the Commission will not conduct another scoping meeting after the application and APEA are filed with the Commission.

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and become a part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the relicensing of the Tapoco Project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to identify themselves for the record. Speaking time allowed for individuals will be determined before each meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session. Persons choosing not to speak but wishing to express an opinion, as well as speakers unable to summarize their positions within their allotted time, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record no later than December 4, 1999.

All filings should contain an original and 8 copies. Failure to file an original and 8 copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of your comments in a timely manner. All comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, and should clearly show the following captions on the first page: Tapoco Project, FERC No. 2169. A copy of each filing should also be sent to Norm Pierson, Tapoco, Inc., 300 North Hall Road, Alcoa, TN 37701 and to Paul Shiers, Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation, 245 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02210.

Based on all comments, a Scoping Document II (SDII) may be issued. SDII will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping sessions and written statements received.

For further information regarding the scoping process, please contact Ronald McKittrick, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Atlanta Regional Office, Parkridge 85 North, Suite 300, 3125 Presidential Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30340 at (770) 452-3778, E-mail ronald.mckittrick@ferc.fed.us, or Norm Pierson at Tapoco at (423) 977-3326.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent to Eliminate the Remote Public Access System (RPA) and the Records Information Management System-Remote Public Access System (RIMS-RPA)

September 1, 1999.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the Commission), hereby gives notice that it intends to eliminate the Commission's dial up systems effective on or about September 30, 1999. These systems include the Remote Public Access System (RPA) and the Records Information Management System-Remote Public Access System (RIMS-RPA). The majority of the data and information currently available on these dial up systems is available through the Commission's Internet website.¹

Government agencies are required to be "Y2K" compliant. However, the dial up systems are not year 2000 compliant. In addition, OMB Circular A-130, Section 8(a)(5)(d)(i) directs agencies, when disseminating information, to achieve "the best balance between the goals of maximizing the usefulness of the information and minimizing the cost to the government and the public." Eliminating the two dial up systems, RIMS-RPA and RPA, is consistent with these goals and will eliminate costly duplication.

These systems rely on technology that is being used less and less popular with the advent of the Internet. Moreover, accessing the systems available through the Internet is much simpler than accessing the same systems by dialing in.² Since the Commission has limited resources, we must eliminate the cost of supporting duplicative systems that rely on older technology. Moreover, given the Commission's fiscal year ends on September 30, the greatest cost savings to the taxpayer will accrue if these systems are eliminated but the end of the fiscal year. Therefore, the

¹ The one system not yet available on the Commission's website is the Rates and Tariff Indexing System (RATIS). The Commission is currently revising RATIS to make it compatible with the web. The successor to RATIS will be known as the Automated Numbering System (ANS). Every effort is being made to make it available by the Commission's deadline for discontinuing the dial up systems. See Appendix A for the location on the Internet of the information currently on the dial up systems.

² The dial-up technology requires users to obtain a password and user ID to access the systems. Anyone with access to the Internet may use RIMS and the Docket Sheet and Service List System without obtaining a user ID and password.

Commission intends to discontinue RPA and RIMS-RPA in the next fiscal year.

The Commission invites interested persons to submit written comments on the matters and issues in this notice. The original and 14 copies of such comments must be received by the Commission before 5:00 p.m. on September 15, 1999. Comments should be submitted to the Office of the

Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All written comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for inspection in the Commission's Public Reference room at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, during regular business hours. Additionally, comments may be viewed

and printed remotely via the Internet through FERC's Homepage using the RIMS link or the Energy Information Online icon. RIMS user assistance is available at 202-208-2222, or by E-Mail to rimsmaster@ferc.fed.us.

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APPENDIX A

System or Document Available on dial-up system	Location on the internet ¹
RIMS	http://rimsweb1.ferc.fed.us/rims/
Docket Sheets and Service Lists	http://fercdocket.ferc.fed.us/pa/pa.htm
Sunshine Notice	http://www.ferc.fed.us/sec/sec1.htm
RATIS (to be renamed ANS)	Available approximately October 1, 1999. ²

¹ Helplines (202-208-2222 or 202-208-1371) for technical assistance or questions about using the systems available on the Commission's website are staffed during the Commission's official business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time). Users may also send an e-mail message at any time to rimsmaster@ferc.fed.us for inquiries about RIMS and webmaster@ferc.fed.us for other types of inquiries.

² Monitor What's New on the Commission's website for the future location of RATIS (to be renamed ANS) on the web.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Power Allocation Procedures and Call for Applications, Post-2004 Resource Pool—Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of allocation procedures and call for applications.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western), a Federal power marketing agency of the Department of Energy (DOE), is seeking applicants for long-term firm capacity and energy resources (power resources) available from the Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects (SLCA/IP) on October 1, 2004.

DATES: Western will hold public information meetings on its procedures at the following locations and times:

1. September 8, 1999, 9 a.m., Albuquerque, New Mexico
2. September 9, 1999, 9 a.m., Farmington, New Mexico
3. September 14, 1999, 9 a.m. Kingman, Arizona
4. September 15, 1999, 9 a.m., Phoenix, Arizona
5. September 16, 1999, 9 a.m., Salt Lake City, Utah

ADDRESSES:

1. Albuquerque, Pueblo Cultural Center; 2401 12th Street NW
2. Farmington, Holiday Inn, 600 E. Broadway

3. Kingman, Holiday Inn, 3100 Andy Devine

4. Phoenix, YWCA, 9440 N. 25th Avenue

5. Salt Lake City, Western Area Power Administration, 150 Social Hall Avenue, Suite 300

All correspondence regarding these procedures should be directed to the following address; Mr. Burt Hawkes, Power Marketing and Contracts Team Lead, CRSP Customer Service Center, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 11606, Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0606.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Burt Hawkes, Power Marketing and Contracts Team Lead, (801) 524-3344; Clayton Palmer, Resources and Environment Team Lead, (801) 524-3522; or Lyle Johnson, Public Utilities Specialist, (801) 524-5585. Written requests for information should be sent to CRSP Customer Service Center, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 11606, Salt Lake City, UT 84147-0606.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authorities: Power resources are marketed pursuant to the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101-7352); and the Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388), as amended and supplemented by subsequent enactments, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485 h(c)); and other acts specifically applicable to the projects involved.

Background

Existing power resource contracts were due to expire on September 30, 2004. In a Notice of Decision published on June 25, 1999 (64 FR 34413), Western determined that it will extend 93 percent of most of the existing

customers' proportional shares of the power resources available on October 1, 2004, through September 30, 2024. In addition, a further 7-megawatt reduction to Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.'s (Tri-State) allocation will be made. The amount not extended to existing customers will be allocated in accordance with these procedures. Western expects the amount will be sufficient to supply up to 12.5 percent of the current load of eligible new preference applicants and 65 percent of the current load of eligible Native American applicants.

In an exception to the general rule, the four existing SLCA/IP power resource customers that are Native American entities—the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA), the Ak Chin Indian Community, the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Colorado River Agency, and the San Carlos Irrigation Project—will be extended 100 percent of their pro rata shares of the SLCA/IP resource available on October 1, 2004. Moreover, Western intends, if necessary, to allocate additional power resources to these existing Native American customers so that 65 percent of the 1998-1999 nonindustrial load of NTUA and 65 percent of the 1998-1999 total load of each of the other Native American organizations is served.

For Native American tribes currently receiving power from utilities that have allocations of Federal power resources, Western will take into account the benefit received through the existing supplier when determining their allocations.

During the process of allocating the resource pool, further information about