

(202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

The Commission intends to prepare a Multiple Project Environmental Assessment (MPEA) for the relicensing of the Webber Project and the licensing of the Portland Municipal Project No. 11616, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The MPEA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental effects, if any, of the proposed action and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic, financial, and engineering analysis.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission will hold two scoping meetings, one in the daytime and one in the evening, to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the MPEA. The daytime scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the environmental issues that should be addressed in the MPEA.

The evening meeting will be on Wednesday, October 20, 1999, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Portland High School auditorium, located at 1100 Ionia Road, Portland, Michigan. The morning meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21, 1999 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Lansing Center, Room 202, located at 333 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.

To help focus discussions, we will distribute a Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the MPEA to parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings.

Site Visit

The applicant and the Commission staff will conduct project site visits on Wednesday, October 20, 1999, starting at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at the parking lot next to the Portland Dam powerhouse and fish ladder off Lyons Road. If you plan to attend the site visit, please call David Battige, Consumers Energy Company, at (616) 779-5506, no later than October 13, 1999.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the MPEA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information,

especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the MPEA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the MPEA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission's proceeding on the project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to clearly identify themselves for the record.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the MPEA.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Scoping Meetings and Site Visits and Soliciting Scoping Comments

September 20, 1999.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Original Minor License.

b. *Project No.:* 11616-000.

c. *Date Filed:* June 1, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* City of Portland, Michigan.

e. *Name of Project:* Portland Municipal Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Grand River, near the City of Portland, in Ionia County, Michigan. The project would not utilize federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Glen Hendrix, Earth Tech, Inc., 555 Glenwood Hills Pkwy., Grand Rapids, MI 49588, (616) 940-4406.

i. *FERC Contact:* Tom Dean, thomas.dean@ferc.fed.us, (202) 219-2778.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* November 22, 1999.

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

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor 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. *Status of environmental analysis:* This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

1. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 13-foot-high, 325-foot-long dam with a concrete spillway; (2) a reservoir with a surface area of 90 acres, and a storage area of 140 acre-feet; (3) a powerhouse with a forebay containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 375 kW; and (4) other appurtenances.

m. *Locations of the application:* 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, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at <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.

The Commission intends to prepare a Multiple Project Environmental Assessment (MPEA) for the licensing of the Portland Municipal Project and the relicensing of the Webber Project No. 2566, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The MPEA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental effects, if any, of the proposed action and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic, financial, and engineering analysis.

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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 (202) 564-7153.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed September 13, 1999 Through September 17, 1999 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 990330, Draft EIS, AFS, UT, Monroe Mountain Ecosystem Restoration Project, Implementation, Fishlake National Forest, Richfield Ranger District, Sevier and Piute Counties, UT, Due: November 08, 1999, Contact: Don Okerlund (435) 896-9233.

EIS No. 990331, Final EIS, FHW, WV, Elkins Bypass Project, Construction, Relocation of US-33 between Aggregates and Canfield, Funding NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Randolph County, WV, Due: October 29, 1999, Contact: Thomas J. Smith (304) 347-5928.

EIS No. 990332, Draft EIS, FRC, IL, MI, IN, TriState Pipeline Project, Construction and Operation of Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities, Docket Nos.: CP99-61-000, CP99-62-000, CP99-63-000 and CP99-64-000, Presidential Permit, IL, IN and MI, Due: November 08, 1999, Contact: Paul McKee (202) 208-1088.

EIS No. 990333, Final EIS, NOA, ME, Atlantic Herring (*Clupea harengus harengus*) Fishery Management Plan (FWP), Management Measures, Exclusive Ecosystem Zone (EEZ), Gulf of Maine, George Bank, ME, Due: October 25, 1999, Contact: Hannah Goodale (978) 281-9300.

EIS No. 990334, Final EIS, FHW, MD, MD-331—Dover Bridge, Construction, Right-of-Way Grant, US Coast Guard Bridge Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Easton, Talbot and Caroline County, MD, Due: October 25, 1999, Contact: Pam Stephenson (410) 962-4342.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 990226, Draft EIS, COE, FL, Southwest Florida Improvement to the Regulatory Process for Rapid

Growth and Development, Alternatives Development Group (ADG), Lee and Collier Counties, FL, Due: November 02, 1999, Contact: Kenneth R. Dugger (904) 232-1686. Published FR 07-09-99—Review Period extended from 08-23-99 to 11-02-99.

EIS No. 990292, Draft EIS, BIA, AZ, NM, Programmatic EIS—Navajo Ten Year Forest Management Plan Alternatives, Implementation and Funding, AZ and NM, Due: October 20, 1999, Contact: Harold D. Russell (520) 729-7228. Published FR 08-20-99—Review Period Extended—from 10-04-99 to 10-20-99.

EIS No. 990312, Final EIS, COE, OR, WA and Lower Willamette River Federal Navigation Channel, Improvement Channel Deepening, OR and WA, Due: October 25, 1999, Contact: Steven J. Stevens (503) 808-4768. Published FR 09-10-99—Review Period Extended from 10-12-99 to 10-25-99.

Dated: September 21, 1999.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared August 16, 1999 Through August 20, 1999 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 9, 1999 (64 FR 17362).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-BLM-L67037-ID Rating EO2, Dry Valley Mine—South Extension Project, Construction of two New Open Pit Mine, Special-Use-Permit, COE Section 404 Permit, Public and Private Land Used, Caribou County, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed the following objections: an inadequate discussion of the fate, transport, and speciation of selenium; an abridged