

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must: (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST," "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

December 17, 1999.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires

Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. The documents may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Exempt

1. Project No. 4515-014-12-1-99—Elliott Sutto.
2. CP98-150-000 and CP98-151-000-12-3-99—Christopher Pryslopski.
3. CP98-150-000 and CP98-151-000-12-3-99—Steve C. Resler.
4. CP99-163-000-11-8-99—L.J. Sauter, Jr.
5. Project No. 1981-000-11-11-99—Thomas F. Thuemler.
6. Project No. 2741-000-11-10-99—Brian D. Conway.
7. Project No. 2609-013-11-19-99—Judith M. Stolfo.
8. Project No. 2566-010 and Project No. 11616-000-11-29-99—Chris Freiberger.
9. CP99-94-000-12-8-99—Wayne E. Daltry.
10. Project No. 10942-000-12-6-99—Don Beyer.

11. CP98-150-000 and CP98-151-000-12-9-99—Gordon P. Buckley.

12. Project No. 2659-000-12-10-99—Bob Easton.

13. CP98-150-000 and CP98-151-000-12-14-99—Matthew J. Brower.

14. CP00-36-000-12-17-99—Stanley Hlaban.

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Secretary.

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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 December 6, 1999 through December 10, 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) 564-7176.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 10, 1998 (63 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J60020-00 Rating EC2, Yellowstone Pipeline Missoula to Thompson Falls Route, Construction and Operation, Special-Use-Permit and Right-of-Way Easement, Missoula, Sanders and Mineral Counties, MT and Shoshone County, ID.

Summary: EPA supports the preferred alternative, however EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding potential surface and ground water quality impacts from potential pipeline spills and recommended using an industry state-of-the-art pipeline leak detection system. EPA recommends including protective measures for the existing pipeline west of Thompson Falls.

ERP No. D-FHW-C40149-NY Rating EC2, Albany Shaker Road and Watervliet Shaker Road Improvement Project, Construction and Reconstruction, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Town of Colonie, Albany County, NY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding potential impacts to wetlands and air quality. EPA requested that additional information regarding the minimization

measures and proposed mitigation plans for wetlands, as well as a more thorough cumulative impacts evaluation for wetlands and air quality should be included in the final EIS.

ERP No. D-FRC-E03008-00 Rating EC2, Florida Gas Transmission Phase IV Expansion Project (Docket No. CP99-94-000), To Deliver Natural Gas to Electric Generator, FL and MS.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concern regarding the impact of 297 acres of wetlands including 100 acres of forested wetlands, 72 perennial waterways and 62 residences within 50 ft of the construction ROW, and that the project would induce secondary development impacts. EPA requested additional information on certain alternatives/ variations and of Environmental Justice.

ERP No. D-FTA-C40150-NY Rating EC2, Manhattan East Side Transit Alternatives Study, (MESA), Improve Transit Access Lower Manhattan, Lower East Side, East Midtown, Upper East Side and East Harlem, Major Investment Study, New York, NY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the air quality analysis and alternatives. EPA requested that this issue be clarified and be included in the next document.

ERP No. D-NPS-C61010-NJ Rating EC2, Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreation River, Comprehensive Management Plan, Implementation, Atlantic Gloucester, Camden and Cape May Counties, NJ.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the CMP recommendations to enhance and protect the River's water quality. The final EIS should include a funding plan, and a detailed plan for periodic evaluation of the implementation and success of the CMP.

ERP No. D-NPS-F39038-00 Rating EC2, Lower Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway Cooperative Management Plan, Implementation, MN and WI.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns regarding potential water quality impacts and the lack of baseline data/ indicators. EPA requested that these issues be clarified in the final document.

ERP No. D-USN-C11016-NY Rating EC2, Brooklyn Naval Station Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, King County, NY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding impacts to the Brooklyn/Queens Aquifer System and historic resources, and requested that additional information be

presented in the final EIS to address these issues.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-K65307-CA Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Forest Recovery Act, Establishing and Conducting a Pilot Project, Lassen, Plumas, and Tahoe National Forests, Shasta, Lassen, Tehama, Yuba, Plumas and Battle Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections with the designation of Alternative 3 as the "environmentally preferable alternative," given Alternative 5 would provide maximum level of resource protection with the minimum level of new disturbance. EPA suggested that the ROD specify mitigation for the new road construction and provide a map of spotted owl habitat excluded from harvest.

ERP No. F-COE-L90028-WA Programmatic EIS—Puget Sound Confined Disposal Site Study, Implementation, WA.

Summary: No formal comment letter sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. FS-AFS-L82015-ID St. Joe Noxious Weed Control Project, Implementation, St. Maries River, St. Joe River and Little North Fork Clearwater River, Benewah, Shoshone and Latah Counties, ID.

Summary: No formal comment letter sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F1-AFS-L61218-ID Frank Church—River of No Return Wilderness (FC-RONRW), Implementation for the Future Management of Land and Water Resource, Bitterroot, Boise, Nez Perce, Payette and Salmon-Challis National Forests, ID.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent the preparing agency.

Dated: December 20, 1999.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6249-3]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 OR www.epa.gov/oeca/ofa. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed December 13, 1999 Through December 17, 1999 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 990476, Draft EIS, AFS, AZ, Williams Ski Area Expansion on Bill Williams Mountain, Implementation, Special-Use-Permit, Kaibab National Forest, Williams Ranger District, Coconino County, AZ, Due: February 22, 2000, Contact: Teri Cleeland (520) 635-5620.

EIS No. 990477, Final EIS, AFS, UT, Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort Master Development Plan, Implementation, Special-Use-Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Salt Lake and Lake Counties, Salt Lake City, UT, Due: January 21, 2000, Contact: Rob Cruz (801) 733-2685.

EIS No. 990478, Draft EIS, COE, AZ, Tres Rios Feasibility Study Project, Ecosystem Restoration, Located at the Salt, Gila and Agua Fria Rivers, City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, AZ, Due: February 07, 2000, Contact: Alex Watt (213) 452-3860.

EIS No. 990479, Draft EIS, COE, CA, Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project, Proposed Plan for Flood Control, City of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, CA, Due: February 07, 2000, Contact: Joy Jaiswal (213) 452-3871.

EIS No. 990480, Final EIS, FHW, CO, Southeast Corridor Multi-Modal Project, To Improve Travel between Central and Southeast Corridors, Light Rail Transit (LRT), Colorado Metropolitan Area, Denver, CO, Due: January 21, 2000, Contact: Vince Barone (303) 969-6730.

EIS No. 990481, Final EIS, NRC, SC, Generic EIS—License Renewal of Nuclear Plants for the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2 and 3, Implementation, Oconee County, SC, Due: January 21, 2000, Contact: James H. Wilson (301) 415-1108.

EIS No. 990482, Final EIS, NPS, DC, The White House and President's Park Comprehensive Design Plan, Implementation of a Framework for Future Management, Washington, DC, Due: January 21, 2000, Contact: James I. McDaniel (202) 619-6344.

EIS No. 990483, Draft EIS, NRS, Programmatic EIS—Emergency Watershed Protection Program, Improvements and Expansion, To Preserve Life and Property Threatened by Disaster-Caused Erosion and Flooding, US 50 States and Territories except Coastal Area, Due: February 15, 2000, Contact: Donald Gohmert (202) 720-3534.

EIS No. 990484, Final EIS, USA, NJ, Military Ocean Terminal (MOTBY), Disposal and Reuse, Implementation, in the City of Bayonne, Bergen, Essex and Hudson Counties, NJ, Due: January 21, 2000, Contact: Theresa Persick-Arnold (703) 697-0216.