

Electric's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities * * *.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is April 14, 2000.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER00-1139-000 and ER00-1140-000, ER00-1141-000, ER00-1147-000, ER00-1171-000 (Not consolidated)]

Gleason Power I, L.L.C., West Fork Land Development Company, L.L.C., Des Plaines Green Land Development, L.L.C., AES Londonderry, LLC and Tiverton Power Associates Limited Partnership; Notice of Issuance of Order

March 20, 2000.

Gleason Power I, L.L.C., West Fork Land Development Company, L.L.C., Des Plaines Green Land Development Company, L.L.C., AES Londonderry, LLC, and Tiverton Power Associates Limited Partnership (hereafter, "the Applicants") filed with the Commission rate schedules in the above-captioned proceedings, respectively, under which the Applicants will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, certain of the Applicants may also have requested in their respective applications that the commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by the Applicants. On March 16, 2000, the Commission issued an order that accepted the rate schedules for sales of capacity and energy at market-based rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceedings.

The Commission's March 16, 2000 Order granted, for those Applicants that sought such approval, their request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Appendix B in Ordering Paragraphs (2), (3), and (5):

(2) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard

or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by the Applicants should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(3) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (2) above, if the Applicants have requested such authorization, the Applicants are hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the Applicants, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(5) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of the Applicants' issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is April 17, 2000.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. This issuance may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance.)

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Regional Transmission Organizations; Notice of Meeting

March 20, 2000.

In the matter of: RM99-2-000, ER98-1438-000, EC98-24-000, ER99-3144-000, EC99-80-000, EL00-25-000, ER00-448-000, ER99-3318-000, EL00-39-000, EC00-27-000, EC00-28-000, EC00-26-000, EL00-43-000, EL00-46-000, ER99-2779-000, TX00-2-000, ER98-4410-000, ER99-1659-000, ER99-1660-000, ER99-3914-000, ER99-3916-000, EC99-101-000, ER99-1610-000, ER99-993-000, ER98-2910-000, EL98-74-000, ER98-3709-000, ER95-112-000, ER96-586-000,

ER95-1001-000, EL95-17-000, ER95-1615-000, ER96-2709-000, TX97-7-000, ER00-1526-000, ER00-1381-000, ER00-1695-000, ER00-1743-000, ER00-536-000, ER00-1820-000, EC98-40-000, ER98-2770-000, ER98-2786-000, and EL99-57-000; Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, Commonwealth Edison Company, Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana, Illinois Power Company, PSI Energy, Inc., Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Union Electric Company, Central Illinois Public Service Company, Louisville Gas & Electric Company, Kentucky Utilities Company, Alliance Companies; American Electric Power Service Corporation, Consumers Energy Company, Detroit Edison Company, FirstEnergy Corporation, Virginia Electric and Power Company, Commonwealth Edison Company, Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana, Inc., IES Utilities Inc., Interstate Power Company, MidAmerican Energy Company, Midwest Independent Transmission, System Operator, Inc., Mid-Continent Area Power Pool, Southwest Power Pool, Inc., UtiliCorp United Inc. and St. Joseph Light & Power Company, UtiliCorp United Inc. and The Empire District Electric Company, Commonwealth Edison Company and PECO Energy Company, UtiliCorp United Inc. v. City of Harrisonville, Missouri, Entergy Power Marketing Corporation v. Southwest Power Pool, Central Power and Light Company, West Texas Utilities Company, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Southwestern Electric Power Company, Prairieland Energy, Inc., Entergy Services, Inc., Central Power and Light Company, West Texas Utilities Company, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Southwestern Electric Power Company, Northern States Power Company, *et al.* (Minnesota); Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company, *et al.*, Northern States Power Company, *et al.* (Minnesota), New Century Services, Inc., Mid-Continent Area Power Pool, Entergy Services, Inc., Mid-Continent Area Power Pool, Entergy Services, Inc., Entergy Services, Inc. and Entergy Power, Inc., Entergy Power Marketing Corp., Entergy Services, Inc., Missouri Basin Municipal Power Agency, Reliant Energy Services, Inc., Ameren Services Company, Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, Entergy Services, Inc., Southwestern Public Service Company, Commonwealth Edison Company, Commonwealth Edison Company of Indiana, American Electric Power Company and Central and South West Corporation and Entergy Services, Inc.

On December 20, 1999, the Commission issued Order No. 2000 to advance the formation of Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs). Order No. 2000 announced the initiation of a regional collaborative process to aid in the formation of RTOs. To initiate the collaborative process, the Commission organized a series of regional workshops. These workshops are open to all interested parties. The fourth workshop is scheduled for March 29-30, 2000 in Kansas City, Missouri.

During the course of the Kansas City workshop, discussion of the above-listed cases could arise. Any person having an interest in an above-listed case is invited to attend the Kansas City workshop. There will be no Commission transcript of any of the workshops, and information discussion or disseminated in the workshop will not constitute part of the decisional record in the above-listed cases, unless formally, filed in accordance with Commission Regulations.

David P. Boergers,
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 March 6, 2000 Through March 10, 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 9, 1999 (63 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-L65342-00 Rating EC2, Pacific Northwest Region Douglas-fir Tussock Moth (*orgyia pseudotsugata*) Project, To Partially Control an Anticipated Outbreak of Douglas-fir tussock moth, To be Implemented in Nine National Forests in WA and OH.

Summary

EPA expressed concerns about the EIS lacking a clear demonstration that defoliation by tussock moths would adversely affect the environment. EPA also urged that the EIS apply the protocol for addressing 303(d) waters, discuss further the IPM approach used, and describe the indicators that would trigger spraying.

ERP No. D-COE-G36151-TX Rating EC2, Programmatic EIS—Upper Trinity River Basin Feasibility Study, To Provide Flood Damage Reduction, Environmental Restoration, Water Quality Improvement and Recreational Enhancement, Trinity River, Dallas-Fort

Worth Metroplex, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant Counties, TX.

Summary

EPA has environmental concerns about water quality. EPA requested additional information regarding optimum channel and lake morphology to ensure safe and recreational use compatible with water quality within the lakes. EPA also requested additional information regarding the Dallas Master Plan's compatibility with Floodplain Management requirements established by Executive Order 11988.

ERP No. D-NRS-A36450-00 Rating EC2, 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.

Summary

EPA expressed concern that the "Prioritized Watershed Planning and Management" alternative was not selected as the proposed action. EPA requested several modifications to the proposed program, including requirements for cumulative impact assessment and greater use of bioengineering principles when designing projects.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-J65314-MT, Flathead National Forest, Swan Lake Ranger District, Meadow Smith Project, Vegetative Treatments and Other Activities to Maintain and Restore Large-Tree Old Growth Forest Characteristics, Lake and Missoula Counties, MT.

Summary

EPA continues to express concern about the level of monitoring proposed to identify actual impacts from the implementation activities. EPA also requested additional mitigation measures to reduce other impacts.

ERP No. F-BLM-K67050-NV, South Pipeline Mine Project, Proposal to Extend Gold Mining Operations, Implementation, Lander County, NV.

Summary

EPA continues to express concern regarding air/water quality impacts and the ecological risk of pit lakes. EPA requested that BLM address these issues before the Record of Decision is signed.

ERP No. F-COE-C32035-00, New York and New Jersey Harbor Navigation Study, Identify, Screen and Select Navigation Channel Improvements, NY and NJ.

Summary

EPA's previous issues concerning the lack of a signed Memorandum of Understanding for the Comprehensive Port Improvement Plan (CPIP), the cumulative impacts analysis, and the no action alternative have been adequately addressed. EPA requested that air quality analyses be committed to in the Record of Decision for this project and completed prior to project implementation. EPA expressed concerns that until the CPIP is completed, impacts associated with port facility and infrastructure expansions will not have been addressed. EPA commented that a supplemental EIS for the Harbor Navigation Project may be required at some point in the future.

ERP No. F-DOE-G60007-NM, The Conveyance and Transfer of Certain Land Tracts Administered by the US DOE and Located at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos and Santa Fe Counties, NM.

Summary

EPA has no objection to the action as proposed.

Dated: March 21, 2000.

B. Katherine Biggs,
Associate Director, NEPA Compliance Division Office of Federal Activities.

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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. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed March 13, 2000 Through March 17, 2000

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 000078, Final EIS, SFW, ID, MT, Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*) Recovery Plan in the Bitterroot Ecosystem, Implementation, Endangered Species Act, Proposed Special Rule 10(j) Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Grizzly Bears in the Bitterroot Area, Rocky Mountain, Blaine, Camas, Boise, Clearwater, Custer, Elmore, Idaho, Lemhi, Shoshone, Due: April 24, 2000, Contact: Dr. Christopher Servheen (406) 243-4903.

EIS No. 000079, Draft EIS, FHW, VA, Coalfields Expressway Location