

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2426–227]

California Department of Water Resources and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document (PAD), Commencement of Pre-Filing Process, and Scoping; Request for Comments on the PAD and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application for a New License and Commencing Pre-filing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 2426–227.

c. *Dated Filed:* August 1, 2016.

d. *Submitted By:* California

Department of Water Resources and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (Co-Applicants).

e. *Name of Project:* South SWP Hydropower Project.

f. *Location:* Along the West Branch of the State Water Project's California Aqueduct, in Los Angeles County, California. Excluding transmission lines, the project occupies 2,807.25 acres of United States lands, including 2,790.25 acres of National Forest System lands within the Angeles and the Los Padres National Forests and 17 acres under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contacts:* Ted Craddock, Chief, Hydropower License Planning and Compliance Office, Executive Division, California Department of Water Resources, 2033 Howe Avenue, Suite 220, Sacramento, CA 98525, (916) 557–4555 or Ted.Craddock@water.ca.gov; and Simon Zewdu, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Power Planning and Development, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, 111 North Hope Street, Room 921, Los Angeles, CA 90012, (213) 367–0881, or Simon.Zewdu@ladwp.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Mudre at (202) 502–8902 or email at john.mudre@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the

instructions for filing such requests described in item o below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. *With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with:* (a) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402 and (b) the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Co-Applicants as the Commission's non-federal representatives for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. On August 1, 2016, Co-Applicants filed with the Commission a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule), pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

o. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PAD and Commission's staff Scoping Document 1 (SD1), as well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and SD1, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of the potential application must be filed with the Commission.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file all documents using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–2426–227.

All filings with the Commission must bear the appropriate heading: "Comments on Pre-Application Document," "Study Requests," "Comments on Scoping Document 1," "Request for Cooperating Agency Status," or "Communications to and from Commission Staff." Any individual or entity interested in submitting study requests, commenting on the PAD or SD1, and any agency requesting cooperating status must do so by November 29, 2016.

p. Although our current intent is to prepare an environmental assessment (EA), there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

Scoping Meetings

Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the vicinity of the project at the times and places noted below. The daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization concerns, while the evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public. We invite all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying particular study needs, as well as the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the environmental document. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Embassy Suites by Hilton Valencia, 28508 Westinghouse Place, Valencia, CA, 91355.

Phone: (661) 257–3111.

Evening Scoping Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Embassy Suites by Hilton Valencia, 28508 Westinghouse Place, Valencia, CA, 91355.

Phone: (661) 257-3111.

Scoping Document 1 (SD1), which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph n. Based on all oral and written comments, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 may include a revised process plan and schedule, as well as a list of issues, identified through the scoping process.

Environmental Site Review

The potential applicant and Commission staff will conduct an Environmental Site Review (site visit) of the project on Wednesday October 25, 2016, starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at or about 3:00 p.m. All participants should meet at Vista Del Lago Visitor's Center, located at 38500 Vista Del Lago Road, Gorman, California. Participants are responsible for their own transportation. Persons planning on participating in the site visit, or with questions about it, should contact Ms. Gwen Sholl of California Department of Water Resources at (916) 557-4554 or Gwen.Scholl@water.ca.gov on or before October 14, 2016.

Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Initiate scoping of the issues; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss the appropriateness of any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the PAD in preparation for the scoping meetings.

Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included in item n. of this document.

Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will be placed in the public records of the project.

Dated: September 30, 2016.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7146 or <http://www.epa.gov/nepa>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) Filed 09/26/2016 through 09/30/2016 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

EIS No. 20160225, Final, BR, NM, Continued Implementation of the 2008 Operating Agreement for the Rio Grande Project, Review Period Ends: 11/07/2016, Contact: Hector Garcia 505-462-3550

EIS No. 20160226, Draft, FRA, GA, Atlanta to Chattanooga High Speed Ground Transportation Project, Comment Period Ends: 11/21/2016, Contact: John Winkle 202-493-6067

EIS No. 20160227, Draft, USFS, WY, Upper Green River Area Rangeland Project, Comment Period Ends: 11/21/2016, Contact: Dave Booth 307-367-5754

EIS No. 20160228, Final Supplement, BLM, ID, Proposed Land Use Plan Amendments for Segments 8 and 9 of the Gateway West 500-kV Transmission Line Project, Review Period Ends: 11/07/2016, Contact: Jim Stobaugh 775-861-6478

EIS No. 20160229, Final, DOE, ID, Recapitalization of Infrastructure Supporting Naval Spent Nuclear Fuel Handling at the Idaho National Laboratory, Review Period Ends: 11/07/2016, Contact: Erik Anderson 202-781-6057

EIS No. 20160230, Draft, USACE, WA, Millennium Bulk Terminals—Longview, Comment Period Ends: 11/29/2016, Contact: Danette L. Guy 206-316-3048

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20160200, Draft, USACE, NY, Atlantic Coast of New York, East Rockaway Inlet to Rockaway Inlet and Jamaica Bay, Comment Period Ends: 11/17/2016, Contact: Robert J. Smith 917-790-8729

Revision to FR Notice Published 09/02/2016; Extending Comment Period from 11/02/2016 to 11/17/2016

Dated: October 4, 2016.

Dawn Roberts,

Management Analyst, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Information Session; Implementation of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing plans to hold information sessions on: October 14, 2016 in Chicago, Illinois; October 20, 2016 in Orlando, Florida; November 7, 2016 in New York, New York; November 14, 2016 in San Francisco, California; November 15, 2016 in Los Angeles, California; and November 18, 2016 in Dallas, Texas.

The purpose of these sessions is to provide potential applicants with information about the implementation of the "Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014" (WIFIA).

Under WIFIA, EPA will provide loans and loan guarantees for water infrastructure of national or regional significance. It was signed into law on June 11, 2014 as Public Law 113-121. EPA will provide an overview of the program's statutory and eligibility requirements, application and selection process, and creditworthiness assessment. It will also discuss examples of the potential cost-savings that WIFIA credit assistance could have for projects. The intended audience is potential WIFIA applicants including municipal entities, corporations, partnerships, and State Revolving Fund programs, as well as the private and