

TransCanada Power Corporation pursuant to the Transmission Service Tariff filed by Northern Indiana Public Service Company in Docket No. ER96-1426-000 and allowed to become effective by the Commission. *Northern Indiana Public Service Company*, 75 FERC ¶61,213 (1996). Northern Indiana Public Service Company has requested that the Service Agreement be allowed to become effective as of July 1, 1996.

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumers Counselor.

Comment date: July 2, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing 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 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Project Nos. 2058 and 2075]

Washington Water Power; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Public Scoping Meetings and a Site Visit

June 19, 1996.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is reviewing a proposal to relicense and continue operating the Cabinet Gorge (FERC Project No. 2058) and Noxon Rapids (FERC Project No. 2075) in Bonner County, Idaho and Sanders County, Montana. The projects are partially located on federal lands managed by the Idaho Panhandle, Kootenai, and Lolo National Forest.

Relicensing these projects could constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the

FERC intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the projects in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the Commission's regulations. The EIS will objectively consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts of the projects and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic and engineering analysis.

A Draft EIS will be circulated for review and comment by all interested parties, and FERC staff will hold a public meeting on the Draft EIS. FERC staff will consider and respond to comments received on the Draft EIS in the final EIS. The FERC staff's conclusions and recommendations will then be presented for the consideration of the Commission in reaching its final licensing decision.

Scoping: Interested citizens, non-governmental organizations, local governments, state and federal agencies, Indian tribes, and any other interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS. Scoping will help ensure that all significant issues related to this proposal are addressed in the EIS.

FERC staff will conduct three scoping meetings as follows: (1) a scoping meeting oriented towards the public will begin at 7:00 p.m. on July 15 at the Sandpoint High School, 410 South Division Street, Sandpoint, Idaho; (2) a scoping meeting oriented towards the agencies will begin at 1:00 p.m. on July 16 at the Noxon Public School, 25 Railroad Road, Noxon, Montana; and (3) a scoping meeting oriented towards the public will begin at 7:00 p.m. on July 16 at the Noxon Public School. The public and agencies may attend any meeting.

Objectives: At the scoping meetings, FERC staff will (1) identify preliminary environmental issues related to the proposed projects; (2) attempt to identify preliminary resource issues that are not important and do not require detailed analysis; (3) identify reasonable alternatives to be addressed in the EIS; (4) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantified data, on the resource issues; and (5) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS, including points of view in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views.

Procedures: The meetings will be recorded by a court reporter and all statements (oral and written) will become a part of the official record of the Commission proceedings for the relicensing of the Cabinet Gorge and Noxon Rapids Projects. Individuals

presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to clearly identify themselves for the record.

To help focus discussions at the scoping meeting, the FERC will mail a scoping document, outlining subject areas to be addressed in the EIS, to all entities on the projects' mailing lists. Copies of the scoping document will also be available at the scoping meetings.

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the issues or information relevant to the issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the meetings. In addition, written scoping comments may be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Dockets Room 1A, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C., 20426, until August 19, 1996. All written correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Cabinet Gorge (No. 2058) and Noxon Rapids (No. 2075) Hydroelectric Projects.

Site Visit: There will also be a tour of the projects on July 18, 1996. Those who wish to attend should contact Ms. Kathy Krueger of Washington Water Power at (406) 847-2729 by July 9th to sign up. Attendees will meet at the Noxon Public School parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

For Further Information Contact: Joe Davis, FERC, Office of Hydropower Licensing (202) 219-2865.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5526-8]

Amendment to Common Sense Initiative Council Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Amendment to Open Meeting of the Public Advisory Common Sense Initiative Council.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is given that the times for the Common Sense Initiative Council meeting scheduled for June 27, and June 28, 1996, in Alexandria, Virginia, have been amended.

AMENDMENT OF OPEN MEETING NOTIFICATION: Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency, has amended an open meeting of the Common Sense Initiative Council

(reference FRN dated June 11, 1996, 61FR29559) scheduled for Thursday, June 27 and Friday, June 28, 1996, at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 625 First Street, Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m., EDT, rather than 1:00 p.m., EDT, on June 27, 1996. On June 28, 1996, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. EDT, as previously scheduled, but will end at 12 noon EDT, rather than 1:00 p.m. EDT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For more information regarding the amendment of this meeting, please call Prudence Goforth, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at 202-260-7417.

Dated: June 13, 1996.

Robert English,

Acting Designated Federal Officer.

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[FRL-5526-5]

Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting; Open Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that several committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Eastern Daylight Time. All meetings are open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at meetings will be on a first-come basis. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed below. Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are *not* available from the SAB Office.

1. Integrated Risk Project Steering Committee

The Integrated Risk Project (IRP) Steering Committee, an *ad hoc* committee established by the Executive Committee of the Science Advisory Board, will meet on July 16-17, 1996, at the Morrison House, 116 South Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, telephone (703) 838-8000. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on July 16, and at 8:00 a.m. on July 17, and end no later than 5:30 p.m. on both days. Seating will be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports from the Subcommittees of the IRP and to begin discussion of an integrated model for decision-making that incorporates information on risks to ecosystems and humans, risk reduction options, and their economic implications.

Background on the Integrated Risk Project

In a letter dated October 25, 1995, to Dr. Matanoski, Chair of the SAB Executive Committee, Deputy Administrator Fred Hansen charged the SAB to: (a) develop an updated ranking of the relative risk of different environmental problems based upon explicit scientific criteria; (b) provide an assessment of techniques and criteria that could be used to discriminate among emerging environmental risks and identify those that merit serious, near-term Agency attention; (c) assess the potential for risk reduction and propose alternative technical risk reduction strategies for the environmental problems identified; and (d) identify the uncertainties and data quality issues associated with the relative rankings. The project will be conducted by several SAB panels, working at the direction of an *ad hoc* Steering Committee established by the Executive Committee.

Single copies of Reducing Risk, the report of the previous relative risk ranking effort of the SAB, can be obtained by contacting the SAB's Committee Evaluation and Support Staff (1400), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-8414, or fax (202) 260-1889. Members of the public desiring additional information about the meeting, including an agenda, should contact Ms. Constance Valentine, Staff Secretary, Committee Operations Staff, Science Advisory Board (1400), US EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20460, by telephone at (202) 260-6552, fax at (202) 260-7118, or via the Internet at: Valentine.Connie@epamail.epa.gov.

Anyone wishing to make a brief oral presentation at the IRP meeting must contact Ms. Stephanie Sanzone, Designated Federal Official for the IRP, *in writing* no later than 4:00 pm, July 8, 1996, at the above address, via fax (202) 260-7118 or via the Internet at Sanzone.Stephanie@epamail.epa.gov. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. At least 35 copies of any written comments to the Committee are to be given to Ms. Sanzone no later than the time of the presentation for distribution to the Committee and the interested public. Ms. Sanzone may be contacted by phone at (202) 260-6557. See below for additional information on providing comments to the SAB.

2. Ecological Processes and Effects Committee

The Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on July 18-19, 1996, at the Environmental Protection Agency's Washington Information Center (WIC), Conference Room 17, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on July 18 and at 8:00 a.m. on July 19, and end no later than 5:00 p.m. on each day.

The main purpose of the meeting is to: a) review the planning and problem formulation for several watershed-level ecological risk assessment case studies; b) discuss a process for identifying and ranking ecological risks as part of the SAB's Integrated Risk Project; and c) discuss EPEC Subcommittee reports, possibly including reports from the Marsh Management Subcommittee and the Lakes Biocriteria Subcommittee.

Background on the Watershed-Level Ecological Risk Assessment Case Studies

The Office of Water and the Office of Research and Development have asked the Committee to conduct a two-stage review of the five case studies being prepared to illustrate ecological risk assessment for watersheds experiencing multiple stressors. In 1993, watershed teams began the development of risk assessments for five watersheds: Big Darby Creek, OH; Clinch River, VA; Middle Platt River Wetlands, NE; Snake River, ID; and Waquoit Bay Estuary, MA. The initial review (termed an SAB Advisory) will focus on the approach to planning and problem formulation, illustrated primarily by the draft case study for Waquoit Bay, with additional examples being drawn from the other case studies where appropriate. The Charge to the Committee is to evaluate the process for: framing the risk assessment to respond to management goals; selecting relevant assessment endpoints and measures; developing conceptual models that represent the interactions among multiple stressors, exposure pathways, ecological effects, and ecosystem processes; and developing an analysis plan.

Single copies of the materials supplied to the Committee, including the draft case studies, can be obtained by contacting Ms. Crystal Robinson, EPA Risk Assessment Forum (W635), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-6743.