

view in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views.

Procedures: The scoping meetings will be recorded by a court reporter and all statements (oral and written) will become a part of the formal record of the Commission's proceedings on the Sahko Hydroelectric Project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to clearly identify themselves for the record.

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

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 Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426, until March 22, 1996.

All written correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Sahko Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 11060-000.

Intervenors—those on the Commission's service list for this proceeding (parties—are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, requiring parties filing documents with the Commission, to serve a copy of the document on each person whose name appears on the official service list. Further, if a party 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. All entities commenting on this scoping document must file an original and eight copies of the comments with the Secretary of the Commission.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Ms. Deborah Frazier-Stutely, Environmental Coordinator, FERC, at (202) 219-2842.

m. Description of Project: The proposed project would consist of: (1) a 12-foot-high, 12-foot-wide, 80-foot-long earthfill sediment collection embankment with a crest at elevation 3,397 feet mean sea level (MSL), containing a broadcrest weir, a 4-foot-high 14-foot-wide overflow spillway, and a bypass pipe; (2) a 500-foot-long bypass ditch to be used during maintenance; (3) a 12-foot-high, 12-foot-wide, 110-foot-long earthfill intake embankment with a crest at elevation 3,394.5 feet msl, containing a concrete

overflow spillway, an 8-foot-wide box shaped intake structure, and bypass pipe; (4) two unnamed springs; (5) a 24-inch-diameter, 1,950-foot-long partially buried steel penstock with a butterfly valve; (6) a 25-foot-wide, 50-foot-long masonry block powerhouse containing one pelton turbine and generating unit with an installed capacity of 500 kW; (7) a 6-foot-wide, 3-foot-high, 30-foot-long rock rip-rap tailrace, discharging project flows into the Snake River; (8) a switchyard; (9) a 2,000-foot-long, 34.5-kV transmission line tying into an Idaho Power Company line; and (10) related facilities.

The proposed project would operate run-of-ditch, where the project will use whatever flows enter the sediment impoundment as either irrigation waste flows or as emanating from the two unnamed springs on the applicant's property, and would generate about 1,178,000 kilowatthours of energy annually.

n. Purpose of Project: Project power will be sold to a local utility.

o. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A2, A9, B1, D8.

p. Available Locations of Applications: A copy of the application, as amended and supplemented, is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the applicant's office (see item (h) above).

A2. Development Application—Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified deadline date for the particular application. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A9. Notice of Intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be

served on the applicant(s) names in this public notice.

B1. Protests or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

D8. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time; therefore, the Commission is not now requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," or "COMPETING APPLICATION;" (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; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. 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. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Project No. 10756-001]**Blue Diamond Power Partners; Notice of Public Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, To Discuss the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Licensing of the Blue Diamond South Hydroelectric Project**

January 31, 1996.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the Blue Diamond South Hydroelectric Project, No. 10756-001, on January 26, 1996. The proposed 200-megawatt pumped storage project would be located about five miles west of Las Vegas in Clark County, Nevada.

Commission staff will conduct a public meeting to: (1) present the Draft EIS finding, (2) solicit public comment on the Draft EIS, and (3) answer questions about the Draft EIS. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend the meeting.

The public meeting will be conducted on Monday evening, February 26, 1996, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the West Charleston Library, 6301 West Charleston Boulevard, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The public meeting will be recorded by a court reporter, and all meeting statements (oral and written) will become part of the Commission's public record of this proceeding. Individuals presenting statements at the meeting will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to identify themselves for the record. Anyone wishing to receive a copy (for a fee) of the transcript of the meeting may contact Ann Riley & Associates by calling (202) 482-0034.

For further information, please contact Dianne Rodman at (202) 219-2830.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. RM95-3-000; Docket No. RM95-4-000]**Filing and Reporting Requirements for Interstate Natural Gas Companies Rate Schedules and Tariffs; Revisions to Uniform System of Accounts Forms, Statements, and Reporting Requirements for Natural Gas Companies; Notice of Time and Agenda for Working Groups**

January 31, 1996.

Take notice that the dates for the second meetings of the working groups

established pursuant to the orders issued in Docket Nos. RM95-3-000 and RM95-4-000¹ are as follows:

The meeting for WORKING GROUP-FORMS will begin at 9 a.m., Wednesday, February 7, 1996.

The meeting for WORKING GROUP-FILINGS will begin at 9 a.m., Thursday, February 8, 1996.

These meetings will take place in a room of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Participation in the working groups is not limited to those who have already signed up.

The goals for the February 7, 1996 meeting of Working Group-Forms are to:

- Complete work on Form No. 11;
- Discuss the data model for Form No. 2;
- Discuss some of the problem pages in Form No. 2 identified at the last working group meeting.

The goals for the February 8, 1996 meeting of Working Group-Filings are to discuss:

- The test pipelines' experiences creating their sample rate case schedules in tab delimited format;
- File naming conventions;
- Amount of data to be included in each file; and
- Statements G, O, and P.

In order for the meetings to be as productive as possible, the Commission has established a separate menu item on the Gas Pipeline Data (GPD) portion of the Commission's bulletin board system entitled "Order 581/582 Working Groups." This portion of the GPD will be further subdivided into subsections for Form 2, Form 11, rate filings, and comments. The following information may be found under these subsections:

Comments

- All comments submitted to staff dealing with issues under discussion in the working groups.
- Summaries of the working group meetings.

Form 2; Form 11; Rate Filings

- Items upon which staff wishes working group participants to comment.
- Sample electronic filing specifications.

¹ Filing and Reporting Requirements for Interstate Natural Gas Companies Rate Schedules and Tariffs, Order No. 582, 60 FR 52960 (October 11, 1995), 72 FERC ¶ 61,300 (1995); and, Revisions to Uniform System of Accounts Forms, Statements, and Reporting Requirements for Natural Gas Companies, Order No. 581, 60 FR 53019 (October 11, 1995), 72 FERC ¶ 61,301 (1995).

—Sample delimited files.

Under the subsection for Form 11, staff has made available several items discussed at the working group meeting on December 12, including:

- A *pro forma* file specification for Form 11 for discussion purposes,
- A sample tab delimited file for Form 11, and
- An image of the sample spreadsheet containing the Form 11 data prepared for printing.

The Comments section contains the comments received on December 15, 1995, discussing the appropriate treatment of text in the electronic filings.

The rate filings section contains the test files and related comments of the pipelines who agreed to create tab delimited files for selected cost of service statements. We encourage working group participants to download and review these files prior to our next working group meeting.

Staff is making every effort to complete the Form No. 2 data model so it can be available on GPD prior to the next working group meeting. When available, the file will be found under the Form 2 subsection of the Order 581/582 Working Groups menu. Similarly, staff will attempt to make a more detailed agenda available prior to the meetings. If available in time, this agenda will appear in the Comments subsection of the Order 581/582 Working Groups menu.

The sample spreadsheet and file specifications for Form No. 11 and some of the comments are in a file format produced by Adobe Acrobat software. To read these files, you must download the Acrobat Reader. With this software, you will be able to read or print all files with the extension .pdf. If you experience printing problems, please refer to the file entitled, *readme_r.txt*, accompanying the Acrobat software.

Staff invites written comments on the above listed issues and topics of discussion. Comments should be addressed to Richard A. White, Office of General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments should be received by February 2, 1996. We encourage commenters to submit their comments on a 3½" diskette in Rich Text Format or ASCII so they can be posted on the Commission's bulletin board.

Any parties wishing to make a presentation at the meetings should contact Richard White, PHONE: (202) 208-0491, FAX: (202) 208-0017.

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