

California 93561 submitted for filing an application for Commission recertification as a qualifying small power production facility pursuant to Section 292.207(b) of the Commission's Regulations. No determination has been made that the submittal constitutes a complete filing.

According to the applicant, the facility is a wind energy small power production facility located in the Tehachapi Mountains, Kern County, California. The Commission previously certified the facility as a qualifying facility in *Zond Systems, Inc.*, 41 FERC ¶ 62,079 (1987). The facility consists of 225 wind turbines with an aggregate capacity of 20 MW. Power from the facility is sold to Southern California Edison Company. According to the applicant, the instant recertification is requested to assure that the facility will remain a qualifying facility following a change in the ownership of the applicant.

**Comment date:** Fifteen days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, 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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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1494-136]

#### Grand River Dam Authority; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

May 27, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47910), the Office of Hydropower Licensing (OHL) has reviewed an application for approval of new marina facilities. Grand River Dam Authority Proposes to permit Brian Miller and Dennis Blakemore, d/b/a Honey Creek Landing, Ltd., LLC, (HCL) to construct new marina docking facilities on the Honey Creek arm of Grand Lake, the project reservoir. HCL requests permission to construct 7 floating boat docks containing a total of 242-slips. The marina would be located on the north shore of the creek immediately west of U.S. Highway 59 in the Town of Grove. The Pensacola Project is on the Grand River, in Craig, Delaware, Mayes, and Ottawa Counties, Oklahoma.

The DEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the DEA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371. In the DEA, staff concludes that approval of the licensee's proposal would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Please submit any comments within 30 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports, or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Comments should be addressed to: Ms. Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix Project No. 1494-136 to all comments. For further information, please contact the project manager, John K. Hannula, at (202) 219-0116.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING MEETING:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** May 28, 1997—62 FR 28856.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING:** May 28, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

**CHANGE IN THE MEETING** The following Docket Numbers and Companies have been added to the Agenda scheduled for the May 28, 1997 meeting.

Item No.	Docket No. and company
CAG-38	IS92-3-000, Amerada Hess Pipeline Company; IS94-10-003, Amerada Hess Pipeline Company; OR96-1-000, Exxon Pipeline Company, Mobil Alaska Pipeline Company, Phillips Alaska Pipeline Corporation and Unocal Pipeline Company.
CAG-61	IS92-3-000, Amerada Hess Pipeline Company; IS94-10-000, Amerada Hess Pipeline Company; OR96-1-000, Exxon Pipeline Company, Mobil Alaska Pipeline Company, Phillips Alaska Pipeline Corporation and Unocal Pipeline Company.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5481-2]

### Public Scoping Meeting for EPA's Environmental Impact Statement for the Final Rule for Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica

**AGENCY:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of public scoping meeting for EPA's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Final Rule for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of nongovernmental activities in Antarctica.

**PURPOSE:** The U.S. EPA, in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), will prepare a Draft EIS for the proposed final regulations what will provide for: (1) Environmental impact assessment of nongovernmental activities, including

tourism, in Antarctica for which the United States is required to give advance notice under paragraph 5 of Article VII of the Antarctic Treaty of 1959, and (2) coordination of the review of information regarding environmental impact assessments received by the United States from other Parties to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty. These final regulations will be prepared pursuant to the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act of 1996. EPA invites comments and suggestions on the scope of the rulemaking and analysis including the environmental and regulatory issues to be addressed in the EIS.

**DATES:** The EPA will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 1997, from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM, at the Arlington Hilton Hotel, 950 North Stafford Street, Arlington, Virginia, Meeting Title: EPA Public Scoping Meeting, to receive public input, either verbal or written, on relevant environmental and regulatory issues which EPA should address in the Draft EIS. Written comments from the public may also be sent directly to EPA to the contacts listed below and will be accepted by EPA through July 15, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BE PLACED ON THE PROJECT MAILING LIST CONTACT:** Mr. Joseph Montgomery or Ms. Katherine Biggs, Office of Federal Activities (2252A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202)564-7157 or (202)564-7144, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Scoping Meeting Agenda and Public Comments

10:00–12:00 AM—Overview and Discussion of Interim Final Rule for Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica

12:00–1:30 PM—Break

1:30–6:00 PM

- a. Presentation of comments by the public on relevant environmental and regulatory issues which EPA should address in the Draft EIS
- b. Open discussion of comments and issues presented by the public and as proposed in EPA's Notice of Intent published May 9, 1997 (**Federal Register**/Vol. 62, No. 90/Friday, May 9, 1997/25611–25613)

An integral part of the NEPA process is public participation in the Scoping process, the key purpose of which is early identification of the environmental and regulatory issues and alternatives to be addressed in the Draft EIS. The

public will also have an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS and the proposed Final Rule which are anticipated to be made available in January 1998.

##### II. Background

The Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act of 1996 (Act) implements the Protocol on Environmental Protection (Protocol) to the Antarctic Treaty (Treaty). Pursuant to the Act, the EPA is required to promulgate regulations by October 2, 1998, that provide for assessment of the environmental impacts of nongovernmental activities, including tourism, in Antarctica and for coordination of the review of information regarding environmental impact assessments received from other Parties to the Protocol. The EPA promulgated an Interim Final Rule on April 30, 1997, (**Federal Register**/Vol. 62, No. 83/Wednesday, April 30, 1997/23538–23549) so that the United States would have the ability to implement its obligations under the Protocol as soon as the Protocol enters into force. The EPA also prepared an "Environmental Assessment of Proposed Interim Rules for Non-Governmental Activity in Antarctica" (EA) to evaluate the environmental and cultural impacts of the interim rule, and issued a Notice of Availability for the EA (**Federal Register**/Vol. 62, No. 87/Tuesday, May 6, 1997/Notices/24652).

During the time the Interim Final Rule is in place and before the October 1998 deadline set by the Act, EPA will promulgate a Final Rule that will provide for assessment of the environmental impacts of nongovernmental activities, including tourism, in Antarctica and for coordination of the review of information regarding environmental impact assessments received from other Parties to the Protocol. In support of this regulatory action, EPA is preparing an EIS to consider the environmental and regulatory issues to be addressed in the Final Rule and the alternatives for addressing these issues within the rule-making process. The EPA issued a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for this regulatory action that included a listing of issues that, along with any other relevant alternatives or issues raised by the public, will be considered in the Draft EIS (**Federal Register**/Vol. 62, No. 90/Friday, May 9, 1997/Notices/25611–25613).

##### III. Availability of Documents

Copies of the Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment, the Environmental Assessment, Finding of

No Significant Impact, the Interim Final Rule, and Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS for the Final Rule are available in the **Federal Register** as cited above or may be requested from Mr. Montgomery or Ms. Biggs as listed in the For Further Information section. These documents are also available on the World Wide Web at: <http://es.inel.gov/oeca/ofa/>.

**Richard E. Sanderson,**

*Director, Office of Federal Activities.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00481; FRL-5720-1]

### Evaluating Ecological Risk; Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is holding a 1-day open meeting to discuss EPA's current initiative to incorporate probabilistic approaches into its ecological risk assessments under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). EPA wishes to use this open meeting to encourage broad-based discussion of the use of probabilistic methods to assess the ecological risks of pesticides and to provide a background for subsequent detailed technical discussions of probabilistic assessment methods. A 2-day technical working session of terrestrial and aquatic assessment workgroups will follow the open meeting.

**DATES:** The open meeting will be held on June 23, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required as space is limited to 180 people. Participation by a broad range of stakeholders is desired. Registration forms may be obtained by calling Trudy Aust, Golder Associates Inc. at (352) 336-5600 and must be returned no later than June 6, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at: the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. The telephone number for the hotel is: (703) 418-1234.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** By mail: Dana Spatz, Office of Pesticide Programs (7507C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 1011G, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305-6063, e-mail: [spatz.dana@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:spatz.dana@epamail.epa.gov).