

intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulation Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the abandonment is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Applicants to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application for Preliminary Permit

January 21, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.:* 11609-000.

c. *Date filed:* November 3, 1997.

d. *Applicant:* South Fork Irrigation District and Hot Springs Valley Irrigation District.

e. *Name of Project:* West Valley Project.

f. *Location:* On the Cedar Creek, in Lassen and Modoc Counties, California.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C., 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Don R. Pope, 9709 W. Fairview Avenue, Littleton, CO 80127-3955, (303) 973-9610.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Robert Bell, (202) 219-2806.

j. *Comment Date:* April 7, 1998.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed pumped storage project would consist of: (1) the existing 16-foot-high, 1,100-foot-long earthen Moon Lake Dam; (2) the Moon Lake Reservoir, having a surface area of 3,000 acres, a storage capacity of 35,000 acre-feet, and normal water surface elevation of 5,500 feet msl (this will serve as the upper reservoir); (3) a new 90-foot-high, 650-foot-long concrete dam; (4) a new reservoir having a surface area of 184 acres, a storage capacity of 8,280 acre-feet, and normal water surface elevation of 4,950 feet msl (this would serve as the lower reservoir); (5) a new 18,000-foot long tunnel connecting the reservoirs; (6) a new powerhouse within the tunnel, containing four generating units with a total installed capacity of 264 MW; (7) a new 5-mile-long, 230-KV transmission line; and (8) appurtenant facilities.

This project would have an annual generation of 542,880 MWh and would be sold to a local utility.

1. *This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs:* A5, A7, A9, A10, B, C, and D2.

A5. Preliminary Permit—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36).

Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A7. Preliminary Permit—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified

comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

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) named in this public notice.

A10. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments 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 comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the project number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application

or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also

be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Hearings and Appeals

#### Notice of Cases Filed During the Week of November 10 Through November 14, 1997

During the Week of November 10 through November 14, 1997, the

appeals, applications, petitions or other requests listed in this Notice were filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy.

Any person who will be aggrieved by the DOE action sought in any of these cases may file written comments on the application within ten days of publication of this Notice or the date of receipt of actual notice, whichever occurs first. All such comments shall be filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585-0107.

Dated: January 15, 1998.

**George B. Breznay,**

*Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.*

## LIST OF CASES RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

[Week of Nov. 10 through Nov. 14, 1997]

Date	Name and location of applicant	Case No.	Type of submission
11/12/97	Dykema Gossett, Washington, DC.	VFA-0349 .....	Appeal of an Information Request Denial. If Granted: The October 20, 1997 Freedom of Information Request Denial issued by the Oak Ridge Operations Office would be rescinded, and Dykema Gossett would receive access to certain DOE information.
11/13/97	Personnel Security Review.	VSA-0146 .....	Request for Review of Opinion under 10 CFR Part 710. If Granted: The July 31, 1997 Opinion of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Case No. VSO-0146, would be reviewed at the request of an individual employed by the Department of Energy.
11/14/97	Convergence Research, Portland, Oregon.	VFA-0350 .....	Appeal of an Information Request Denial. If Granted: The October 16, 1997 Freedom of Information Request Denial issued by the Bonneville Power Administration would be rescinded, and Convergence Research would receive access to certain DOE information.
11/14/97	Personnel Security Review.	VSA-0161 .....	Request for Review of Opinion under 10 CFR. If Granted: The October 14, 1997 Opinion of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Case No. VSO-0161, would be reviewed at the request of an individual employed by the Department of Energy.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5954-2]

### Continuing Planning Process for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability for public review and comment of the continuing planning process (CPP) for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**SUMMARY:** The Clean Water Act (the Act) at section 303(e), and EPA's implementing regulation at 40 CFR 130.5, requires that each State shall establish and maintain a continuing planning process (CPP) consistent with the Act. Each State is responsible for managing its water quality program to implement the processes specified in the CPP, and EPA is responsible for

periodically reviewing the adequacy of the State's CPP.

Pennsylvania developed and submitted a CPP in 1977. EPA subsequently approved that CPP. This notice is being published in accordance with Paragraph 18 of the consent decree in the matter of *American Littoral Society and Public Interest Research Group of Pennsylvania v. EPA*, Civil Docket No. 96-489. Consistent with the consent decree, EPA is publishing this notice of availability of the CPP to interested parties. By June 1, 1998, EPA will prepare and make available to interested parties for their review and comment its preliminary written summary of its review of the CPP. Copies of the CPP are available by contacting the person listed in the following **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Once available, copies of EPA's preliminary written summary may also be requested.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah B. Blackman, Office of Watersheds, at (215) 566-5720, or by

e-mail at blackman.sarah@epamail.epa.gov.

**Robert J. Mitkus,**

*Deputy Director, Water Protection Division, EPA Region III.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5954-8]

### Announcement of Stakeholders Meeting on Arsenic in Drinking Water

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of stakeholders meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be holding a one-day public meeting on February 25, 1998 in San Antonio, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to present information on EPA's plans for activities to develop a proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for arsenic