

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

p. 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.

q. 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.

r. 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, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, 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.

s. 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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Wolf Point-Williston Transmission Lines Rebuild Project

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Floodplain/Wetlands Involvement.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Area Power Administration (Western) intends to rebuild an existing transmission line in northeastern Montana and western North Dakota. This project will involve the replacement of the existing wood pole H-frame structures along the entire route of the Wolf Point-Williston 115-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line. The transmission line runs near the Missouri River and crosses Wolf Creek, Big Muddy Creek, and the Poplar River.

Following the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Floodplain/Wetland Review Requirements (10 CFR part 1022), Western will prepare a floodplain assessment for this project and will perform the proposed action in ways that avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain. The floodplain assessment will be included in the Environmental Assessment being prepared by Western, under the provisions of the DOE National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021).

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed floodplain action are due to the address below by August 15, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Comments should be addressed to Mr. Theodore Anderson, Environmental Specialist, Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 35800, Billings, Montana 59107-5800, e-mail [tanderso@wapa.gov](mailto:tanderso@wapa.gov). For further information on DOE Floodplain/Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements, contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, NEPA Policy and Compliance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Western intends to rebuild the Wolf Point-Williston 115-kV Transmission Line

that runs between the Wolf Point Substation west of Wolf Point, Montana, to the Williston Substation, west of Williston, North Dakota. The line is approximately 50 years old and approximately 94 miles long.

Western does not intend to operate the transmission line at 230-kV but only complete necessary improvements to the transmission line structures and conductor. Western proposes to replace the existing wood H-frame structures with either wood or steel 230-kV H-frame structures and intends to place these new structures in the same locations, as much as it is practicable. The line would have new conductor installed at this time. A 24-count fiber optic overhead ground wire is scheduled to be strung on the line in 2004. The fiber optic cable would replace one of the existing overhead ground wires.

The transmission line rebuild project will affect lands within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation and pass near the towns of Wolf Point, Poplar, and Brockton. It will also affect private lands east of the Reservation and pass near the towns of Culbertson and Bainville in Roosevelt County, Montana, and terminate approximately 4 miles west of Williston in Williams County, North Dakota. There may be lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and lands belonging to the State of Montana along this route.

The transmission line lies north of, but does not cross the Missouri River. The line crosses the floodplains of the Poplar River at Poplar, Montana; Wolf Creek near Wolf Point, Montana; and Big Muddy Creek west of Culbertson, Montana; all near their confluences with the Missouri River.

The action will entail removing of the existing structures and installing the new structures and equipment. Most ground disturbances will take place where the structures are replaced and at the pulling sites where new conductor is installed and where the fiber optic overhead groundwire will be installed in 2004. As part of the environmental review, Western will consider installing of new wood pole and new steel pole structures within the floodplains. The analysis will also consider the impacts from reconductoring the transmission line. Placing new structures in the existing right-of-way may result in changes in the maximum span length between structures. Span lengths changes would require some structure relocations. The analysis will consider a minimum right-of-way width of 125 feet to accommodate construction activities. A few specific routing alternatives to

alleviate existing problems have been identified along the Wolf Point-Williston line. Access routes exist, but there may be additional access trails or roads to individual structure locations.

Dated: July 24, 2001.

**Michael S. HacsKaylo,**

*Administrator.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Oil and Hazardous Substance Contingency Plan

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, EPA ICR No. 1463.05, OMB No. 2050-0096, expiring on July 31, 2001. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 31, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1463.05 and OMB Control No. 2050-0096, to the following addresses: Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (Mail Code 2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; and to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the ICR contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by E-mail at [Farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov), or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1463.05. For technical questions about the ICR contact Lois Gartner by phone at (703) 603-8889 or by E-mail at [Gartner.Lois@epa.gov](mailto:Gartner.Lois@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title: National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (OMB Control No. 2050-0096; EPA ICR No. 1463.05) expiring July 31, 2001. This ICR is an extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** This ICR addresses the recordkeeping and reporting provisions of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP; 40 CFR part 300) for states that voluntarily participate in the remedial action phase of the Superfund program. The NCP requires states that voluntarily take the lead in remedial activities at Superfund sites to conduct those activities in a manner consistent with CERCLA (40 CFR 300.515(a)). In addition, this ICR addresses the record keeping and reporting provisions of the NCP that affect communities voluntarily providing their concerns to the lead agency about the Superfund process.

EPA funds state activity at 90 percent from the CERCLA Hazardous Substances Response Trust Fund (the Fund) for state-lead activities via cooperative agreements with EPA as provided in CERCLA section 104(d)(1)(42 U.S.C. 9604(d)(1)). States are not reimbursed from the fund for identification of state sites and community members are not reimbursed for participation in community involvement activities. Despite the fact that community members are not reimbursed for their time, this ICR estimates the time costs imposed on community members who voluntarily participate in community activities tied to the Superfund process.

The nature of the data being gathered as part of this information collection is not confidential. Information may be gathered from Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) that the PRP considers to be Confidential Business Information (CBI). When PRPs designate information as CBI, EPA follows restricted access procedures in handling the information. Lists of participants in community interview and lists of attendees of public meetings are not confidential. Some data gathered during community interviews may not be releasable, however, due to privacy concerns.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on March

9, 2001 (66 FR 14136); no comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 572 hours per site for states and 170 hours per site per citizen at 90 percent of Superfund sites. For 10 percent of Superfund sites—those sites where formal community group activities occur—the average is 330 hours per site per citizen. A “unit” burden is the burden incurred by a respondent for performing an individual site-specific activity. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Individuals or households, and state, local or tribal governments.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 4,965.

**Frequency of Response:** As required.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 185,860 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden:** \$0.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the addresses listed above. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1463.05 and OMB Control No. 2050-0096 in any correspondence.

Dated: July 18, 2001.

**Oscar Morales,**

*Director, Collection Strategies Division.*

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