

### Public Participation and Scoping Meetings

You can make a difference by sending a letter with your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative sites), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letters to:

Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., NE., Washington, DC 20426

Luis Frias, Secretary, Puerto Rico Planning Board, P.O. Box 41119, Santurce, PR 00940-1119

- Reference Docket No. CP95-35-000 (FERC)

- Reference Docket No. 94-62-1219-JPU (PRPB)

- Send a copy of your letter to the following individuals:

Mr. Chris Zerby, FERC EIS Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol St., NE, Room 7312, Washington, DC 20426

Mrs. María Gordillo, PRPB EIS Project Manager, Puerto Rico Planning Board, P.O. Box 41119, Santurce, Puerto Rico 00940-1119

- Mail your comments so that they are received in Washington, D.C. or Santurce, PR on or before April 17, 1995.

Beside seeking your written comments, we invite you to attend any of the joint public scoping meetings the FERC and the PRPB will conduct. The locations and times for these meetings are listed below. Requests to hold additional public scoping meetings will be considered.

The public meetings will be designed to give you more detailed information and another opportunity to offer your comments on the proposed project. Those wanting to speak at the meetings can call the EIS Project Manager to pre-register their names on the speaker list. Those people on the speaker list before the date of the meeting will be allowed to speak first. A second speaker list will be developed at each meeting. Priority will be given to people representing groups. A transcript of each meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded. This transcript will be available in both Spanish and English.

### Schedule for Joint EIS Public Scoping Meetings

April 18, 1995 (5:00-7:00 pm)

Puerto Rico Planning Board, Minillas Governmental Center, De Diego Avenue, Stop 22, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00940

April 19, 1995 (5:00-7:00 pm)

City Hall, Peñuelas, Puerto Rico

### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EIS process, you may want to become an official party to the proceedings or an "intervenor." Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related FERC documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor, you must file a Motion To Intervene according to Rule 214 of FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) which is attached as appendix B.

The date for filing of timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

### Environmental Mailing List

This notice is being sent to all potential interested parties to solicit focused comments regarding environmental considerations related to the proposed project. As details of the project become established, representatives of EcoElectrica will directly contact communities, and public agencies concerning any other matters, including acquisition of permits and rights-of-way.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to keep informed and receive copies of the Draft/Preliminary and Final EIS, please return the Information Request (appendix C). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Chris Zerby, FERC Project Manager, at (202) 208-0111. Information concerning the involvement of the Puerto Rico Planning Board can be obtained from

Mrs. Maria Gordillo, PRPB Project Manager, at (809) 727-4444.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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### Dewey B. Smith; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

March 14, 1995.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is for the termination of the license of the Dewey Smith Hydroelectric Project. The EA finds that termination of the license would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Dewey Smith Project is located on the Shasta River in Siskiyou County, California.

The EA was prepared by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be viewed at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 3308, 941 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager listed below.

Please submit any comments within 45 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 Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please denote "Comments: Project No. 8835-019" on all comments. For more information, please contact the project manager, John Mudre, at (202) 219-1208.

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*Acting Secretary.*

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### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, et al.; Natural Gas Certificate Filings

March 10, 1995.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission: