

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Floodplain Statement of Findings for Operable Unit 2 Removal Action No. 30 at the Fernald Environmental Management Project**

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Floodplain statement of findings.

SUMMARY: This is to give notice of DOE's planned actions for the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP), located approximately 18 miles (29 kilometers) northwest of downtown Cincinnati, Ohio. The subject of this Floodplain Statement of Findings is Operable Unit 2 Removal Action No. 30. DOE proposes to protect human health and the environment by excavating contaminated sediments and constructing a seepage collection system to prevent leaching and infiltration of contaminated sediments into the Great Miami Aquifer. Excavation and construction activities associated with implementation of this action would involve a small portion of the floodplain along Paddys Run in Hamilton County, Ohio. In accordance with Executive Order 11988 and 10 CFR 1022, DOE prepared a floodplain assessment describing the effects, alternatives and measures designed to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain. The assessment found that the proposed action would have minimal temporary or long-term impacts on the floodplain.

DATES: Written comments must be received by the DOE at the following address on or before May 17, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments and/or requests for further information, including a site map, to: Mr. Wally Quaider, Acting Associate Director, Office of Safety & Assessment, U.S. Department of Energy, Fernald Area Office, P.O. Box 538705, Cincinnati, Ohio 45253-8705, Phone: (513) 648-3137, Facsimile: (513) 648-3077.

FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information on general DOE floodplain and wetland environmental review requirements, contact: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, Phone: (202) 586-4600 or 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Floodplain Statement of Findings for Operable Unit 2 Removal Action No. 30 at the FEMP has been prepared in accordance with Executive Order 11988, "Floodplain Management," and 10 CFR

Part 1022, "DOE Regulations for Compliance with Floodplain/Wetland Environmental Review Requirements." A Notice of Floodplain Involvement was published in the **Federal Register** (FR) on April 13, 1995 (60 FR 18805) and a Floodplain Assessment was incorporated in the Removal Action No. 30 Work Plan. DOE is proposing to protect human health and the environment by excavating contaminated sediments (in the low area in the southeast corner of the South Field) to prevent leaching of contaminated sediments into the Great Miami Aquifer, and by constructing a seepage collection system to prevent infiltration of contaminated sediments into the Great Miami Aquifer. In order to eliminate the threat of a release to Paddy's Run, limited excavation would occur in the floodplain. Direct physical impact to the floodplain would result from the operation of heavy equipment during excavation of contaminated sediments and construction of a sump/pump station and portion of a discharge line within the floodplain. Potential indirect impacts to the 100- and 500-year floodplain, as a result of removal activities involving the Inactive Flyash Pile and South Field, include surface water runoff and sedimentation loading into the floodplain. Several alternatives were considered and evaluated in making this determination, including no-action, removal of sediment/construction of a seepage interceptor system, and sediment removal/construction of a seepage collection system (i.e., the preferred alternative). Direct and indirect impacts would occur during the implementation of any action alternative considered. However, minimal or no change in flood elevations would be expected. The proposed removal action has been designed to conform to applicable Federal and State regulations, including floodplain protection standards. Before this action begins, approval would be obtained from the Federal and State agencies having jurisdiction.

DOE has determined that there is no practicable alternative to the proposed removal action and that this action has been designed to minimize harm to the 100- and 500-year floodplain of Paddys Run. Engineering controls (e.g., silt fences, straw bales) will minimize any indirect impacts such as runoff and sediment deposition to the floodplain. Backfilling activities following the Operable Unit 2 Removal Action will eliminate any long-term adverse impacts.

Issued in Miamisburg, Ohio on April 19, 1995.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 10822-000 10823-000-CT]

Summit Hydropower [Upper and Lower Collinsville Projects]; Notice of Intention To Prepare an Environmental Assessment and Conduct Public Scoping Meetings

April 26, 1995.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has received applications for two original licenses for the construction and operation of the Upper Collinsville Project No. 10822; and the Lower Collinsville Project No. 10823. The projects are located on the Farmington River in Hartford County, Connecticut.

The Commission staff has determined that licensing these projects would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the staff intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) on the hydroelectric projects in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff's EA will objectively consider both site specific and cumulative environmental effects of the projects and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic, financial and engineering analysis.

A draft EA will be issued and circulated for review by all interested parties. All comments filed on the draft EA will be analyzed by the staff and considered in a final EA. The staff's conclusions and recommendations will then be presented for the consideration of the Commission in reaching its final licensing decisions.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission staff will conduct two scoping meetings. The evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input while the day-time meeting will focus on resource agency and non-governmental organization (NGO) concerns. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend and assist the staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

To help focus discussions, a preliminary scoping document outlining

subject areas to be addressed at the meeting will be distributed by mail to interested parties on the Commission mailing list. Copies of the preliminary scoping document will also be available at the scoping meetings.

The public scoping meeting which will be conducted by staff will be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 15, 1995, at the Canton Town Hall, 3rd Floor, Canton, Connecticut. The agency meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on May 16, 1995, at the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Holcombe Conference Room, 5th Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the planned EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue, (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views, (4) determine the relative depth of analysis for issues to be addressed in the EA, and (5) identify resource issues that are not important and do not require detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the Farmington River projects under consideration. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to clearly identify themselves for the record.

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

Participants wishing to make oral comments in the public meeting are asked to keep them to five minutes to allow everyone the opportunity to speak.

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the meeting. In addition, written scoping comments may be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. All correspondence should clearly show one or more of the following captions on the first page: Upper Collinsville Project

No. 10822-000; and Lower Collinsville Project No. 10823-000.

All those that are formally recognized by the Commission as intervenors in the Collinsville Projects' proceedings are asked to refrain from engaging the staff in discussions of the merits of the projects outside of any announced meetings.

Further, parties are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures, which require parties filing documents with the Commission, to serve a copy of the document on each person whose name is on the official service list, including agents of the applicant.

For further information, please contact Julie Bernt at (202) 219-2814.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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Equitans, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

April 26, 1995.

Take notice that on April 21, 1995, Equitans, Inc. (Equitans) tendered for filing the proposed tariff sheets classified on Appendix A in the filing.

Equitans states that its filing is made pursuant to the Commission's April 13, 1995, Order in the referenced dockets approving its rate case settlement without modification. Equitans states that pro forma tariff sheets were included in the January 19, 1995, settlement filing. Equitans states that this filing is intended to implement the Order and the settlement.

The settlement covers three time periods. Equitans states the revised tariff sheets reduce base tariff rates for the period from July 1, 1993 through August 31, 1993 (Period 1), from September 1, 1993 through February 28, 1994 (Period 2), and from March 1, 1994 forward (Period 3). Changes in the rates that took place within the refund period due to periodic adjustments in ACA and GRI charges are indicated in the Appendix A tariff sheets.

In addition, Section IV of Appendix A contains miscellaneous tariff revisions which will become effective June 1, 1995 on a prospective basis. Equitans states that June 1, 1995 was chosen as the effective date for these tariff sheets as Equitans anticipates that this will be the first day of the month following the effective date of the settlement.

Any person desiring to protest this application should file a protest with

the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests should be filed on or before May 3, 1995. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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Koch Gateway Pipeline Co.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

April 26, 1995.

Take notice that on April 21, 1995, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (KGPC) tendered for to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to become effective May 4, 1995:

First Revised Sheet No. 3603
First Revised Sheet No. 3605
First Revised Sheet No. 3606
First Revised Sheet No. 3607
Second Revised Sheet No. 3608
First Revised Sheet No. 3609
First Revised Sheet No. 3610
First Revised Sheet No. 3611

KGPC states that the above referenced tariff sheets reflect KGPC's compliance with the Commission's Final Rule (Order No. 577) issued March 29, 1995 at Docket No. RM95-5-000. KGPC states that these tariff sheets reflect modifications to KGPC's capacity release provisions to reflect the Commission's revision of Section 284.243(h) of its Regulations.

KGPC, pursuant to Section 154.51 of the Commission's Regulations, respectfully requests waiver of the notice requirement of Section 154.22 of said Regulations to permit the tendered tariff sheets to become effective May 4, 1995 which is the date Order No. 577 will become effective.

KGPC also states that the revised tariff sheets are being served upon all its customers, State Commissions, and other interested parties.

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, 825 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections