

Intent To Prepare a Draft Joint Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/ EIR) for the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Water Conservation and Supply Study, Whittier Narrows and Santa Fe Reservoirs, Los Angeles County, California

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Los Angeles District will prepare a joint EIS/EIR to evaluate the feasibility of establishing both a year-round water conservation pool and seasonal water supply pool at Whittier Narrows and Santa Fe Reservoirs. Both reservoirs are located in the San Gabriel Valley area of Los Angeles County and both are components of the Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA) system. The study will also investigate the potential feasibility of integrating the operations of various county-operated detention facilities in the upper watershed with water conservation and supply at Whittier and Santa Fe. The study was developed in response to local concerns regarding future water supply sources, given continued regional population growth, dwindling imported water supplies, and continued increases in the cost of water.

Establishment of water conservation at these reservoirs would increase groundwater reserves by extending the period water is available for release to downstream spreading grounds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and DEIS/EIR can be answered by: Ms. Colette Diede, Study Manager, (213) 894-5440, or Ms. Lois Goodman, Environmental Manager, (213) 894-0535, P.O. Box 2711, Los Angeles, California 90053-22325.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. Authority

Study authority is provided under authority of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1993 (Public Law 102-377).

b. Proposed Action/Alternatives

The proposed action for Santa Fe Reservoir is to utilize the existing debris pool up to elevation 456.0 NGVD for year-round water conservation and portions of the flood control pool up to the elevation 459.0 NGVD on a seasonal basis for water conservation purposes.

The proposed action for Whittier Narrows Reservoir would utilize the existing debris pool up to elevation 206.0 NGVD for year-round water

conservation and portions of the flood control pool up to elevation 209.0 on a seasonal basis for water conservation purposes.

Another element of this study would investigate the feasibility of integrating the operation of various county-run detention basins in the upper watershed within the operations at Santa Fe and Whittier Narrows.

c. Scoping

An extensive mailing list has been developed which includes Federal, State and local agencies and other interested public and private organizations and parties. Individuals on the mailing list will receive a copy of the initial notice and all subsequent notices announcing additional scoping meetings. An initial public scoping meeting was held on March 23, 1995. Additional public meetings will be scheduled during the review period for the draft EIS/EIR. Specific meeting dates, times, and places will be published in local newspapers. Formal coordination with the appropriate Federal, State and local agencies has begun.

d. Potentially Significant Issues

Potentially significant issues identified include impacts to land and water use, biological resources including endangered species and riparian resources, and recreation and cultural resources.

e. Availability of the Draft EIS/EIR

The draft EIS/EIR is expected to be available to the public for review and comment beginning in September of 1997.

f. Comments

Comments and questions regarding the project may be addressed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, ATTN: Ms. Colette Diede, CESPL-PD-WA, or Ms. Lois Goodman, CESPL-PD-RL, P.O. Box 2711, Los Angeles, California 90053-2325.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG95-44-000, et al.]

Northern American Energy Services Co., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

May 3, 1995.

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

1. Northern American Energy Services Co.

[Docket No. EG95-44-000]

On April 21, 1995, North American Energy Services Company, a Washington corporation ("Applicant"), with its principle executive office at Issaquah, Washington, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations (the "Application").

Applicant has entered into an operation and maintenance agreement with Turbine Power Co. S.A., a copy organized under the laws of the Republic of Argentina, to operate and maintain a 123-megawatt natural gas-fired, electric power generating facility located at General Roca, Argentina (the "Project"). Project facilities also include a gas pipeline that interconnects with a regional gas carrier's pipeline, a natural gas processing unit, and a 132-Kv switching station which is interconnected with a 132-Kv transmission line owned by Energia Rio Negro Sociedad del Estado ("ERSE"), the state-owned electric company of the Province of Rio Negro, Republic of Argentina. The Project is expected to commence generating electric power during March 1995. All of the power generated at the Project will be sold at wholesale by the Project's owner, Turbine owner Co. S.A., to ERSE pursuant to a purchase and sale agreement.

Comment date: May 23, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice. The Commission will limit its consideration of comments to those that concern the adequacy or accuracy of the application.

2. The Hub Power Company Limited

[Docket No. EG95-46-000]

Take notice that on April 28, 1995, The Hub Power Company Limited, a Pakistani corporation, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of