

[CFDA No: 84.272]

National Early Intervention Scholarship and Partnership (NEISP) Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 1995

Purpose of Program: Under the NEISP Program, the Secretary provides grants to States to—

(a) Encourage the States to provide or maintain a guaranteed amount of financial assistance necessary to permit eligible low-income students who obtain high school diplomas or the equivalent to attend an institution of higher education; and

(b) Provide financial incentives to enable States, in cooperation with local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, community organizations, and businesses, to provide—

(1) Additional counseling, mentoring, academic support, outreach, and supportive services to preschool, elementary school, middle school, and secondary school students who are at risk of dropping out of school; and

(2) Information to students and their parents about the advantages of obtaining a postsecondary education and their college financing options.

Eligible Applicants: The Secretary is authorized to accept applications from the 50 States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 24, 1995.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 22, 1995.

Available Funds: The Administration's budget request for fiscal year 1995 did not include funds for this program. However, the Congress has appropriated \$3,108,000 in fiscal year 1995 for the early intervention and postsecondary educational scholarship components of the NEISP Program. Please note that for fiscal year 1995 only approximately \$1,000,000 in Federal funds are available to fund new State applicants to be allocated to States on a competitive basis. This is due to the grant continuation requirements for 1994–95 NEISP Program grantees.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$150,000 to \$375,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$275,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 3–5.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 60 months.

Budget Period: 12 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General

Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 76, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85 and 86; (b) the regulations in 34 CFR part 600; (c) the regulations in 34 CFR part 668; and (d) the regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 693.

Supplementary Information: The Secretary strongly requests the applicant to limit the application narrative to no more than 50 double-spaced, typed pages (on one side only) although the Secretary will consider applications of greater length. The Department anticipates that successful applications under this program generally will meet this page limit.

Priority: None.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating applications for grants under this program competition, the Secretary uses the selection criteria in 34 CFR 693.22 of the program regulations.

For Further Information Contact: Daniel Sullivan, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3045, ROB-3, Washington, D.C. 20202–5447. Telephone: (202) 708–4607. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260–9950; or on Internet Gopher Server at GOPHER.ED.GOV (under Announcements, Bulletins and Press Releases). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the **Federal Register**.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a–21 to 1070a–27.

Dated: June 16, 1995.

David A. Longanecker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement for the Wildlife Mitigation Program

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement.

SUMMARY: Today's notice announces BPA's intention to prepare an EIS on proposed establishment of principles for implementing a program to mitigate the loss of wildlife habitat caused by the development and operation of Columbia River Basin (Basin) hydroelectric projects (as allocated to the purpose of power production). This action involves land resources planning probably affecting many floodplains and wetlands throughout the Basin. In accordance with the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act (Northwest Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 839), specific wildlife mitigation activities that BPA would implement under the program are developed through Pacific Northwest Power Planning Council (Council) procedures and proposed in the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. Although BPA decisions on these specific actions are independent of one another, preparation of this EIS recognizes their similarity of impacts, methods of implementation, and subject matter. We stress that the EIS will focus on wildlife mitigation, *not* on anadromous or resident fish mitigation. In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR part 1022), the EIS will integrate a floodplain and wetlands assessment.

BPA invites public comment on the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts to address in the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS.

DATES: A public scoping meeting is schedule for July 14, 1995, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Forum Building, room 190, 525 NE Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon. BPA is willing to hold additional scoping meetings depending on public interest and will contact Tribes, agencies, and groups known to be interested in the wildlife program. Written comments are due to the address below no later than July 28, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments and requests to be placed on the project mailing list to the Public Involvement and Information Manager, Bonneville Power Administration—CKP, PO Box 12999, Portland, Oregon 97212. The phone number of the Public Involvement and Information Office is 503–230–3478 in Portland; toll-free 1–800–622–4519 outside of Portland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Thomas C. McKinney, Bonneville Power Administration, PO Box 3621 (ECN), Portland, Oregon 97208-3621, phone number 503-230-4749, fax number 503-230-5699.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Development and operation of the hydropower system in the Columbia River Basin has had far-reaching effects on many species of wildlife. Some floodplain and riparian habitats important to wildlife were inundated when reservoirs filled. BPA needs mitigation for the loss of wildlife habitat caused by the federal portion of this development. Specific mitigation actions that BPA may support to satisfy this need are initially developed in a public process managed by the Northwest Power Planning Council. Future mitigation actions with potential environmental effects are expected to include fee-title land acquisition and management, property lease and management, conservation easement acquisition and management, water rights acquisition and management, habitat restorations and enhancements, installation of watering devices, riparian fencing, and similar wildlife conservation actions. Potential project implementors and managers include Indian Tribes, states, private conservation groups, and other federal agencies. The area of potential impact is most of the Columbia River Basin, including land in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

Proposed Action

The proposed action to be considered in this BPA Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS is the establishment of principles to guide program implementation. A primary purpose of these program implementation principles will be cost-effective achievement of wildlife mitigation goals. General issues the EIS may address include wildlife management, vegetation management, water management, ecosystem management, fire management, multiple use and public access management, cultural resource management, Indian treaty rights, and local economic effects. Identification of additional issues may result from the public scoping process, and scoping may also eliminate some issues from in-depth analysis. The proposed program principles may establish criteria for implementing specific mitigation actions without further review, or with limited site-specific analysis tiered to the Program EIS. Undertaking preparation of the EIS necessarily assumes future BPA funding of wildlife mitigation, but is not a commitment to program funding. If

funds are available, the EIS will help to achieve maximum benefits for wildlife.

Process to Date

BPA began mitigating for wildlife losses under the Northwest Power Act following issuance of the Council's initial Fish and Wildlife Program in 1982. To date, BPA has performed environmental review of requests for wildlife mitigation funding concurrent with site-specific proposals for action. Issues common to many of these site-specific reviews have helped to tentatively define the scope of the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS. To the extent practical, the Council and BPA intend to integrate the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS process with this year's process to amend the wildlife section of the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program.

Information developed from other environmental reviews in the Pacific Northwest, particularly the System Operation Review EIS jointly undertaken by BPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, may be included in the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS as appropriate.

Possible Alternatives

Alternatives to be considered in the BPA Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS would include alternative implementation principles for each management issue addressed. The EIS will also consider a No Action alternative, *i.e.*, program implementation without defined program-wide implementation principles.

Identification of Environmental Issues

The environmental issues associated with wildlife mitigation activities include changes in land use, vegetation patterns, wildlife populations, recreational opportunities, and water use and quality. Additional environmental issues concern protection of historic and cultural resources, introduction of herbicides into the environment, and smoke from vegetation burning.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on June 12, 1995.

Randall W. Hardy,

Administrator.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Central Vermont Public Service Corporation; Notice of Intent To File an Application for a New License

[Project No. 2737 Vermont]

June 16, 1995.

Take notice that the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, the existing licensee for the Lower Middlebury Hydroelectric Project No. 2737, filed a timely notice of intent to file an application for a new license, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.6 of the Commission's Regulations. The original license for Project No. 2737 was issued effective April 1, 1962, and expires July 1, 2000.

The project is located on the Otter Creek in Addison County, Vermont. The principal works of the Lower Middlebury Project include an 80-foot-long, 15-foot-high concrete gravity West Dam with two stop log sections, and a 270-foot-long, 10-foot-high buttressed concrete gravity East Dam with a headrace structure and eight sliding gates; a reservoir with an area of about 16 acres at 314.48 feet U.S.G.S.; a power intake canal about 400 feet long and 40 feet wide; a concrete and brick powerhouse containing three 750-Kw generators; transformers and transmission line; and appurtenant facilities.

Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.7, the licensee is required henceforth to make available certain information to the public. This information is available from the licensee at 77 Grove Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701.

Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9 and 16.10, each application for a new license and any competing license application must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by July 1, 1998.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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Colorado Interstate Gas Co.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

June 16, 1995.

Take notice that on June 13, 1995, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, First Revised Sheet No. 271 to be effective August 1, 1995.

CIG states the purpose of this filing is to: