

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS/FEIR considers the effects of renewing the Cachuma Project Contract under which water service has been provided to the member units. The original Cachuma Project Contract (No. I75r-1802) was executed on September 12, 1949, for irrigation, and municipal and industrial purposes under the provisions of section 9(c)(2) and 9(e) of the 1939 Reclamation Project Act. The authority for contract renewal is pursuant to the Act of July 2, 1956, 70 Stat. 483, and the Act of June 21, 1963, 77 Stat. 68, requiring the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, upon request, to renew long-term contracts.

The Cachuma Project has been the principal water supply for the majority of the member units since initial deliveries began in 1955. These member units include the City of Santa Barbara, Goleta Water District, Montecito Water District, Summerland Water District, Carpinteria County Water District, and the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1. The original Cachuma Project Contract had a term of 40 years and expired on May 14, 1995.

A Phase I Renewal Contract was executed on April 25, 1995, for purposes of continuing the rights and obligations under the original Contract until April 15, 1996, to allow the contract renewal negotiation process to be completed. A proposed Cachuma Project Long-Term Renewal Contract was made available to the public for a 60-day review period beginning November 14, 1995.

The proposed Cachuma Project Long-term Renewal Contract is a water service contract with a term of 25 years. It will be retroactively effective to extend from May 15, 1995, through September 30, 2020, even though the contract requires repayment of the remaining Cachuma Project capital costs within 20 years.

The FEIS/FEIR evaluates several alternatives, including the no action alternative, and also describes the existing environment and environmental consequences of contract renewal. The FEIS/FEIR considers the following issues: environmental improvement and restoration with respect to biological resources, including fisheries, wildlife, and riparian vegetation, surface water hydrology, groundwater hydrology, flood control, water supply and demand, water pricing and delivery practices, increased operational efficiency, increased conservation, conjunctive use, water exchanges and transfers, recreational enhancement and land use policies, agriculture,

socioeconomic conditions, cultural resources, and Indian Trust Assets.

The terms and conditions of the proposed Cachuma Long Term Renewal Contract represents the lead agencies' preferred alternative. It combines features of the original Contract with higher water rates and a "renewal fund" that may be used for various environmental restoration purposes. Relative to the "no action" alternative, there are no significant environmental, socioeconomic, or agricultural impacts under the proposed contract/preferred alternative, and current operations of the Cachuma Project are unchanged. In addition, there will be opportunities to restore riparian and other habitats along the Santa Ynez River using the renewal fund. Therefore, no mitigation measures are required for renewal of the Cachuma Project Contract.

The Santa Ynez Indian Reservation, the Southern California Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and the Sacramento Area Office of the BIA have been contacted by Reclamation regarding Indian Trust Assets (ITAs) that may be affected by the proposed action. No potentially affected ITAs have been identified by the BIA.

The Draft EIS/EIR (DEIS/DEIR) was issued November 16, 1994. Responses to comments received from interested organizations and individuals on the DEIS/DEIR are addressed in the FEIS/FEIR. No decision will be made on the proposed action until 30 days after the release of the FEIS/FEIR. After the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will complete a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will state the action that will be implemented and will discuss all factors leading to the decision.

Dated: December 8, 1995.

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*Acting Regional Director.*

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## INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

### Availability of Environmental Assessments

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4332, the Commission has prepared and made available environmental assessments for the proceedings listed below. Dates environmental assessments are available are listed below for each individual proceeding.

To obtain copies of these environmental assessments contact Ms. Tawanna Glover-Sanders, Interstate Commerce Commission, Section of

Environmental Analysis, Room 3219, Washington, DC 20423, (202) 927-6203.

Comments on the following assessment are due 15 days after the date of availability:

AB-32 (Sub-No. 70X), Boston and Maine Corporation—Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service—Middlesex County, Massachusetts. EA available 12/11/95.

AB-364 (Sub-No. 2X), Texas Northeastern Division, Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Lamar and Red River Counties, Texas; and

AB-3 (Sub-No. 125X), Missouri Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Lamar and Red River Counties, Texas. EA available 12/15/95.

AB-448 (Sub-No. 1X), SF&L Railway, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Ellis and Hill Counties, TX. EA available 12/15/95.

Comments on the following assessment are due 30 days after the date of availability:

None.

Vernon A. Williams,

*Secretary.*

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### [Finance Docket No. 32806]

#### Clinton Industrial Switching District, Inc., d/b/a Clinton Terminal Railroad Company—Operation Exemption—Lines of Clinton Switching District, Inc.

Clinton Industrial Switching District, Inc., d/b/a Clinton Terminal Railroad Company (Clinton), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice under 49 CFR part 1150, Subpart D—*Exempt Transactions* to operate a line of railroad owned by the Clinton Industrial Switching District, Inc., between milepost 199.0 at Moltonville, NC to milepost 202.5 at Clinton, NC. Clinton's operation of the line is expected to begin soon after the effective date of the exemption.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to reopen will not stay the exemption's effectiveness. An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Finance Docket No. 32806, must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission,<sup>1</sup> 1201 Constitution

<sup>1</sup> Legislation to sunset the Commission on December 31, 1995, and transfer remaining