

infrastructure systems at the Moselle Generating Station.

A continuous emissions monitoring (CEM) system would be used to monitor flue gas emissions from both the simple cycle and the combined cycle facilities. The CEM would measure opacity, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, oxygen, volatile organic compounds, and sulfur dioxide for the purpose of ensuring compliance with federal and State of Mississippi air quality standards.

The alternatives of no action, demand side management, power purchases, hydroelectric units, wind and solar power, geothermal power, and alternative site locations were considered.

Copies of the environmental assessment and FONSI are available for review at, or can be obtained from, RUS at the address provided herein or from Mr. Joey Ward, South Mississippi Electric Power Association, P.O. Box 15849, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, telephone (601) 268-2083. Interested parties wishing to comment on the adequacy of the Environmental Assessment should do so within 30 days of the publication of this notice. RUS will take no action that would approve clearing or construction activities related to this expansion and repowering project prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period.

Dated: December 27, 1995.

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Acting Deputy Administrator Program Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of an amendment of permit 747 (P45H).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued an amendment to a permit that authorizes a take of listed species for the purpose of scientific research and enhancement, subject to certain conditions set forth therein, to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) located in Red Bluff, CA.

ADDRESSES: The action request and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310-980-4016).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The amendment of permit 747 was issued under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

The amendment of permit 747 was issued on December 20, 1995. Permit 747 authorizes FWS to take endangered Sacramento River winter-run chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with scientific research and enhancement activities. The amendment provides an extension of the permit for 90 days; a moratorium on the collection of adult listed fish for broodstock for the duration of the permit; and authorization to release juvenile, listed, artificially-propagated, winter-run chinook salmon in December, 1995, rather than January, 1996 as previously authorized.

Permit 747 was to expire on December 31, 1995. An extension of the permit is necessary to allow FWS to continue research and enhancement activities until new permits replace permit 747 and to have an opportunity to address technical concerns with FWS' listed fish artificial propagation program, as proposed in their new section 10 enhancement permit application, P45V (60 FR 58334, November 27, 1995). Genetics research has found that FWS' artificial propagation of winter-run chinook salmon has likely resulted in some hybridization with spring-run chinook salmon. In addition, hatchery-produced winter-run chinook salmon have not been returning to the mainstem Sacramento River as intended, but rather have been returning to Battle Creek where Coleman National Fish Hatchery is located, apparently as a result of imprinting on Battle Creek water.

The purpose of the moratorium on the collection of adult listed fish for broodstock is to avoid compromising the genetic integrity of the winter-run chinook salmon population due to the present circumstances and to avoid a significant drain on the 1996 spawning population if juveniles continue to imprint exclusively on Battle Creek. The

earlier juvenile fish release is an attempt to improve the likelihood that the fish will imprint on mainstem Sacramento River water. Any suspected progeny of hybrid crosses between winter-run chinook salmon and spring-run chinook salmon will not be released. The amendment is in effect for the duration of the permit. The new expiration date of permit 747 is March 31, 1996.

Issuance of the amendment, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such action: (1) Was requested in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that is the subject of the permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing listed species permits.

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Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Proposed Futures and Futures Options Contracts on Four Currency Cross-Rates

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and options contracts.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market in futures and options contracts in four currency cross-rates: the Deutsche Mark/French Franc, the Deutsche Mark/Italian Lira, the Deutsche Mark/Spanish Peseta, and the Deutsche Mark/Swedish Krona. The Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity