

public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Land use.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Air quality and noise.
- Cultural resources.
- Public safety.
- Endangered and threatened species.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we recommend that the Commission approve or not approve the project.

#### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified one issue that we think deserves attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Transwestern:

The proposed compressor station may increase ambient noise levels.

Keep in mind that this is a preliminary issue. Issues may be added, subtracted, or changed based on your comments and our analysis.

#### Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal,

alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations or routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be.

Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP96-97-000;
- Send a *copy* of your letter to: Mr. Herman K. Der, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., PR-11.1, Washington, DC 20426; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 20, 1996.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Mr. Herman K. Der at the above address.

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from Mr. Herman K. Der, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-0896.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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#### [Project No. 11530-000-IA]

#### **Mitchell County, Iowa; Notice Not Ready for Environmental Analysis, Notice Requesting Interventions and Protests, and Notice of Scoping Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969**

January 16, 1996.

On November 21, 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued a letter accepting

Mitchell County, Iowa's application for the Mitchell Mill Dam Hydroelectric Project, located on the Cedar River in Mitchell County, Iowa.

The Mitchell Mill Dam's principal project features would consist of an existing 195-foot-wide concrete dam, an existing natural impoundment with a surface area of 120 acres and no usable storage, a powerhouse containing two new generating units with a total rated capacity of 900 Kw. The project would have an average annual generation of 2,829,335 Kwh. The project site is owned by Mitchell County, Iowa.

The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time. A public notice will be issued in the future indicating its readiness for environmental analysis and soliciting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions on the application and the applicant's reply comments.

The purpose of this notice is to: (1) Invite interventions and protests; (2) advise all parties as to the proposed scope of the staff's environmental analysis, including cumulative effects, and to seek additional information pertinent to this analysis; and (3) advise all parties of their opportunity for comment.

#### Interventions and Protests

All filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST," "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," or "COMPETING APPLICATION"; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, and address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

An additional copy must be sent to: Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

All filings for any protest or motion to intervene must be received 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

### Scoping Process

The Commission's scoping objectives are to:

- Identify significant environmental issues;
- Determine the depth of analysis appropriate to each issue;
- Identify the resource issues not requiring detailed analysis; and
- Identify reasonable project alternatives.

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify significant issues related to the proposed action and to determine what issues should be covered in the environmental document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The document entitled "Scoping Document I" (SDI) will be circulated shortly to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, developers, Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other interested parties to effectively participate in and contribute to the scoping process. SDI provides a brief description of the proposed action, project alternative, the geographic and temporal scope of a cumulative effects analysis, and a list of preliminary issues identified by staff.

The Commission will decide, based on the application, and agency and public comments to scoping, whether licensing the Mitchell Mill Dam Hydroelectric Project constitutes a major federal action significantly impacting the quality of the human environment. The Commission staff will not hold scoping meetings unless the Commission decides to prepare an environmental impact statement, or the response to SCI warrants holding such meetings.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encourage to comment on SDI and assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed.

All filings should contain an original and 8 copies. Failure to file an original and 8 copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of your comments in a timely manner. See 18 CFR 4.34(h). In addition, commentors may submit a copy of their comments on a 3½-inch diskette formatted for MS-DOS based computers. In light of our ability to translate MS-DOS based materials, the text need only be submitted in the format and version that it was generated (i.e., MS Word, WordPerfect 5.1/5.2, ASCII, etc.). It is not necessary to reformat word processor generated text to ASCII. For Macintosh users, it would be helpful to save the documents in Macintosh word

processor format then write them to files on a diskette formatted for MS-DOS machines. All comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, and should show the following captions on the first page: Mitchell Mill Dam Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 11530-000.

Further, interested persons are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures, requiring parties or interceders (as defined in 18 CFR 385.2010) to file documents on each person whose name is on the official service list for this proceeding. See 18 CFR 4.34(b).

The Commission staff will consider all written comments and may issue a Scoping Document II (SDII). SDII will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping process.

For further information regarding the scoping process, please contact Ms. Julie Bernt, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Hydropower Licensing, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426 at (202) 219-2814.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Information Collections Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval, Comments Requested

January 11, 1996.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before February 21, 1996. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Dorothy Conway, Federal Communications, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to [dconway@fcc.gov](mailto:dconway@fcc.gov) and Timothy Fain, OMB Desk Officer, 10236 NEOB 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503 or [fain\\_t@a1.eop.gov](mailto:fain_t@a1.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Dorothy Conway at 202-418-0217 or via internet at [dconway@fcc.gov](mailto:dconway@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*OMB Approval No.:* 3060-0134.

*Title:* Application for Renewal of Private Radio Station License.

*Form No.:* 574R.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profit; small businesses or organizations; individuals or households; state or local governments; not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Responses:* 84,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* .33 hours.

*Total Annual Burden:* 27,720 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* FCC rules require that radio station licensees renew their radio station authorization every five years. Data is used to update the existing database and make efficient use of the frequency spectrum. Data is also used by compliance personnel in conjunction with field engineers for enforcement and interference resolutions. The data collected is required by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended; International Treaties and FCC Rules 47 CFR Parts 1.922, 90.119, 90.135, 90.157, 95.89, 95.103 and 95.107. The Commission is revising the form to include a certification block for the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

*OMB Approval Number:* New Collection.

*Title:* Market Entry and Regulation of Foreign-affiliated Carriers.

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* New Collection.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profit.

*Number of Responses:* 431.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 8 hours.

*Total Annual Burden:* 4,127 hours.