

TransCanada Power Corporation pursuant to the Transmission Service Tariff filed by Northern Indiana Public Service Company in Docket No. ER96-1426-000 and allowed to become effective by the Commission. *Northern Indiana Public Service Company*, 75 FERC ¶ 61,213 (1996). Northern Indiana Public Service Company has requested that the Service Agreement be allowed to become effective as of July 1, 1996.

Copies of this filing have been sent to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumers Counselor.

Comment date: July 2, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Project Nos. 2058 and 2075]

Washington Water Power; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Public Scoping Meetings and a Site Visit

June 19, 1996.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is reviewing a proposal to relicense and continue operating the Cabinet Gorge (FERC Project No. 2058) and Noxon Rapids (FERC Project No. 2075) in Bonner County, Idaho and Sanders County, Montana. The projects are partially located on federal lands managed by the Idaho Panhandle, Kootenai, and Lolo National Forest.

Relicensing these projects could constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the

FERC intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the projects in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the Commission's regulations. The EIS will objectively consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts of the projects and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic and engineering analysis.

A Draft EIS will be circulated for review and comment by all interested parties, and FERC staff will hold a public meeting on the Draft EIS. FERC staff will consider and respond to comments received on the Draft EIS in the final EIS. The FERC staff's conclusions and recommendations will then be presented for the consideration of the Commission in reaching its final licensing decision.

Scoping: Interested citizens, non-governmental organizations, local governments, state and federal agencies, Indian tribes, and any other interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS. Scoping will help ensure that all significant issues related to this proposal are addressed in the EIS.

FERC staff will conduct three scoping meetings as follows: (1) a scoping meeting oriented towards the public will begin at 7:00 p.m. on July 15 at the Sandpoint High School, 410 South Division Street, Sandpoint, Idaho; (2) a scoping meeting oriented towards the agencies will begin at 1:00 p.m. on July 16 at the Noxon Public School, 25 Railroad Road, Noxon, Montana; and (3) a scoping meeting oriented towards the public will begin at 7:00 p.m. on July 16 at the Noxon Public School. The public and agencies may attend any meeting.

Objectives: At the scoping meetings, FERC staff will (1) identify preliminary environmental issues related to the proposed projects; (2) attempt to identify preliminary resource issues that are not important and do not require detailed analysis; (3) identify reasonable alternatives to be addressed in the EIS; (4) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantified data, on the resource issues; and (5) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS, including points of view in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views.

Procedures: The meetings will be recorded by a court reporter and all statements (oral and written) will become a part of the official record of the Commission proceedings for the relicensing of the Cabinet Gorge and Noxon Rapids Projects. Individuals

presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to clearly identify themselves for the record.

To help focus discussions at the scoping meeting, the FERC will mail a scoping document, outlining subject areas to be addressed in the EIS, to all entities on the projects' mailing lists. Copies of the scoping document will also be available at the scoping meetings.

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the issues or information relevant to the issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the meetings. In addition, written scoping comments may be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Dockets Room 1A, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C., 20426, until August 19, 1996. All written correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Cabinet Gorge (No. 2058) and Noxon Rapids (No. 2075) Hydroelectric Projects.

Site Visit: There will also be a tour of the projects on July 18, 1996. Those who wish to attend should contact Ms. Kathy Krueger of Washington Water Power at (406) 847-2729 by July 9th to sign up. Attendees will meet at the Noxon Public School parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

For Further Information Contact: Joe Davis, FERC, Office of Hydropower Licensing (202) 219-2865.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Amendment to Common Sense Initiative Council Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Amendment to Open Meeting of the Public Advisory Common Sense Initiative Council.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is given that the times for the Common Sense Initiative Council meeting scheduled for June 27, and June 28, 1996, in Alexandria, Virginia, have been amended.

AMENDMENT OF OPEN MEETING NOTIFICATION: Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency, has amended an open meeting of the Common Sense Initiative Council