

need for the gas and any other issue determined to be appropriate, including whether the arrangement is consistent with DOE's policy of promoting competition in the marketplace by allowing commercial parties to freely negotiate their own trade arrangements. Parties that may oppose this application should comment in their responses on these issues.

PANGC and Marathon assert that the gas will not be needed domestically during the extension period and the export is otherwise consistent with the public interest. Parties that oppose extending the PANGC/Marathon export should comment on the specific statements of the applicants, including conclusions in the two studies submitted as part of the application. Opponents will bear the burden of demonstrating the proposed export extension is not consistent with the public interest.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4231 *et seq.*) requires DOE to give appropriate consideration to the environmental effects of its proposed action. No final decision will be issued in this proceeding until DOE has met its NEPA responsibilities.

Public Comment Procedures

In response to this notice, any person may file a protest, motion to intervene or notice of intervention, as applicable, and written comments. Anyone who wants to become a party to this proceeding and to have their written comments considered as the basis for the decision on the application must, however, file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention, as applicable. The filing of a protest with respect to this application will not serve to make the protestant a party to the proceeding, although protests and comments received from persons who are not parties will be considered in determining the appropriate action to be taken on the application. All protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments must meet the requirements specified by the regulations in 10 CFR part 590. Protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, requests for additional procedures, and written comments should be filed with the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities at the address listed above.

It is intended that a decisional record on the application will be developed through responses to this notice by parties, including the parties' written comments and replies thereto. Additional procedures will be used as

necessary to achieve a complete understanding of the facts and issues. A party seeking intervention may request that additional procedures be provided, such as additional written comments, an oral presentation, a conference, or trial-type hearing. Any request to file additional written comments should explain why they are necessary. Any request for an oral presentation should identify the substantial question of fact, law, or policy at issue, show that it is material and relevant to a decision in the proceeding, and demonstrate why an oral presentation is needed. Any request for a conference should demonstrate why the conference would materially advance the proceeding. Any request for a trial-type hearing must show that there are factual issues genuinely in dispute that are relevant and material to a decision and that a trial-type hearing is necessary for a full and true disclosure of the facts.

If an additional procedure is scheduled, notice will be provided to all parties. If no party requests additional procedures, a final opinion and order may be issued based on the official record, including the application and responses filed by parties pursuant to this notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

A copy of PANGC's and Marathon's application is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities docket room, 3F-056, at the above address. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Bonneville Power Administration

Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement for Upper Snake River Fish Culture Facility

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

ACTION: Notice of floodplain and wetlands involvement.

SUMMARY: This notice announces BPA's proposal to purchase an existing fish hatchery suitable for remodeling and operation as a fish hatchery for domestic rainbow trout and testing facility for

potential rearing of native Yellowstone cutthroat and redband trout.

Three alternative hatcheries are being evaluated for purchase and remodeling; two are located in Bingham County, Idaho and one in Power County, Idaho. In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR Part 1022), BPA will prepare a floodplain and wetlands assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain and wetlands. The assessment will be included in the environmental assessment being prepared for the proposed project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. A floodplain statement of findings will be included in any finding of no significant impact that may be issued following the completion of the environmental assessment.

DATE: Comments are due to the address below no later than March 19, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Public Involvement Office, Bonneville Power Administration—ACS, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon 97212. Internet address: comment@bpa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Spiering, Environmental Project Lead—ECN, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621, phone number 503-230-5756, fax number 503-230-5699.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Houghland Farm (sec. 25, T. 4 S., R. 32 E. and sec. 30, T. 4 S., R. 33 E.) is located in Bingham County, Idaho between Springfield and the McTucker Springs Recreational Area. Papoose Springs (sec. 1, T. 6 S., R. 33 E. and sec. 6, T. 6 S., R. 34 E.) site is located in Power County, Idaho on Tank Farm Rd. near Siphon Rd. Jackson Ranch (sec. 31, T. 3 S., R. 34 E. and sec. 6, T. 4 S., R. 34 E.) is located in Bingham County, Idaho on Jackson Troutfarm Rd. near Ferry Butte Rd. There is a possibility that Floodplains and Wetlands could be impacted as a result of this project.

Maps and further information are available from BPA at the address above.

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Thomas C. McKinney,

NEPA Compliance Officer.

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