

*Comment date:* April 8, 1997, 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 No. 11588 Alaska]**

**Alaska Power and Telephone Company [Otter Creek Hydroelectric Project]; Notice of Intent To Conduct Environmental Scoping Meetings and a Site Visit**

March 27, 1997.

The Energy Policy Act of 1992 allows applicants to prepare their own environmental assessment (EA) for hydropower projects and file it with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) along with their license application as part of the "applicant-prepared EA" process. Alaska Power and Telephone Company (AP&T) intends to prepare an EA to file with the Commission for the proposed Otter Creek Hydroelectric Project, No. 11588. AP&T will hold two scoping meetings, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, to identify the scope of issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

**Scoping Meetings**

The times and locations of the two scoping meetings are:

Public meeting	Agency meeting
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 1997.	Date: Thursday, May 8, 1997.

Public meeting	Agency meeting
Place: National Park Service, Auditorium, Second Avenue, Skagway, Alaska.	Place: U.S. Forest Service, Juneau Ranger District, Confer. Room, Main Building, 8465 Old Dairy Road, Juneau, Alaska.
Time: 7:00 P.M. ....	Time: 10:00 A.M.

At the scoping meetings, AP&T will: (1) Summarize the tentative environmental issues and concerns on the project, (2) outline those preliminary resources that they believe would not require a detailed analysis, (3) identify reasonable alternatives to be addressed in the EA, (4) solicit from the meeting participants all available baseline information, especially quantitative data, on the resource issues, and (5) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including views supporting or opposing AP&T's preliminary views.

All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited and encouraged to attend either or both meetings to assist in identifying and clarifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

To help focus discussions at the meetings, AP&T will prepare and distribute to the participants prior to the meetings, the Initial Consultation Package and Scoping Document 1 for this project. Copies of this scoping document can be obtained by calling Mr. Glen Martin of AP&T at (360) 385-1733, or can be obtained directly at either meeting.

**Site Visit**

For those who intend to participate in scoping, AP&T will also conduct a site visit to the proposed Otter Creek Project on Tuesday, May 6, 1997. Those attending must meet at the AP&T offices in Skagway, Alaska, 5th and Spring Street by 7:30 AM. We will promptly leave for the project site, via helicopter. Because of the remoteness and difficulty of ground access at the proposed project site, those attending the site visit should be physically fit and must wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Those being shuttled by helicopter to the project site may need to sign a waiver of liability regarding helicopter use.

To plan on helicopter use in advance of the visit, AP&T must identify the number of individuals interested in the site visit. Therefore, if you intend on visiting the proposed project site, you must first register with Mr. Stan Selmer of AP&T in Skagway at (907) 983-2202 no later than April 18, 1997. If

inclement weather prevents a site visit on May 6th, the alternate date will be May 7th at the same time.

**Meeting Procedures**

The meetings will be conducted according to the procedures used at Commission scoping meetings. Because this meeting will be a NEPA scoping meeting under the APEA process, the Commission will not conduct a NEPA scoping meeting after the application and draft EA are filed with the Commission.

Both scoping meetings will be recorded by a stenographer, and thus will become a part of the formal record of the proceedings for this project.

Those who choose not to speak during the scoping meetings may instead submit written comments on the project. Written comments should be mailed to: Mr. Glen Martin, Alaska Power and Telephone Company, P.O. Box 222, Port Townsend, Washington 98368. All correspondence should show the following caption on the first page:

**Scoping Comments, Otter Creek Hydroelectric Project, Project No. 11588, Alaska**

For further information, please contact Mr. Glen Martin at (360) 385-1733 or Mr. Carl Keller of the Commission at (202) 219-2831.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

**Secretary.**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-5805-6]

**Air Pollution Control; Proposed Actions on Clean Air Act Grants to the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed determination with request for comments and notice of opportunity for public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. EPA has made a proposed determination under section 105(c) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) that a reduction in expenditures of non-Federal funds for the Monterey Bay Unified County Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD, or "District") in Monterey, California is the result of a non-selective reduction in expenditures. This determination, when final, will permit the MBUAPCD to keep the financial assistance awarded to it by