

Comment date: July 28, 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 11516, 11120-002, and 11300—Michigan]

Commonwealth Power Company; Notice of Intent to Conduct Public Scoping Meetings and Site Visits

July 15, 1997.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or the Commission) will hold public and agency scoping meetings on July 28, 1997, for preparation of a Multiple Project Environmental Assessment (MPEA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the issuance of original licenses for the Irving, Middleville, and LaBarge Project Nos. 11516, 11120-002, and 11300. The three projects are located on the Thornapple River in Barry and Kent Counties, Michigan.

Scoping Meetings

FERC staff will conduct one agency scoping meeting and one public meeting. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency and non-governmental organization (NGO) concerns while the public scoping meetings are primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings,

and assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the MPEA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Agency Scoping Meeting, Tuesday, July 29, 1997, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Caledonia Township Hall, 250 Maple Street, Caledonia, MI 49316.

Public Scoping Meeting, Tuesday, July 29, 1997, 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Caledonia Township Hall, 250 Maple Street, Caledonia, MI 49316.

To help focus discussions, a scoping document (Revised Scoping Document 1—including all three projects) outlining subject areas to be addressed at the meeting will be distributed by mail to the parties on the FERC mailing list. Copies of the Revised Scoping Document 1 will also be available at the scoping meetings.

Site Visits

Site visits will be held at the three projects; anyone with questions regarding the site visits should contact the appropriate contact person below. All participants must furnish their own transportation. The date and time of the site visits are as follows:

Date/time	Projects	Contact
Monday, July 28, 1997, 1:00 p.m.	Irving, Middleville, and LaBarge.	Bob Evans, Commonwealth Power (517) 676-0700.

All participants should meet at the Caledonia Township Hall, 250 Maple Street, Caledonia, Michigan, 49316.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the planned MPEA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the MPEA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the relative depth of analysis for issues to be addressed in the MPEA; and (5) identify resource issues that are of lesser importance, and, therefore, do not require detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal records of the Commission proceeding on the projects under

consideration. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to clearly identify themselves for the record. Speaking time for attendees at the evening meetings will be determined before the meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session. All speakers will be provided at least 5 minutes to present their views.

Individuals, corporations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the MPEA.

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the meeting. In addition, written scoping comments may be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. All such filings should conform with the requirements outlined in detail in Revised Scoping Document 1.

For further information, please contact Sue Cielinski at (202) 219-2942.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-140261; FRL-5730-8]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Midwest Research Institute

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor, Midwest Research Institute, 425 Volker Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri, for access to information which has been submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than August 5, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm.