

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 1933-011 & 2198-007]

Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

December 2, 1997.

A final environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The final EA analyzes the environmental impacts of an application by Southern California Edison Company (licensee) to relocate project facilities. The licensee proposes constructing a new penstock to replace part of the existing flowline for the Santa Ana River (SAR) 1 and 2 Hydroelectric Project No. 1933-011 and all of the flowline for the SAR 3 Hydroelectric Project No. 2198-007. The licensee proposes to construct a new powerhouse to replace both the SAR 2 and SAR 3 powerhouses. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is building a new flood control dam in the Santa Ana River Canyon below the SAR 1 and 2 Project. The Seven Oaks Dam will inundate and destroy the SAR 2 powerhouse and the SAR 3 flowline rendering both projects inoperable. The licensee's proposed construction would allow it to continue to operate the projects. Both projects are on the Santa Ana River and its tributaries in San Bernardino County, California.

The final EA finds that the application to relocate project facilities would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The final EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture—Forest Service, San Bernardino National Forest, Big Bear Ranger District. Copies of the final EA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference room at (202) 208-1371.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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Notice of Issuance of Decisions and Orders by the Office of Hearings and Appeals; Week of May 19 Through May 23, 1997

During the week of May 19 through May 23, 1997, the decisions and orders summarized below were issued with respect to appeals, applications, petitions, or other requests filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy. The following summary also contains a list of submissions that were dismissed by the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

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Dated: November 26, 1997.

George B. Breznay,
Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Decision List No. 34, Week of May 19 Through May 23, 1997

Appeal

Bonita L. Haynes, 5/23/97, VFA-0290

The DOE granted in part a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Appeal filed by Bonita L. Haynes. Haynes sought the release of two names withheld from a memo released to her by the DOE's Office of the Inspector General (IG). In its decision, the DOE found that the IG's withholding of one of the names was appropriate under FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7(C). However, the DOE also found that the IG's withholding of the other name was not appropriate under the justification furnished by the IG. Accordingly, the matter was remanded to the IG.

Requests for Exception

Greenville Automatic Gas Co., 5/22/97, VEE-0043

Greenville Automatic Gas Company filed an Application for Exception from

the Energy Information Administration requirement that it file Form EIA-782B, the "Resellers'/Retailers' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report." In considering Greenville's request, the DOE found that the firm was not experiencing any type of hardship or gross inequity. Accordingly, exception relief was denied.

Hampton Gas Company, Inc. 5/22/97, VEE-0041

Hampton Gas Company, Inc., filed an Application for Exception from the Energy Information Administration requirement that it file Form EIA-782B, the "Resellers'/Retailers' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report." In considering Hampton's request, the DOE found that the firm was not experiencing any type of hardship or gross inequity. Accordingly, exception relief was denied.

Western Star Propane, Inc., 5/22/97, VEE-0040

Western Star Propane, Inc., filed an Application for Exception from the Energy Information Administration requirement that it file Form EIA-782B, the "Resellers'/Retailers' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report." In considering Western's request, the DOE found that the firm was not experiencing any type of hardship or gross inequity. Accordingly, exception relief was denied.

Refund Application

Department of the Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs, 5/19/97, RF272-74747

The DOE approved an Application for Refund filed by the Department of the Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Subpart V crude oil refund proceeding. The DOE determined that the claimed volumes were not purchased through the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and, therefore, not covered by the refund granted DLA in a separate case.

Refund Applications

The Office of Hearings and Appeals issued the following Decisions and Orders concerning refund applications, which are not summarized. Copies of the full texts of the Decisions and Orders are available in the Public Reference Room of the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Name	Case No.	Date
Averitt Express	RG272-00105	5/22/97
B.F. Walker, Inc. et al	RF272-98728	5/22/97
Crude Oil Supplemental Refund Dist	RB272-00110	5/22/97
L.C. Kruse & Sons, Inc	RG272-00845	5/23/97

Name	Case No.	Date
Hart Well Drilling Co	RG272-00876
P.Q. Corporation	RG272-00941
Mrs. Annabelle Bressler et al	RK272-01328	5/19/97
Nortar, Inc. (F/K/A/ American Tar Co)	RC272-00364	5/23/97
Nortar, Inc	RK272-03941
Pioneer Talc Co./Zemex	RK272-04426	5/23/97
Schaeffer Trucking, Inc	RG272-93	5/20/97
Township of Montclair et al	RF272-86026	5/19/97
Yvonne Van Pembroke et al	RK272-01753	5/19/97

Dismissals

The following submissions were dismissed.

Name	Case No.
Empire Drilling Company	RD272-65942
Emulsion Products	RD272-67919
Gardner Industries	RD272-67920
Honeywell, Inc	RD272-67216
Lock Joint Tube, Inc	RK272-4341
Morgan County, Missouri	RF272-86015
Nox-Crete, Inc	RR272-00101

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Notice of Issuance of Decisions and Orders by the Office of Hearings and Appeals; Week of August 25 Through August 29, 1997

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George B. Breznay,

Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Decision List No. 48

Week of August 25 through August 29, 1997

Appeal

Burlin Mckinney, 8/28/97, VFA-0322

The DOE granted in part and denied in part an appeal of withholding of documents at DOE's Y-12 plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee that relate to beryllium. The DOE found that the determination of DOE's Oak Ridge Operations Office, that it could not justify the high costs and burdensome effort to review the records, was inadequate in light of the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and the DOE regulations. The DOE therefore remanded the case to the Oak Ridge Operations Office for a new determination releasing the documents or explaining the basis for withholding information with specific reference to one or more FOIA exemptions.

Personnel Security Hearing

Personnel Security Hearing, 8/29/97, VSO-0147

An Office of Hearings and Appeals Hearing Officer issued an opinion against restoring the security clearance of an individual whose clearance had been suspended because the Department of Energy had obtained derogatory

information that fell within 10 CFR 710.8(k)(1). In reaching his conclusion, the Hearing Officer found that the individual had used methamphetamine and had not shown reformation. In addition, the Hearing Officer found that current inconsistencies in the individual's testimony support the charge that the individual is not being honest, reliable and trustworthy within the meaning of 10 CFR 710.8(1).

Refund Application

Vessels Gas Processing Co./Farmland Industries, Inc., 8/27/97, RF354-00009

The DOE issued a Decision and Order concerning an Application for Refund filed by Farmland Industries, Inc. (Farmland), an agricultural cooperative. Farmland sought a portion of the settlement fund obtained by the DOE through a Consent Order settlement with Vessels Gas Processing Co. The DOE granted Farmland a total refund of \$338,343 (\$217,221 principal plus \$121,122 interest).

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