

identified the following major concerns; relocation of facilities out of the floodplain, range and depth of alternatives, species and habitat types impacted, potential effects to archaeological sites, river hydrology and water quality, and wetlands. The Final EIS addressed issues raised in comments to the Draft EIS. The Notice of Availability of the Final EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 1997. The Final EIS was distributed to federal, state, and local agencies, interested parties, and public libraries on December 19, 1997, and the comment period closed on January 19, 1998.

Agency Decision

On behalf of the Department of the Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps, I have decided to implement the proposed action through the preferred alternative, Alternative 3A, (Levee Alignment 3—A 14,500 foot-long levee and a 2,300 foot floodwall combination and Bridge Alignment A—Existing Alignment). The requirements of applicable Executive Orders have been considered. Specifically, the following determinations are made with respect to these Executive Orders:

Executive Order 11888, "Floodplain Management". I have determined that implementation of the Santa Margarita Flood Control Project is the only practicable alternative, consistent with law and policy, to avoid the potential severe consequences posed by potential significant flood events to existing multi-million dollar facilities at MCB Camp Pendleton and MCAS Camp Pendleton. All practicable means to avoid or minimize harm to the floodplain are included within those mitigation measures associated with the preferred alternative for this project.

Executive Order 11990, "Protection of Wetlands". I have determined that the preferred alternative is the least environmental damaging practicable alternative for the implementation of the Santa Margarita Flood Control Project. I have further determined that the preferred alternative incorporates all practicable measures to avoid or minimize adverse impacts to wetlands which may result from this project. In addition, all practicable mitigation measures to offset wetland impacts will be implemented. This determination includes consideration of, among other factors, the economic consequences and the potential impact upon the national security missions of MCB Camp Pendleton and MCAS Camp Pendleton posed by significant flood events within the Santa Margarita River.

Executive Order 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations". The proposed action has been evaluated with respect to environmental and social impacts, as well as access to public information and an opportunity for public participation in the NEPA process as required by this Executive Order. The project is consistent with the goals and provisions of this Executive Order and no disproportionate impacts to minority or low-income populations will occur.

I have determined that the preferred alternative is the least environmentally damaging practical alternative for the implementation of the Santa Margarita flood control and bridge replacement projects. The Department of the Navy believes there are no remaining issues to be resolved with respect to these projects. Questions regarding the Final EIS prepared for this action may be directed to Mr. Lupe Armas, Assistant Chief of Staff, Environmental Security, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California, 92055, telephone (760) 725-3561.

Dated: February 8, 1998.

Duncan Holaday,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy
(Installations and Facilities).*

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 18, 1998 rather than the earlier announced date of February 25. The hearing will be part of the Commission's regular business meeting which is open to the public and scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Goddard Conference Room of the Commission's offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

An informal conference among the Commissioners and staff will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the same location and will include a presentation on GIS soils data and status report; 1998 DRBC meeting locations and events and discussion of the Commission's Ground Water Advisory Committee functions.

In addition to the subjects listed which are scheduled for public hearing at the 1:00 p.m. business meeting, the Commission will also address the

following: Minutes of the January 28, 1998, business meeting; announcements; General Counsel's Report; report on Basin hydrologic conditions; a resolution to adopt the current expense and capital budgets for Fiscal Year 1999; a resolution concerning election of a Chairman at meetings of the U.S. Supreme Court Decree Parties with regard to DRBC drought-related resolutions; a resolution to authorize funding for a research study concerning rainfall frequency; a resolution concerning U.S. Geological Survey study of flow need issues in the Delaware Estuary; and public dialogue.

The subjects of the hearing will be as follows:

Applications for Approval of the Following Projects Under Article 10.3, Article 11 and/or Section 3.8 of the Compact

1. Holdover: City of Bethlehem Authority D-97-47 CP

A proposed temporary surface water withdrawal project that entails installation of an emergency intake structure in the Beltzville Reservoir, just downstream of the confluence of Pohopoco Creek with the Reservoir's tailwater, in Towamensing Township, Carbon County, Pennsylvania. The withdrawal is planned to provide up to 15 million gallons per day during a three-year period while the applicant's Penn Forest Dam is undergoing reconstruction and refilling. The applicant's distribution system serves the City of Bethlehem and 11 other municipalities in its vicinity, in both Lehigh and Northampton Counties. This hearing continues that of January 28, 1998.

2. Borough of Clementon D-87-92 CP RENEWAL

An application for the renewal of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 31 million gallons (mg)/30 days of water to the applicant's distribution system from Well Nos. 9, 10 and 11. Commission approval on February 24, 1988 was limited to six years, subsequently revised to ten years, and will expire unless renewed. The applicant requests that the total withdrawal from all wells remain limited to 31 mg/30 days. The project is located in Clementon Borough, Camden County, New Jersey.

3. Borough of Alburtis D-91-42 CP RENEWAL

An application for the renewal of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 6.5 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's distribution system from

Well Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4. Commission approval on December 9, 1992 was limited to five years. The applicant requests that the total withdrawal from all wells remain limited to 6.5 mg/30 days. The project is located in Alburtis Borough, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

4. Schwenksville Borough Authority D-92-39 CP RENEWAL

An application for the renewal of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 11.8 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's distribution system from Well Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Commission approval on February 17, 1993 was limited to five years. The total withdrawal from all wells will be to 11.8 mg/30 days based on current and predicted uses. The project is located in Schwenksville Borough, Montgomery County in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Ground Water Protected Area.

5. Mount Holly Water Company D-94-8 CP

An application for approval of a ground water withdrawal project to supply up to 108.5 mg/30 days of water to the applicant's Mount Holly System from existing Well Nos. 3R, 4, 5, 6 and 7, and to retain the existing withdrawal limit of 108.5 mg/30 days for all Mount Holly Water System wells. The project is located in Westampton and Mount Holly Townships, Burlington County, New Jersey.

Documents relating to these items may be examined at the Commission's offices. Preliminary dockets are available in single copies upon request. Please contact Thomas L. Brand at (609) 883-9500 ext. 221 concerning docket-related questions. Persons wishing to testify at this hearing are requested to register with the Secretary at (609) 883-9500 ext. 203 prior to the hearing.

Dated: February 3, 1998.

Susan M. Weisman,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-1571-000]

American Electric Power Corporation; Notice of Filing

February 6, 1998.

Take notice that on January 26, 1998, the American Electric Power Corporation (AEPSC), tendered for filing

executed service agreements under the AEP Companies' Power Sales Tariff, The Power Sales Tariff was accepted for filing effective October 1, 1995, and has been designated AEP Companies' FERC Electric Tariff First Revised Volume No. 2. AEPSC requests waiver of notice to permit the service agreements to be made effective for service billed on and after December 26, 1997.

A copy of the filing was served upon the Parties and the State Utility Regulatory Commission of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

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, NE., Washington, DC 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 February 19, 1998. 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-3057-002]

Florida Power Corporation; Notice of Filing

February 6, 1998.

Take notice that on January 9, 1998, Florida Power Corporation tendered for filing an amendment to its open access transmission tariff in compliance with the Commission's order of November 25, 1997.

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 February 17, 1998. 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-211-000]

Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

February 6, 1998.

Take notice that on January 30, 1998, Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation (TETCO), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056-5310 filed in Docket No. CP98-211-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval for TETCO to construct and operate certain replacement facilities in Jackson and Ripley Counties, Indiana and to abandon the existing pipeline being replaced, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, TETCO proposes to replace two discrete sections of 24-inch pipe which total 2,442 feet in length (630 feet and 1812 feet) in Jackson and Ripley Counties, Indiana. TETCO states that the new replacement facilities will enable TETCO to comply with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Minimum Federal Safety Standards and will ensure the continued safe and reliable operation of its system. TETCO indicates that the replacement segments will have a design delivery capacity equivalent to the facilities being replaced and will not change TETCO system's maximum daily design capacity. TETCO estimates the total cost of the replacement to be \$2,001,000.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before February 27, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211)