

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it issued DOE/FE Order No. 1373 on April 7, 1997, granting Husky Gas Marketing Inc. long-term authorization to import up to 21,881 Mcf per day of natural gas from Canada. The term extends from the date of authorization until August 1, 2003. This gas will be sold to San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E). SDG&E is a public utility which provides electric, gas, and steam service to customers in San Diego and Orange counties, California. The natural gas will be imported near Eastport, Idaho, under a supply arrangement with Husky Oil Operations Ltd.

This order is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Fossil Energy, Room 3E-042, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0350, (202) 586-9478. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., April 13, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2016, WA]

#### City of Tacoma, Washington; Notice of Scoping Meeting Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment and a Site Visit

April 13, 1998.

The Commission's regulations allow 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 (APEA) process.<sup>1</sup> On February 24, 1998, the Commission approved the use of the APEA process in the preparation of license application for Tacoma Public Utilities' (Tacoma) Cowlitz Hydroelectric Project, No. 2016.

Tacoma will hold three public meetings, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of

1969, to identify the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. At the scoping meetings, Tacoma will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) outline any resources 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 information, especially quantitative data, on the resources at issue; and (5) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA.

Although Tacoma's intent is to prepare an EA, there is the possibility that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required. Nevertheless, this meeting will satisfy the NEPA scoping requirements, irrespective of whether an EA or EIS is issued by the Commission.

#### Scoping Meetings

The times and locations of the scoping meeting are:

##### Agency Scoping Meeting

May 5, 1998—1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, US Fish and Wildlife Service Office, 510 Desmond Drive, Sawyer Hall, Lacey, WA

##### Public Scoping Meetings

May 6, 1998—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Lewis County, Courthouse Annex, 345 W. Main St., Room 1, Chehalis, WA

May 7, 1998—7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Mossyrock High School Gymnasium, Mossyrock, WA

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

To help focus discussions, Tacoma prepared and distributed a scoping document on April 3, 1998. Copies of the Scoping Document can be obtained by calling Joan Nichol, Harza Engineering Company, at (425) 602-4000. Copies of the document will also be available at the scoping meetings.

#### Site Visit

Tacoma has also scheduled a site visit to the Cowlitz River Project on Thursday, May 7, 1998, if sufficient interest exists. Those wishing to attend the site visit must notify Toby Freeman, Tacoma City Light at (253) 502-8862 by April 24, 1998. Also contact Toby for information on the meeting time and place.

#### 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 does not intend to conduct a NEPA scoping meeting after the application and draft EA are filed with the Commission. Instead, Commission staff will attend the meetings on May 5, 6, and 7, 1998.

All the scoping meetings will be recorded by a stenographer or tape recorder, and will become 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: Joan Nichol, Harza Engineering Company, 2353 130th Avenue N.E., Bellevue, WA 98005, by June 8, 1998. All correspondence should show the following caption on the first page: Scoping Comments, Cowlitz River Hydroelectric Project (2016).

For further information please contact Joan Nichol at (425) 602-4000 or David Turner of the Commission at (202) 219-2844.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Filed With the Commission and Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

April 13, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* Proposal To Amend Minimum Flow Releases.
- b. *Project No:* 77-110.
- c. *Date Filed:* March 31, 1998.
- d. *Licensee:* Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
- e. *Name of Project:* Potter Valley Project.

f. *Location:* Eel River and East Fork Russian River, in Lake and Mendocino Counties, California.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Licensee Contact:* Mr. Terry Morford, Manager—Hydro Generation, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, P.O.

<sup>1</sup> 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).