

Scoping Process

The purpose of the scoping process is to identify significant issues related to the proposed action and to determine what issues should be addressed in the environmental document to be prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). A document entitled "Scoping Document" (SD) will be circulated shortly to enable appropriate federal, state, and local resource agencies, developers, Indian tribes, NGO's and other interested parties to effectively participate in and contribute to the scoping process. The SD provides a brief description of the proposed action, project alternatives, the geographic and temporal scope of the analysis, and a list of preliminary issues identified by staff.

Scoping Meetings

The Commission staff will hold scoping meetings on June 3 and June 4, 1998, to facilitate its preparation of an EIS for the proposed amendment. The scoping meetings will be held in two locations in the general vicinity of the Potter Valley Project. On each date there will be two scoping meetings: One afternoon meeting and one evening meeting. The afternoon meetings will focus on resource agency concerns, whereas the evening meeting will focus on receiving input from the public. However, we invite all interested agencies, NGOs, and individuals to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS. The times and locations of these meetings are shown below.

Ukiah Scoping Meetings:

Date: June 3, 1998.
Time: 1:00–3:00 p.m.; 7:00–9:00 p.m.
Place: Ukiah Valley Conference Center,
200 S. School Street, Ukiah, CA
95482, (707) 686–4571.

Eureka Scoping Meetings:

Date: June 4, 1998.
Time: 1:00–3:00 p.m.; 7:00–9:00 p.m.
Place: Doubletree Inn Eureka, 1929
Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501,
(707) 445–0844.

As mentioned previously a scoping document will be distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. The SD should help focus discussions, by outlining the issues to be addressed at the meetings. Copies of the SD can also be obtained by contacting the Project Manager identified at the end of this notice.

Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will:

- (1) Summarize the environmental issues

- (2) tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS;
- (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue;
- (3) encourage statements on environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS, including opinions in favor of, or in opposition to, the staff's preliminary list of issues;
- (4) determine the depth of analysis for issues addressed in the EIS; and
- (5) identify resource issues that will not require detailed analysis in the EIS.

The scoping meetings will be recorded by a court reporter, and all statements (oral and written) will become part of the Commission's public record for this proceeding. Before each meeting starts, all individuals who attend, especially those individuals that intend to make statements during the meeting, will be asked to sign in and clearly identify themselves for the record prior to speaking. Time allotted for presentations will be determined by staff based on the length of the meetings and the number of people wanting to speak. All individuals wishing to speak will be provided at least five minutes to present their views.

Interested parties who choose not to speak, or are unable to attend the scoping meetings, may provide written comments and information to the Commission until June 15, 1998. Written comments and information should be submitted to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

The first page of all filings should indicate "Potter Valley Project, FERC No. 77–110" at the top of the page. All filings sent to the Secretary of the Commission should contain an original and eight copies. Failure to file an original and eight copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of your comments in a timely manner. Furthermore, participants in this proceeding are reminded that if they file comments with the Commission, they must serve a copy of their filing to the parties on the Commission's service list.

For further information, please contact the Project Manager, Dr. John M. Mudre at (202) 219–1208.

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Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Notice of Public Outreach Meeting; Portland, OR

May 5, 1998

The Office of Hydropower Licensing will hold a public Outreach Meeting in Portland, OR, on Tuesday, May 19, 1998. The Outreach Meeting is scheduled to start at 9:00 am and finish at 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Outreach program is to familiarize federal, state, and other government agencies, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations, licensees, and other interested parties with the Commission's hydropower licensing program. The topics for the Outreach Meeting are pre-licensing, licensing, and post-licensing procedures for hydroelectric projects in Oregon whose licenses expire between calendar years 2000 and 2010.

Staff from the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing will preside over the meetings.

The location of the Outreach Meeting is: Doubletree Hotel, 909 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217, (503) 283–4466.

Directions to Hotel: Take I–5 North to Exit #308/Jantzen Beach Center, You will drive by a large Safeway store to a stop light, Right on Hayden Island Dr., Hotel will be directly in front.

If you plan to attend, notify John Blair, Western Outreach Coordinator, fax: 202–219–2152; telephone: 202–219–2845 or Theresa Gibson (202) 219–2793.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Notice of Public Outreach Meeting; Tacoma, Washington

May 5, 1998

The Office of Hydropower Licensing will hold a public Outreach Meeting in Tacoma, Washington, on Thursday, May 21, 1998. The Outreach Meeting is scheduled to start at 9:00 am and finish at 5:00 pm.

The purpose of the Outreach program is to familiarize federal, state, and other government agencies, Indian tribes, nongovernmental organizations, licensees, and other interested parties