identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS.

The morning scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Morning Meeting: September 15, 1999, 9:00 a.m., Boise Centre, 850 West Front Street, Boise, Idaho, (208) 336–8900.

Evening Meeting: September 15, 1999, 7:00 p.m., Boise Centre, 850 West Front Street, Boise, Idaho, (208) 336–8900.

To help focus discussions, we will distribute a Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EIS to parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings.

Site Visit

Idaho Power Company and the Commission staff will conduct a project site visit on September 14, 1999. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. in the Visitor Parking lot of Idaho Power Company's headquarters, 1221 W. Idaho Street, Boise, Idaho. If you would like to attend, please call Lewis Wardle, Idaho Power Company, at (208) 388–2964, no later than September 7, 1999.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues 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 from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EIS; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record of the Commission's proceedings for these projects.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meeting and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EIS.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission

August 5, 1999.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Major New License.

b. *Project No.:* 2077–016.

c. *Date filed:* July 29, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* USGen New England, Inc.

e *Name of Project:* Fifteen Mile Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* Project is located on the Connecticut River,. in Grafton Co., New Hampshire, and Caledonia Co., Vermont. Project would not utilize any federal lands or facilities.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Cleve Kapala, USGen New England, Inc., 46 Centerra Parkway, Lebanon, NH 03766.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed William Guey-Lee, E-mail address william.gueylee@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219–2808.

j. *Status of Environmental Review:* This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

k. *Description of Project:* The project consists of the following: The Moore Development, located 283.5 miles from the mouth of the Connecticut River, consists of: An 11-mile-long, 3,490 surface-acre reservoir with 114,176 acre-feet storage capacity at 809.0 feet mean sea level (msl); an earth and concrete gravity dam with a length of 2,920 feet and a max. height of 178 feet; a 373-foot-long concrete spillway with 15-foot-wide by 20-foot-high sluice gate, four 50-foot bays of 17-foot-high stanchions, and three bays of 36 foot-wide by 30-foot-high Taintor gates; four steel penstocks each 296 feet-long; and a powerhouse with four Francis type turbines at a combined rating of 225,600 hp at a design head of 150 feet, for a plant capability of 191,960 kilowatts (kW). The Comerford Development, located 275.2 miles from the mouth of the Connecticut River, consists of: an 8-mile-long, 1,093 surface-acre reservoir with 29,356 acre-feet storage capacity at 650.0 feet msl; an earth and concrete gravity dam with a length of 2,253 feet and a max. height of 170 feet; an 850-foot-long concrete spillway with six 7-foot-wide by 9-foot-high sluice gates, four bays of 8-foot high flashboards and seven 10-foot-high stanchion bays; four steel penstocks each 150 feet-long; and a powerhouse with four Francis type turbines at combined rating of 216,800 hp at a design head of 180 feet, for a plant capability of 163,960 kW. The McIndoes Development, located 268.2 miles from the mouth of the Connecticut River, consists of: a 5-mile-long, 543 surface-acre reservoir with 4,581 acre-feet storage capacity at 454.0 feet msl; a concrete gravity dam with a length of 730 feet and a max. height of 25 feet; a 520-foot-long concrete spillway with a 12-foot wide by 13-foot high skimmer gate, three 24-foot-wide by 25-foot-high Taintor gates, a 300-foot long spillway flashboard section with 6 foot flashboards, and two 50-foot-wide by 18-foot-high stanchion bays; four steel penstocks each 150 feet-long; and a powerhouse with four Kaplan type turbines at combined rating of 3,800 hp at a design head of 29 feet, for a plant capability of 13,000 kW.

l. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208–1371. The application may be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208–2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6418–1]

Adequacy Status of Submitted State Implementation Plans for Transportation Conformity Purposes: Metropolitan Washington, DC Area—Phase I Rate of Progress Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy status.

SUMMARY: In this document, EPA is announcing that the motor vehicle emissions budgets (hereafter referred to as ''budgets'') contained in the submitted Rate of Progress (ROP) Plan for the Metropolitan Washington DC ozone nonattainment area (comprised of the District of Columbia and portions of the State of Maryland and Commonwealth of Virginia) are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result of our finding, the budgets from the submitted ROP plan may be used for future conformity determinations in the Metropolitan Washington DC ozone nonattainment area.

DATES: These budgets are effective August 26, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul T. Wentworth, U.S. EPA, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19103 at (215) 814–2183 or by e-mail at: wentworth.paul@.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document wherever ''we'', ''us'', or ''our'' are used we mean EPA. The word ''budgets'' refers to the mobile source emission budget for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and the mobile source emissions budget for nitrogen oxides (NO_X). The word SIP in this document refers to the State Implementation Plan revision submitted to satisfy the rate-of-progress requirements for 1999, commonly referred to as the Post 96 ROP plan.

On May 20, 1999, we received the Post 96 ROP Plan for the Metropolitan Washington DC ozone nonattainment area. The May 20, 1999 submittal is a revision to the previous ROP plan submitted in 1997. There are two mobile source emission budgets found in this plan for the year 1999. The emissions budget for VOCs is 128.5 tons/day and the emissions budget for NO_X is 196.4 tons/day. These two revised, adequate post-1996 budgets replace the adequate budgets in the previous rate-of-progress plan.

On March 2, 1999, the US District Court ruled that budgets contained in submitted SIPs cannot be used for conformity determinations until EPA has affirmatively found them adequate. In accordance with that ruling, on June 2, 1999, we posted a notice on our web site at: http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq stating that we were taking comments on the adequacy of motor vehicle emissions budget found in the May 20, 1999 submitted revised plan. The comment period closed on July 15, 1999, and we received no comments.

Today's notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. On July 28, 1999, EPA Region III sent letters to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Maryland Department of the Environment, and the Washington DC Environmental Regulation Administration stating that the motor vehicle emissions budgets found in Post 96 ROP plan submitted on May 20, 1999 for the Metropolitan Washington DC ozone nonattainment are adequate. The essential information in this notice will also be posted on EPA's conformity website: http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq (once there, click on the ''Conformity'' button, then look for ''Adequacy Review of Submissions for Conformity'').

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. EPA's conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to SIPs and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do so. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP's budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review, and EPA's review to determine if the SIP is approvable. Even if we find a budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

We have described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance memorandum dated May 14, 1999 and titled ''Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision''. We have followed this guidance in making this adequacy determination for the budgets contained in the revised Post 96 ROP plan submitted on May 20, 1999 for the Metropolitan Washington DC ozone nonattainment area. You may obtain a copy of this guidance from EPA's conformity web site: http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq (once there, click on the ''Conformity'' button) or by calling the contact name listed in ''For Further Information Contact'' section of this document.

Thomas Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP–100148; FRL–6095–1]

Computer Based Systems, Incorporated; Transfer of Data

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice to certain persons who have submitted information to EPA in connection with pesticide information requirements imposed under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA). Computer Based Systems, Incorporated (CBSI) has been awarded a contract to perform work for the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs and will be provided access to certain information submitted to EPA under FIFRA and the FFDCA. Some of this information may have been claimed to be confidential business information (CBI) by submitters. This information will be transferred to CBSI consistent with the requirements of 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3) and 2.308(i)(2), and will enable CBSI to fulfill the obligations of the contract.

DATES: CBSI will be given access to this information no sooner than August 16, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Richard Schmitt Acting Director, Information Resources Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 703, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, (703) 305–5484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Contract No. 68–W–98–045, CBSI will provide technical support to EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs by abstracting and indexing incident reports received from pesticide chemical manufacturers and the public. Incident reports submitted by chemical manufacturers may include FIFRA CBI claims. This contract involves no subcontractors.

The Office Pesticide Programs has determined that the contract herein described involves work that is being conducted in connection with FIFRA, in that pesticide chemicals will be the subject of certain evaluations to be made under this contract. These evaluations may be used in subsequent regulatory decisions under FIFRA.