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**Filing and Service of Responsive Documents**—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION”, “COMPETING APPLICATION”, “PROTEST”, “MOTION TO INTERVENE”, as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission’s regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

**Agency Comments**—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency’s comments must also be sent to the Applicant’s representatives.

**David P. Boergers,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

October 22, 1999.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.
- b. *Project No.:* P–11811–000.
- c. *Date Filed:* September 1, 1999.
- d. *Applicant:* Wisconsin Logs, Inc.
- e. *Name of Project:* Merrill Paper Mill.
- f. *Location:* On the Prairie River, in the town of Merrill and the city of

Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. The project would not utilize federal lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Michael A. Swiger, Van Ness Feldman, P.C., 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, Seventh Floor, Washington, DC 20007, (202) 298–1891.

i. *FERC Contact:* William H. Diehl, E-mail address, William.Diehl@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219–2813.

j. *Deadline Date:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. The existing, inoperative project would consist of: (1) An 18-foot-high dam having a 78-foot-long gated spillway, five 11-foot-wide, 9-foot-high timber taintor gates, a 550-foot-long main earthen embankment, and a 400-foot-long secondary embankment; (2) a reservoir, known as Ward Mill Pond or Prairie Lake, having a 118-acre surface area and a 709-acre-foot storage capacity; (3) a forty-foot-long flume; (4) an intake pipe; (5) a powerhouse containing a 187-kW generating unit; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The facilities are owned by International Paper Company, 3 Paragon Drive, Montvale, New Jersey 07645.

Applicant will finance all efforts required to conduct studies and to prepare and file a license application. Project energy would be used in the lumber mill.

l. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission’s Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208–1371. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208–2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

**Preliminary Permit**—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a

competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

**Notice of intent**—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

**Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit**—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

**Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene**—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission’s Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

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**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Notice of Floodplain Involvement for Mead Substation Access Road and Water Supply Improvements

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of floodplain involvement.

**SUMMARY:** Western Area Power Administration (Western) proposes to reconstruct about 1.25 miles of Buchanan Boulevard south of Boulder City, Nevada, to improve the access to Mead Substation. The road is subject to washing out during high intensity thunderstorms at its crossing of Georgia Wash. The existing culverts at the wash cannot handle the flood flows, causing the road to wash out, temporarily blocking access to Mead Substation until repairs can be completed. Two water supply lines that serve Mead Substation also cross Georgia Wash. Western is exploring other water supply options, including replacing the water supply lines. Per a review of the flood hazard maps for Clark County, Nevada, Western determined that the road and water supply lines involve the 100-year floodplain of Georgia Wash. In accordance with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Floodplain/Wetland

Review Requirements (10 CFR part 1022), Western will prepare a floodplain assessment and will review the proposed actions in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain. The floodplain assessment will be included in the environmental assessment being prepared for the proposed actions in accordance with DOE National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021).

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed floodplain action are due to the address below no later than November 12, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Mr. John Holt, Environment Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005, email holt@wapa.gov

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. George Perkins, Environmental Specialist, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005, telephone (602) 352-2536, email perkins@wapa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed Buchanan Boulevard improvements would involve construction activities within the floodplain, including culvert removal, excavation, modifications to the existing drainage channel, new culvert installation, grading, and riprap placement. The floodplain assessment will examine the replacement of the water supply lines where they cross the floodplain, in addition to other water supply options. Buchanan Boulevard crosses the floodplain in Clark County in T. 23 S., R. 64 E., Section 20. Mead Substation is located in T. 23 S., R. 64 E., Section 28. Maps and further information are available from Western from the contact above.

Dated: October 19, 1999.

**Michael S. HacsKaylo,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Notice of Floodplain Involvement for the Miracle Mile-Cheyenne No. 1 Transmission Line

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of floodplain involvement.

**SUMMARY:** Western Area Power Administration (Western) proposes to redirect the flow of the Little Laramie River about 9 miles north west of Laramie, Wyoming, to prevent a transmission line structure on the Miracle Mile-Cheyenne No. 1 transmission line from being washed out. The wood pole H-frame transmission line structure is located in the center of a small ox bow of the Little Laramie River. The river has eroded the bank on the ox bow to within a few feet of the structure. If the current rate of erosion continues, the structure could potentially fail during the year 2000 spring runoff. Per a review of the flood hazard maps for Albany County, Wyoming, Western determined that redirecting the flow of the river around the transmission line structure involves the 100-year floodplain of the Little Laramie River. In accordance with the U.S. Department of Energy's Floodplain/Wetland Review Requirements (10 CFR part 1022), Western will prepare a floodplain assessment and will perform the proposed actions in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed floodplain action are due to the address below no later than November 12, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Mr. Jim Hartman, Environment Manager, Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 3700, Loveland, CO 80539-3003, email hartman@wapa.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rodney Jones, Environmental Specialist, Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 3700, Loveland, CO 80539-3003, telephone (970) 490-7371, email rjones@wapa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposal to redirect the flow of the Little Laramie River to avoid potential failure of a transmission line structure would involve construction activities within the floodplain, including mechanical land excavation of a new channel that would cut across a small ox bow. The floodplain assessment will examine the construction of a new channel that would divert the river flow away from the transmission line structure. The Miracle Mile-Cheyenne No. 1 transmission line crosses the floodplain of the Little Laramie River in Albany County, Wyoming in T. 17 N., R. 74 W., Sections 7, 17, and 18. Maps and further information are available from Western from the contact above.