

comments, or may elect to seek a waiver of this deadline.

1. *Description of Project:* The project consists of the following: (1) A 350-foot-long, 20.7-foot-high left dike; (2) a 70-foot-long, 21-foot-high concrete left forebay wall; (3) 60-foot-long, 21-foot-high left intake wall with four bays leading into two 9-foot-diameter steel penstocks; (4) a 70-foot-long concrete right intake structure with six bays leading into three 9-foot-diameter steel penstocks; (5) a 123-foot by 80-foot powerhouse, containing three 1,248 kilowatts (kW) generating units and two 1,200-kW generating units for a total installed generating capacity of 6,144-kW; (6) a 117-foot-long concrete right forebay wall; (7) 50-foot-long, 32-foot-high concrete gravity structure (Michigan gravity dam); (8) a 174-foot-long, 43-foot-high concrete gravity spillway with four 29-foot-wide by 15-foot-high Taintor gates and a sluice gate; (9) a 234-foot-long, 30-foot-high concrete gravity structure (Wisconsin gravity dam); (10) two middle dikes extending approximately 500 feet to a controlled spillway; (11) 101-foot-long concrete auxiliary spillway that contains three 27-foot-wide by 15-foot-high Taintor gates; (12) a 300-foot-long right dike; (13) an impoundment with a 960-acre surface area and a 9,750 acre-foot storage capacity at normal full pool elevation, 1,112.7 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum; and (14) appurtenant facilities.

m. *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, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 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.

n. *Protests or Motions to Intervene—* Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Rules of Practice and Procedures, 18 CFR Sections 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application and APEA.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—* The Commission is requesting comments, recommendations, terms and

conditions, prescriptions, and reply comments.

The Commission directs, pursuant to 18 CFR section 4.34(b) of the regulations, that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions concerning the application and APEA be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

p. All filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST," "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," "PRESCRIPTIONS," or "REPLY COMMENTS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application and APEA to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application and APEA directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to: Director, Division of Licensing and Compliance, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Miracle Mile-Cheyenne No. 1 Transmission Line

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Floodplain Statement of Findings.

SUMMARY: This Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Miracle Mile-Cheyenne No. 1 Transmission Line was prepared in accordance with the U.S. Department of Energy's Floodplain/Wetland Review Requirements (10 CFR part 1022). Western Area Power Administration (Western) proposes to redirect the flow of the Little Laramie River to prevent a transmission line structure on the Miracle Mile-Cheyenne No. 1 transmission line from being washed out. The activity is within the Little Laramie River floodplain located approximately 9 miles northwest of Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming. Western prepared a floodplain assessment describing the effects, alternatives, and measures designed to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain. This action is categorically excluded under the Department of Energy's (DOE) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021). Due to the need to redirect the river's flow before the onset of winter weather and maintain project effectiveness, the 15-day public review period following the publication of the Statement of Findings has been waived per 10 CFR 1022.18(c).

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.

For further information on DOE Floodplain/Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements, contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Statement of Findings for the Miracle Mile-Cheyenne No. 1 transmission line was prepared in accordance with 10 CFR part 1022. A notice of floodplain involvement was published in the **Federal Register** (FR) on October 28, 1999 (64 FR 58057). The Wyoming

Game and Fish Department (WGFD) responded to Western's Notice of Floodplain Involvement expressing concerns over increased water velocity in the immediate vicinity of the work, as well as upstream and downstream. Western is planning to undertake a transmission line structure protection measure that includes redirecting approximately 60 feet of the Little Laramie River, located northwest of Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming. Structure 82/2 of the Miracle Mile-Cheyenne No. 1 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line is located within a small ox bow bend of the Little Laramie River. The river has eroded the stream bank to within 3 feet of the base of the structure. The structure is at risk of failure due to ongoing stream bank erosion. If the current rate of erosion continues, the structure could potentially fail during the year 2000 spring runoff, or sooner. Western needs to correct the situation immediately to avoid interruption of electrical service, maintain system reliability, and avoid potential harmful effects that could result from the failure of the electrical transmission line. Per a review of the flood hazard maps for Albany County, Western determined that redirecting the flow of the river around the transmission line structure involves the 100-year floodplain of the Little Laramie River. The transmission line consists of wood pole, H-frame structures carrying three-phase electric power. The Miracle Mile-Cheyenne No. 1 transmission line was put into service in 1960 as part of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program.

Western is proposing to cut a channel between the two arms of the ox bow, which will divert the stream flow behind and south of Structure 82/2. A back hoe will be used to cut the new channel, which will be approximately 60 feet in length. All spoil dirt will be removed and placed away from the stream. The channel will be cut from the downstream side to the upstream side to prevent any spoil material from entering the stream. At this location, the stream is approximately 8 feet wide and a few inches to a foot in depth during low flow conditions.

Western considered alternatives to its proposed action, including no action, installing new structures to span the Little Laramie River, and the installation of rip-rap to stabilize the river banks of the ox bow at structure 82/2. The installation of new structures and/or rip-rap would not have avoided impacts to the floodplain. The no action alternative would not have resolved the risk to structure 82/2.

In response to WGFD concerns, a qualified hydrologist has conducted a

field review of Western's proposal and alternatives, and determined that diverting the stream is not expected to increase water velocity at the work site, or water velocity upstream or downstream of the work site. Diverting the stream into the new channel is not expected to have any measurable effect on flood storage volume or impact floodplain characteristics down stream. There will be no new structures placed in the floodplain. The proposed activity would occur during annual minimum flow conditions. The action would conform with applicable State or local floodplain protection standards. This action is categorically excluded under the DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021).

Dated: November 29, 1999.

Michael S. Hacsakaylo,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Adequacy Status of the Maricopa County, Arizona Submitted PM-10 Attainment Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Inadequacy Determination.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that we have found that the submitted Maricopa County (Phoenix, Arizona) serious area particulate matter (PM-10) attainment plan is inadequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result of our finding, the Maricopa Association of Governments and the Federal Highway Administration cannot use the PM-10 motor vehicle emissions budget from the submitted plan for future conformity determinations.

DATES: This determination is effective December 27, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The finding is available at EPA's conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity"). You may also contact Karina O'Connor, U.S. EPA, Region IX, Air Division AIR-2, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; (415) 744-1247 or occonnor.karina@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background:

This notice announces our finding that the *MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10 for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area*, submitted by the Arizona on July 8, 1999, is inadequate for transportation conformity purposes. EPA Region IX made this finding in a letter to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the Maricopa Association of Governments on December 1, 1999. We are also announcing this finding on our conformity website: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/traq>, (once there, click on the "Conformity" button, then look for "Adequacy Review of SIP Submissions for Conformity").

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. Our conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans (SIPs) and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. 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 motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). One of these criterion is that the plan provide for attainment of the relevant ambient air quality standard by the applicable Clean Air Act attainment date. We have preliminarily determined that the Maricopa County PM-10 plan does not provide for attainment of the PM-10 standards and therefore, cannot be found adequate.

This inadequacy finding is separate from and does not affect our August 4, 1999 finding that the plan is complete under section 110(k)(1) of the Clean Air Act.

We have described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in guidance (May 14, 1999 memo titled "Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision"). We followed this guidance in making our inadequacy determination on the Maricopa County PM-10 plan.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671 q.

Date December 1, 1999.

Alexis Strauss,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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