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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

George Washington Memorial Parkway: Environmental Assessment of Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility at Great Falls Park, VA

ACTION: Notice of availability of an environmental assessment (EA) to erect a wireless telecommunications facility (cellular telephone monopole with support facility) that Bell Atlantic Mobile (BAM) has proposed for location on National Park Service (NPS) property at Great Falls Park, Virginia, which is managed by the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service policy, NPS has completed an EA which analyzes five alternatives and discusses others which were considered but rejected. The five alternatives analyzed include: (1) 125-foot monopole; (2) 150-foot monopole as proposed by BAM; (3) 150-foot monopole with two larger co-locator buildings; (4) Alternative technology; and, (5) No action. The specific location proposed by BAM is the site where an existing 85-foot NPS antenna tower is located along the Ridge Trail approximately one-half mile from the junction of Old Dominion Drive and Georgetown Pike as one enters the park headed north along Old Dominion. NPS is soliciting comments on this EA. These comments will be considered in evaluating it and in making decisions pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

DATES: Comments on the EA are due by Friday, June 23, 2000. Two public hearings on the EA will be held. The first will be at the Great Falls Park Visitor Center on Monday June 5, 2000, 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m. The entrance road into the park is located at the intersection of Old Dominion Drive and Georgetown Pike. The second will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2000, 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m. in the Brooke Hall meeting room at Rockwood Manor, 11001 MacArthur Boulevard, Potomac, Maryland. Rockwood Manor is located in Rockwood Park, southeast of the intersection of MacArthur and Falls

Road in the vicinity of the C&O Canal National Historical Park and Trail, approximately 1.5 miles west of the Clara Barton Parkway.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to Audrey Calhoun, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, c/o Turkey Run Park, McLean, VA 22101 or via e-mail to gwmp_superintendent@nps.gov. Copies of the EA have been mailed to agencies, groups, and individuals on the project mailing list. A copy of the EA can also be found at the George Washington Memorial Parkway Headquarters along the northbound lane of the parkway in Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia. Turkey Run Park is located north of the CIA exit and south of Interstate 495. Additionally, the document may be viewed on the park's web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gwmp/grfa> by clicking on the link to the Environmental Assessment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Audrey Calhoun, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, c/o Turkey Run Park, McLean, VA 22101; Telephone: (703) 289-2500.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Upper Rio Grande Basin Water Operations Review

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public scoping meetings on development of a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for upper Rio Grande basin water operations.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), with and on behalf of other joint-lead agencies [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Department of Defense; and the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (Commission), State of New Mexico], is preparing a draft EIS on water operations in the Rio Grande Basin above Fort Quitman, Texas. Preparation of the draft EIS will be integral to the Upper Rio Grande Basin Water Operations Review. It is anticipated that a plan for water operations at existing

Reclamation and Corps facilities will be developed.

The public is invited to participate in a series of scoping meetings that will be held throughout the upper Rio Grande basin to receive comments from interested organizations and individuals on the environmental impacts of water operations in the Rio Grande Basin above Fort Quitman, Texas. Reclamation invites other federal agencies, states, Indian tribes, local governments, and the general public to submit written comments and/or suggestions concerning the scope of the issues to be addressed in the draft EIS.

Each scoping meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. There will be a presentation, an opportunity to discuss issues and ask questions of staff and managers, and an informal open house where various technical teams for the Operations Review and EIS will provide information on resources as well as receive comments. Comments will be taken and recorded in writing at the open house or they may be provided in writing by meeting participants. Written comments may also be mailed to Reclamation, the Corps, or the Commission at the names and addresses provided below. Written comments should be received no later than November 20, 2000, to be most effectively considered.

Those not desiring to submit comments or suggestions at this time, but who would like to receive a copy of the draft EIS, should write to Mr. Chris Gorbach. When the draft EIS is complete, its availability will be announced in the **Federal Register**, in the local news media, and through direct contact with interested parties. Comments will be solicited on the document.

DATES AND LOCATIONS: The schedule of open public scoping meetings is as follows:

- June 28, 2000, 6–9 p.m., Alamosa Elks Lodge, 406 Hunt, Alamosa, Colorado
- June 29, 2000, 6–9 p.m., Kachina Lodge, 413 Paseo del Pueblo Norte, Taos, New Mexico
- July 26, 2000, 6–9 p.m., Northern New Mexico Community College, 921 Paseo de Onate, Espanola, New Mexico
- August 9, 2000, 6–9 p.m., El Meson Lodge, South Highway 84/64, Chama, New Mexico
- August 17, 2000, 6–9 p.m., Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- September 20, 2000, 6–9 p.m., Radisson Hotel, 750 N. St. Francis, Santa Fe, New Mexico