

(202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

o. Under Section 4.32(b)(7) of the commission's regulations (18 CFR 4.32(b)(7)), if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that the applicant should conduct an additional scientific study to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merits, they must file a request for the study with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the date the application is filed, and must serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 00-19969 Filed 8-7-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent To File Application for a New License

August 2, 2000.

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

a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent to File an Application for New License.

b. *Project No:* 1971.

c. *Date filed:* July 18, 2000.

d. *Submitted by:* Idaho Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Hells Canyon Project.

f. *Location:* On the Snake River near the Idaho-Oregon border.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6.

h. Pursuant to Section 16.19 of the Commission's regulations, the licensee is required to make available the information described in Section 16.7 of the regulations. Such information is available from the licensee at Idaho Power Company, 1221 West Idaho Street, P.O. Box 70, Boise, Idaho 83702. Contact Robert Stahman on 208-388-2676.

i. *FERC Contact:* Vincent H. Jones, (202) 219-2710, vincent.jones@ferc.fed.us

j. *Expiration Date of Current License:* July 31, 2005.

k. The Hells Canyon Project consist of three water power developments (Brownlee, Oxbow, and Hells Canyon Dam) located on the Snake River near the Idaho-Oregon border. The Brownlee Reservoir extends from Brownlee Dam upstream approximately 58 miles on the Snake River, with a surface area estimated at 14,621 acres at elevation 2,077.0. The Oxbow Development is the middle development of the three dam Hells Canyon Project. It is located 12.4 miles downstream of Brownlee Dam and 25.2 rivers miles upstream of Hells Canyon Dam, with a surface area estimated at 1,150 acres at elevation 1,805.0. The Hells Canyon Project is the lowermost development of the three dam project. It is located 25.2 miles downstream of Oxbow Dam and 37.6 river miles downstream of Brownlee Dam, with a surface area estimated at 2,412 acres at elevation 1,688.0.

1. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 1971, Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.9(b)(1) each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by July 31, 2003.

A copy of the notice of intent 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 notice may be viewed on <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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 00-19972 Filed 8-7-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Sacramento Area Voltage Support Project, California

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332, Western Area Power Administration (Western), intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) addressing Western's actions to meet the future voltage requirements of the Central Valley Project (CVP) transmission system in the Sacramento, California area. Per 40 CFR part 1501.5(b), Western will serve as the lead agency to prepare the EIS.

This notice announces Western's intention to prepare an EIS and hold public scoping meetings for the proposed project. The scoping process will include notifying the general public and Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies of the proposed action. The purpose of scoping is to identify public and agency concerns, and alternatives to be considered in the EIS.

DATES: The meeting dates are:

1. September 12, 2000, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Lodi, California.

2. September 20, 2000, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Folsom, California.

3. September 21, 2000, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Marysville, California.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of the EIS for the proposed project will also be accepted; comments on the scope should be received no later than October 2, 2000, addressed to: Ms. Loreen McMahan, Environmental Project Manager, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710, fax (916) 985-1936, e-mail mcmahan@wapa.gov.

The meeting locations are:

1. City of Lodi Council Chambers, Carnegie Forum Room, 305 West Pine Street, Lodi, California.

2. Sierra Nevada Regional Office, Western Area Power Administration, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, California.

3. Yuba County Board of Supervisors Chambers, Third Floor, 215 Fifth Street, Marysville, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the U.S. Department of Energy's NEPA review procedures or status of a NEPA review, contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Western is a Federal power marketing administration, charged with the responsibility of marketing electricity generated by powerplants operated by