

public may have about proposals. We call this "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues it will address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. State and local government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils.
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands.
- Vegetation and wildlife.
- Endangered and threatened species.
- Public safety.
- Land use.
- Cultural resources.
- Air quality and noise.
- Hazardous waste.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section below.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by CIG. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Eight federally listed endangered or threatened species may occur in the proposed project area.

- The project would cross 14 waterbodies and 8 wetlands.
- The project would cross about 32.7 acres of Comanche National Grasslands, and about 73.2 acres of Cimarron National Grasslands.
- The project would cross the Santa Fe National Historic Trail.
- The pipeline facilities would disturb about 322.2 acres of agricultural land.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations/routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send original and two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas 2.
- Reference Docket No. CP00-452-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before November 20, 2000.

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Information Request (appendix 3). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list. Beginning November 1, 2000, comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and

must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-0004 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent To File Application for a New License

October 20, 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: 2114-000.
- c. Date filed: September 28, 2000.
- d. Submitted By: Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington.

e. Name of Project: Priest Rapids Hydroelectric Project.

f. Location: On the Columbia River, in Grant, Yakima, Kittitas, Douglas, Benton and Chelan Counties, Washington. The project does not occupy Federal lands.

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 Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, P.O. Box 878, 30 C Street, SW. Contact Mona Kaiser at 509-754-5017 or email: mkaiser@gcpud.org

i. FERC Contact: Charles Hall, (202) 219-2853, *Charles.Hall@ferc.fed.us*

j. Expiration Date of Current License: October 31, 2005.

k. Project Description: The project consists of two existing developments: Wanapum and Priest Rapids. Each development includes a dam, reservoir, spillway structures, powerhouse integral with the dam, generators, turbines and other project lands and structures useful in the operation of the project and all appropriative, riparian, and other rights. Priest Rapids and Wanapum each have 10 turbine generators with capacities of 855,600 kilowatts (kW) and 900,000 kW, respectively, for an authorized total installed capacity of 1,755,000 kW.

l. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 2114. 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 October 31, 2003.

m. 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, DC 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

October 20, 2000.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.220(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. The documents may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Exempt

1. Project No. 459-109, 10/6/00, Mohamad Fayyad
2. CP00-232-000, 10/4/00, John T. Pierpont
3. Project Nos. 20-019, 2401-007 and 472-017, 10/3/00, The Honorable Make Crapo
4. Project No. 2142-031, 10/11/00, Jeff Reardon
5. CP00-40-002, 10/12/00, Michael A. Gato
6. CP00-14-000, et al, 10/16/00, John J. Wisniewski, FERC
7. CP00-6-000, 10/16/00, Jeff Shenot, FERC
8. CP00-6-000, 10/17/00, George Henderson
9. CP00-14-000, 10/17/00, John A. Ryan
10. CP00-14-000, 10/17/00, Joel A. Ivey
11. CP00-14-000, 10/17/00, Marthalee S. Beneduci and Alfred Beneduci
12. CP00-14-000, 10/17/00, William E. Moran
13. Project No. 1927-008, 10/18/00, Doug Hieken
14. CP00-36-000, 10/19/00, James R. Hartwig
15. CP00-36-000, 10/18/00, Laura de la Flor
16. Project No. 77-110, 10/19/00, Don L. Klima
17. CP00-232-000, 10/18/00, Betty Pryor
18. Project Nos. 10865 and 11495, 10/19/00, Don L. Klima
19. CP00-232-000, 10/18/00, John T. Pierpont
20. CP00-65-000, 10/20/00, David Densmore

Prohibited

1. CP99-579-000, *et al.*, 10/11/00, Karen Burrows

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; EPA Landfill Methane Outreach Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following information