

February 20, 2000, 7:00 PM, Fallon County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Hall, Baker, Montana, (406) 778-2451.

February 21, 2000, 7:00 PM, Travelodge Hotel, 532 15th St. W., Dickinson, North Dakota, (701) 483-5600 or 1-800-422-0949.

The public meetings are designed to provide you with more detailed information and another opportunity to offer your comments on the proposed project. WBI representatives will be present at the scoping meetings to describe their proposal. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meetings and to present comments on the environmental issues they believe should be addressed in the Draft EIS. A transcript of each meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

Site Visit

On the dates of the meetings, we will also be conducting limited site visits to the project area. Anyone interested in participating in the site visit may contact the Commission's Office of External Affairs identified at the end of this notice for more details and must provide their own transportation.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EIS 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).⁶ 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) 208-1088 (direct line) or you can call the FERC operator at 1-800-847-8885 and ask for External Affairs. Information is also available on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) 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.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Project Nos. 2778-005, 2777-007, 2061-004, 1975-014

Idaho Power Company, Notice of Intention to Hold a Public Meeting February 28th in Boise, Idaho for Discussion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Mid-Snake River Hydroelectric Projects

February 4, 2002.

On January 17, 2002, the Commission staff delivered the Mid-Snake River Hydroelectric Projects (Shoshone Falls, Upper Salmon Falls, Lower Salmon Falls and Bliss) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, resource and land management agencies, and interested organizations and individuals. The DEIS evaluates the environmental consequences of the continued operation of the Mid-Snake River Hydroelectric Projects in Idaho.

The DEIS was noticed in the **Federal Register** and comments are due March 27, 2002.

Commission staff will conduct a public meeting to present the DEIS findings, answer questions about the findings and solicit public comment on the DEIS. The public meeting will be recorded by a court reporter, and all meeting statements (oral or written) will

become part of the Commission's public record of this proceeding.

The meeting will be held Thursday, February 28, 2002 in the Merlins Room, at the Boise Centre on the Grove, 850 West Front Street, (Grove Plaza Entrance), Boise Idaho. Two meeting times are scheduled: 9:30a.m.—4:00 p.m. for agencies and organizations and 7:00—9:30 p.m. for the public. Anyone may attend one or both meetings.

For further information, please contact John Blair, at (202) 219-2845, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Energy Projects, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Magalie R. Salas

Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Sunshine Act Meeting

February 6, 2002.

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. No. 94-409), 5 U.S.C 552B:

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

DATE AND TIME: February 13, 2002, 10:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room 2C, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Agenda.

* Note—Items listed on the Agenda may be deleted without further notice.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Telephone (202) 208-0400. For a recording listing items stricken from or added to the meeting, call (202) 208-1627.

This is a list of matters to be considered by the commission. It does not include a listing of all papers relevant to the items on the agenda; however, all public documents may be examined in the reference and information center.

785th—Meeting February 13, 2002, Regular Meeting 10 A.M.

Administrative Agenda

A-1.

Docket# AD02-1, 000, Agency Administrative Matters

A-2.

Docket# AD02-7, 000, Customer Matters, Reliability, Security and Market Operations

⁶Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.