

with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application*: New Major License.

b. *Project No.*: P-401-027.

c. *Date Filed*: September 14, 2001.

d. *Applicant*: Indiana Michigan Power Company.

e. *Name of Project*: Mottville Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location*: On the St. Joseph River, in Mottville Township, St. Joseph County, Michigan. The project does not affect Federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact*: J.F. Norris, Jr., American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 223-1700, or jfnorris@aep.com.

i. *FERC Contact*: Lee Emery, (202) 219-2778 or lee.emery@FERC.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, final terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions*: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions 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 under the "e-Filing" link.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. The license application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis. No additional information or studies are needed to prepare the Commission's environmental assessment. Comments are now being requested from interested parties. The applicant will have 45 days following the end of this comment period to respond to any comments filed within the comment period.

l. *Description of Project*: The existing Mottville Project consists of: (1) two 17-foot high earth-filled embankments extending towards the center of the river from both riverbanks, (I) a west embankment that is 140 feet long and

has a crest width of 15 feet and extends to the powerhouse, (ii) an east embankment that is 365 feet long and has a crest width of 8 feet and extends from the east riverbank to the spillway; (2) a 237-foot long, reinforced concrete spillway with 10 steel Taintor gates along the crest of the spillway, which are separated by 2.5-foot wide piers between Bays 1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and 1.5-foot-wide piers between the remaining Bays, (I) Taintor gates are 22 feet wide and 13 feet high in Bays 1 and 2 and 22 feet wide and 7.5 feet high in Bays 3 through 10; (3) a combined powerhouse-intake structure, made of brick and concrete, that is 118 feet long, 28 feet wide, and 25 feet long; (4) 4 vertical shaft, single runner, propeller type generating units with an installed generating capacity of 420 kW each; (5) a 14.5-foot-long, 28-foot-wide, and 25-foot-long switchboard bay attached to the west end of the powerhouse; (6) a 50 horsepower, 460-volt, 3-phase air bubbler system; (7) a 15-ton overhead traveling crane; (8) a 20-foot-wide stilling basin extending across the length of the spillway; (9) a 12-inch thick, reinforced concrete spillway apron; (10) an inoperable 4-foot-wide by 150-foot-long concrete fishway with a slope of about 25 percent; (11) sets of angled steel intake trashracks that are 3-foot 2-inches wide by 14-foot-high with 3/8-inch steel bars with 4-inch spacing between the bars; (12) a five-mile-long, 378-acre reservoir with a gross storage capacity of 2,900-acre-feet at the normal operating pool surface elevation of 770.4 NGVD; (13) a three phase, 2.4/34.5 kV transformer; and (14) other appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the total average annual generation would be 7,800 MWh. All generated power is sold to Indiana Michigan Power Company's customers.

m. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#": and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction by contacting the applicant identified in item "h" above.

n. The Commission directs, pursuant to Section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (*see* Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application 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.

These deadlines may be extended by the Commission, but only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must: (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant, and the project number of the application, to which the filing pertains; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; 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 directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Draft Procedure for the Joint Solicitation Of Research Proposals by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development and the American Chemistry Council's Long-Range Research Initiative; Solicitation of Public Input into the Development of a Joint Request for Applications on "Novel Approaches for Analysis of Human Exposure Data;" Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development (ORD) and the American Chemistry Council's (ACC) Long-Range Research Initiative (LRI) are interested in issuing joint solicitations for research proposals. A draft document has been developed that sets

forth a public process that brings together government and industry to engage the best scientists in the research community to assist in improving the quantity and quality of data for use in human health and ecological risk assessment. Recent discussions have led ORD and ACC to agree to pursue, as a first area of collaboration, a joint request for applications (RFA) in the area of "Novel Approaches for Analysis of Human Exposure Data." The purpose of this meeting is to: (1) Present the draft procedures for the public process of issuing joint RFAs, (2) solicit comment on the proposal, and (3) solicit specific input (e.g., suggested research areas) into the development of a joint RFA on novel approaches for analysis of human exposure data.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2002 beginning at 1 PM and adjourning at 4 PM. Times noted are Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Hemisphere B Room on the Concourse Level of the Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The draft procedure for the joint solicitation of research proposals by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development and the American Chemistry Council's Long-Range Initiative and the agenda for the meeting may be obtained electronically through: (1) The EPA website: <http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa>, (2) the ACC website: <http://www.americanchemistry.com>, (3) the LRI website: <http://www.uslri.org>, and (4) the below listed point of contact.

The meeting is open to the public. Registration before the meeting is requested. Any member of the public wishing to make a presentation at the meeting should also request to do so beforehand. Presentations should be limited to 10 minutes. Written comments on the draft process for collaboration and for consideration toward the development of the RFA on novel approaches for analysis of human exposure data will be accepted until June 12, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests to register for the meeting and to provide oral and/or written public comment should be sent to Michaela Hancock, The Scientific Consulting Group, Inc., 656 Quince Orchard Road, Suite 210, Gaithersburg, MD 20878-1409; Telephone: 301-670-4990; x41; Fax: 301-670-3815; E-mail: mhancock@scgcorp.com

Dated: April 30, 2002.

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Director, National Center for Environmental Research.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings: Affordability Criterion for Drinking Water Treatment Technologies for Small Systems

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC) of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) to review the Agency's affordability criterion for small systems under the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996. The SAB was established to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the EPA Administrator on Agency positions; in this case the methodology for developing and applying the affordability criterion. The EEAC is a standing committee of the SAB and is responsible for reviewing economic guidance and analyses that are used by EPA in carrying out its mission.

The review meeting will be held on June 13, 2002 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 625 First Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, telephone (703) 548-6300. The meeting will start at 9:00 am and conclude by 3:00 pm on that date. All times noted are Eastern Time. The meeting is open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. *Important Notice:* Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office—information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

The review will be conducted by the SAB's Environmental Economics Advisory Committee. Collectively, the appointed members of the EEAC have broad expertise in environmental economics and their expertise is appropriate to address EPA's charge which asks the SAB to address the economic aspects associated with development and application of the affordability criterion. The SAB will make use of Invited Experts to provide technical information and insights to inform the deliberations of the EEAC; however, these experts will not serve as

members of this SAB Committee nor will they be signatories to the EEAC's report.

Background

The 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) amendments include a number of provisions intended to help minimize the financial impact that new regulations will have on small drinking water systems. Several important provisions of SDWA (e.g., compliance technologies, variance technologies, and variances) hinge on the concept of "affordability" as it applies to smaller communities across the country. The Agency currently assesses the affordability of new regulations on the basis of: (a) An estimated affordability threshold (the upper limit for the costs of water bills, including the costs of treatment, distribution, and operation), which the Agency puts at a level of 2.5% of the median household income (MHI); and (b) baseline expenditures (derived from current annual water bills and MHI). Detailed information on the Agency's approach to affordability can be found in the Report to Congress: Small System Arsenic Implementation Issues, dated March 2002 (see the report on the EPA Website at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/arsenic.html>).

The Charge. The Agency is asking the SAB for advice on economic issues associated with its national-level affordability criterion, as well as the methodology used to establish the criterion. EPA asks that while taking into consideration the structure of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the limitations of readily available data and information sources, what is the Committee's opinion of the Agency's national level affordability criterion, methodology for deriving the criterion, and approach to applying those criteria to national primary drinking water regulations (NPDWRs)? Specifically, EPA is seeking the SAB's responses to the following questions:

1. What is the SAB's view of the Agency's basic approach of comparing average compliance costs for an NPDWR with an expenditure margin, which is derived as the difference between an affordability threshold and an expenditure baseline?

2. If the basic approach is retained, should a measure other than median income that captures the impact on more disadvantaged households be used as the basis for the affordability threshold? If so, what alternative measures (e.g., 10th or 25th income percentile, poverty level income) should the Agency consider and why? What would be the likely effect of such alternatives on existing and future