

Segment 3—Elverta Substation to Natomas Substation

Segment 3 would consist of rebuilding about 5 miles of an existing 115/230-kV, double-circuit transmission line within an existing ROW between Elverta and Natomas Substations. This would require about 23 new structures and 3 pulling sites resulting in about 7 acres of short-term disturbance and about 3 acres of long-term disturbance.

No Action

The No Action alternative was analyzed in the previous EIS and is comprised of continued operation and maintenance of existing facilities. If Western determines a need for additional analysis, it will be included in the SEIS.

Agency Responsibilities

Western has determined that an SEIS is required under DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures, 10 CFR 1021.314(a), regarding supplemental EISs. Western will be the lead Federal agency for preparing the SEIS, as defined in 40 CFR 1501.5. In addition, SMUD and Roseville have been designated cooperating agencies. Western will invite other Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise, with respect to environmental issues, to be cooperating agencies on the SEIS, as defined in 40 CFR 1501.6. Such agencies also may make a request to Western to be a cooperating agency. Designated cooperating agencies have certain responsibilities to support the NEPA process, as specified in 40 CFR 1501.6(b). As a Federal agency, CEQA does not apply to Western. SMUD is the lead state agency in the CEQA EIR process.

Environmental Issues

This notice is to inform agencies and the public of the proposed Project and solicit comments and suggestions for consideration in preparing the SEIS and EIR. To help the public frame its comments, this notice contains a list of potential environmental issues Western has tentatively identified for analysis. These issues include:

1. Impacts on protected, threatened, endangered, or sensitive species of animals or plants or their critical habitats;
2. Impacts on other biological resources;
3. Impacts on land use, recreation, and transportation;
4. Impacts on floodplains and wetlands;
5. Impacts on cultural or historic resources and tribal values;

6. Impacts on human health and safety;

7. Impacts on air, soil, and water resources (including air quality, surface water impacts, and ground water impacts);

8. Visual impacts; and

9. Socioeconomic impacts and disproportionately high and adverse impacts to minority and low-income populations.

This list is not intended to be all-inclusive or to imply any predetermination of impacts. Western invites interested parties to suggest specific issues within these general categories, or other issues not included above, to be considered in the SEIS.

Public Participation

Opportunities for public participation are planned for the entire SEIS process. Western anticipates the SEIS process will take about 15 months and will include open-house public scoping meetings; consultation and involvement with appropriate Federal, state, local, and tribal governmental agencies; public review and hearings on the published Draft SEIS and EIR; a review and comment period; a published Final SEIS and EIR; and publication of a ROD. Additional informal public meetings may be held in the proposed Project area if public interest and issues indicate a need. Western also will mail newsletters to the proposed Project mailing list to communicate Project status and developments.

Western will hold a scoping period of at least 30 days to ensure that interested members of the public, representatives of groups, and Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies have an opportunity to provide input on the scope of alternatives and issues that will be addressed in the SEIS and EIR. As part of the scoping period, Western will hold public open-house scoping meetings in the Project area. Interested individuals and groups are invited to attend anytime between 4 and 7 p.m., according to the dates and locations noted above. The open-house scoping meetings will be informal, with Western and Project representatives available for one-on-one discussions with attendees. Attendees will have the opportunity to view maps of the transmission line alternative routes, learn about the NEPA process, the proposed schedule, and additional information. Written comments regarding environmental issues, alternatives, and other scoping issues may be turned in at the scoping meetings or may be provided by fax, e-mail, U.S. Postal Service, or other carrier to Western. To be assured consideration, all written comments

must be received before the close of the SVS SEIS and EIR scoping period.

Dated: May 1, 2006.

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Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting—June 2006

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development (ORD), gives notice of one meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Executive Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday June 1, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The meeting will continue on Friday, June 2, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. All times noted are eastern time. The meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests for the draft agenda or for making oral presentations at the meeting will be accepted up to 1 business day before the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Monte Carlo Hotel and Casino, 3770 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0423, by one of the following methods:

- *http://www.regulations.gov*: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail*: Send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: *ORD.Docket@epa.gov*, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0423.

- *Fax*: Fax comments to: (202) 566-0224, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0423.

- *Mail*: Send comments by mail to: Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee Meeting—June 2006 Docket, Mailcode: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0423.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier*. Deliver comments to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Room B102, EPA West Building,

1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0423. Note: this is not a mailing address. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2006-0423. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov>, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the Board of Scientific Counselors, Executive Committee—June 2006 Docket, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW.,

Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the ORD Docket is (202) 566-1752.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Designated Federal Officer via mail at: Lorelei Kowalski, Mail Code 8104-R, Office of Science Policy, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; via phone/voice mail at: (202) 564-3408; via fax at: (202) 565-2911; or via e-mail at: kowalski.lorelei@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General Information

Any member of the public interested in receiving a draft BOSC agenda or making a presentation at the meeting may contact Lorelei Kowalski, the Designated Federal Officer, via any of the contact methods listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above. In general, each individual making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes.

Proposed agenda items for the meeting include, but are not limited to: discussion of the draft report from the Science to Achieve Results (STAR)/ Greater Research Opportunities (GRO) Fellowship Subcommittee; update on subcommittees for the Technology for Sustainability, Human Health Risk Assessment, Safe Pesticides/Safe Products, and Homeland Security program reviews; update on the Computational Toxicology Subcommittee; a site visit to ORD's National Exposure Research Lab; presentation of ORD responses to three recent BOSC reports; a briefing on Futures; discussion of the draft BOSC Subcommittee Chair Handbook, Implementing Standing BOSC Lab/ Center Subcommittees, and status of the Program Review Tool Workgroup; an update on EPA's Science Advisory Board activities; and future issues and plans. The meeting is open to the public.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Lorelei Kowalski at (202) 564-3408 or kowalski.lorelei@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Lorelei Kowalski, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: May 2, 2006.

Jeffery Morris,

Acting Director, Office of Science Policy.

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FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

Labor Management Cooperation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-524)

AGENCY: Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

ACTION: Request for Public Comment on Draft Fiscal Year 2006, Program Guidelines/Application Solicitation for Labor-Management Committees.

SUMMARY: The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) is publishing a *draft* Fiscal Year 2006 Program Guidelines/Application Solicitation for the Labor-Management Cooperation Program for comment. The program is supported by Federal funds authorized by the Labor-Management Cooperation Act of 1978, subject to annual appropriations. This solicitation contains a change in the length of grants and the deadline for accepting applications. FMCS reserves the right under special conditions to award supplemental (continuation) grants and will accept applications beginning August 1, 2006 and continue to do so until July 31, 2007 or until all Fiscal Year 2006 grant funds are obligated.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the address section below within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Maria A. Fried, General Counsel and Federal Register Liaison, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, 2100 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20427. Comments may be submitted by fax at (202) 606-5345 or electronic mail (e-mail) to mfried@fmcs.gov. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the appropriate agency form number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Stubbs, Grants Management Specialist, FMCS 2100 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20427. Telephone number 202-606-8181, e-mail to lstubbs@fmcs.gov or fax at (202) 606-3434.