

(e.g., power transmission lines, pipelines);

- Visual impacts associated with facility structures: View shed impacts, impacts to scenic views (e.g., impacts caused by the plant structures, water vapor plumes, flares, power transmission lines, pipelines), internal and external perception of the community or locality;

- Solid waste impacts: Pollution prevention and waste management issues (generation, treatment, transport, storage, disposal or use), including the handling of slag, water treatment sludge, sulfur by-products, and hazardous materials;

- Ecological impacts: Potential on-site and off-site impacts to vegetation, terrestrial wildlife, aquatic wildlife, threatened or endangered species, and ecologically sensitive habitats;

- Traffic issues: Potential impacts from the construction and operation of the facilities, including changes in local traffic patterns, deterioration of roads, traffic hazards, and traffic controls;

- Historic and cultural resource issues: Potential impacts, primarily related to linear facilities and connected actions;

- Fate and stability of sequestered CO₂ (and other captured gases) during and after EOR usage;

- Health and safety issues associated with CO₂ capture, transport, and usage in EOR;

- Marketability of products (including by-products) and market access to feedstocks;

- Socio-economic impacts, including the creation of jobs and the impacts of State and local tax incentives;

- Disproportionate impacts on minority and low-income populations;

- Noise and light impacts: Potential impacts from construction, transportation of materials, and facility operations;

- Connected actions: Potential development of support facilities or supporting infrastructure;

- Cumulative effects that result from the incremental impacts of the proposed project when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects;

- Compliance with regulatory requirements and environmental permitting;

- Environmental monitoring plans associated with the power plant and with the CO₂ sequestration sites.

Public Scoping Process

To ensure identification of all issues related to DOE's proposed action and Summit's proposed project, DOE seeks public input to define the scope of the

EIS. The public scoping period will end on July 2, 2010. Interested government agencies, private-sector organizations and individuals are encouraged to submit comments or suggestions concerning the content of the EIS, issues and impacts that should be addressed, and alternatives that should be considered. Scoping comments should clearly describe specific issues or topics that the EIS should address. Written, e-mailed, faxed, or telephoned comments should be received by July 2, 2010 (*see ADDRESSES*).

DOE will conduct a public scoping meeting beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2010 in the Saulsbury Meeting Room of the Electronics Technology Building at Odessa College, 201 West University Blvd., Odessa, Texas 79764. The public is also invited to learn more about the proposed project at an informal session at this location beginning at 4 p.m. Anyone who wishes to speak at this public scoping meeting should contact Mr. Mark L. McKoy, either by phone, fax, e-mail, or letter (*see ADDRESSES*).

Those who do not arrange in advance to speak may register at the meeting (preferably at the beginning of the meeting) and may speak after previously scheduled speakers. Speakers will be given approximately five minutes to present their comments. Those speakers who want more than five minutes should indicate the length of time desired in their request. Depending on the number of speakers, DOE may need to limit all speakers to five minutes initially and provide second opportunities as time permits. Speakers may also provide written materials to supplement their presentations. Oral and written comments will be given equal consideration. Federal, State and local elected officials and tribal leaders may be given priority in the order of those making oral comments.

DOE will begin the formal meeting with an overview of Summit's proposed Texas Clean Energy Project. The meeting will not be conducted as an evidentiary hearing, and speakers will not be cross-examined. However, speakers may be asked questions to help ensure that DOE fully understands the comments or suggestions. A presiding officer will establish the order of speakers and provide any additional procedures necessary to conduct the meeting.

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James J. Markowsky,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee under Section 9008(d) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation. This notice announces the meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee.

DATES:

June 23, 2010; 10:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

June 24, 2010; 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hyatt Arlington, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22209, (703) 525-1234.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura McCann, Designated Federal Officer for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-7766; e-mail: laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov or T.J. Heibel at (410) 997-7778 ext. 223; e-mail: theibel@bcs-hq.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include the following:

- Update on USDA Biomass R&D Activities.

- Update on DOE Biomass R&D Activities.

- Presentation on DOE/USDA Joint Solicitation Process.

- Presentation on DOE and USDA loan guarantee programs.

- Presentation on SC/NIFA joint solicitation (genetics).

- Update on Biomass R&D Board Activities.

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Laura McCann at 202-586-7766; E-mail:

laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov or T.J. Heibel at (410) 997-7778 ext. 223; e-mail: theibel@bcs-hq.com. You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chair of the Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. The Chair will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying at <http://www.brdisolutions.com/publications/default.aspx#meetings>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on May 26, 2010.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12478-003]

Gibson Dam Hydroelectric Company, LLC; Notice Soliciting Comments, and Final Terms and Conditions, Recommendations, and Prescriptions

May 26, 2010.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application and applicant-prepared environmental assessment (EA) has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* Major Project—Existing Dam.
- b. *Project No.:* P-12478-003.
- c. *Date filed:* August 28, 2009.
- d. *Applicant:* Gibson Dam Hydroelectric Company, LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Gibson Dam Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Sun River, near the towns of Augusta and Fairfield, Lewis and Clark and Teton Counties, Montana. The project would occupy 44.0 acres of Federal land administered by the U. S. Forest Service and 24.5 acres of Federal land administered by the U.S. Bureau of

Land Management for a total of 68.5 acres of Federal land.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Steve C. Marmon, Thom A. Fischer, Whitewater Engineering Corporation, 3633 Alderwood Ave., Bellingham, WA 98225, (360) 738-9999.

i. *FERC Contact:* Matt Cutlip, phone: (503) 552-2762, e-mail: matt.cutlip@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions:* 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.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission’s Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp>) under the “eFiling” link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on “Quick Comment.” For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov; call toll-free at (866) 208-3676; or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and eight copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedures require all intervenors 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 intervenor 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. *Project Description:* The proposed project would utilize the existing facilities of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation’s (Reclamation’s) Gibson dam including the reservoir, existing valve house, and two existing dam outlet pipes; and would consist of the following new facilities: (1) Two new 72-inch-diameter penstocks extending 40 feet from the existing outlet pipes to the powerhouse; (2) a new powerhouse located near the toe of the dam with four turbine/generating units with total installed capacity of 15 megawatts; (3) a

new 26.2-mile, 34.5/69-kV overhead and underground transmission line from the powerhouse to an interconnection point with Sun River Electric Cooperative, Inc.’s existing 69-kV transmission line at Jackson’s Corner; (4) a new 34.5/69 kV step-up substation; (5) a new maintenance building located approximately 1,400 feet downstream of the powerhouse adjacent to existing Gibson dam operations facilities; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The average annual generation is estimated to be 40 gigawatt-hours.

l. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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 responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; 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.

m. *EA Preparation Schedule:* The draft and final EA will be prepared according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Filing of Motions to Intervene and Protests	June 21, 2010.