

comments may be limited at the discretion of the chair.

Helen M. Hankins,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council Meeting, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting date is December 13, 2011, at the BLM Albuquerque District Office, 435 Montano Rd., Albuquerque, NM, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. The public may send written comments to the RAC, 435 Montano Rd., Albuquerque, NM 87107.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina Melchor, BLM Albuquerque District Office, 435 Montano Rd., Albuquerque, NM 87107, (505) 761-8935. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-(800) 877-8229 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 10-member RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in New Mexico.

Planned agenda items include a welcome and introduction of new Council members, election of a chair and vice chair, discussion of charter and operating procedures, and presentations by the Socorro and Rio Puerco Field Office Managers.

The comment period during which the public may address the RAC is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. on December 13, 2011. All RAC meetings are open to the public. Depending on

the number of individuals wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Susquehanna to Roseland 500-kilovolt Transmission Line

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service announces the availability of the draft environmental impact statement for the Susquehanna to Roseland 500-kilovolt transmission line, which will affect the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River.

DATES: The National Park Service will accept comments on the draft environmental impact statement from the public for a period of 60 days following publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. You may check the Web site of Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area at <http://www.nps.gov/dewa> for dates, times, and places of public meetings to be conducted by the National Park Service, or you can call (570) 828-2253.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Superintendent John Donahue, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, HQ River Rd off Route 209, Bushkill, PA 18324-9999 or to Superintendent Pamela Underhill, Appalachian Trail Park Office, P.O. Box 50, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. The preferred method of comment is via the internet at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. You may also fax your comments to (570) 426-2402. The document will be available for public review and comment online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>, and can be viewed at the following locations:

Eastern Monroe Public Library, 1002 North Ninth Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

Easton Area Public Library, 515 Church Street, Easton, PA 18042.

Kemp Library East Stroudsburg University, Normal Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.

Pike County Public Library, 201 Broad Street, Milford, PA 18337.

Pike County Public Library, Dingman Township Branch, 100 Bond Court, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328.

Sussex County Library, 125 Morris Turnpike, Newton, NJ 07860.

Warren County Library, 199 Hardwick Street, Belvidere, NJ 07823.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and the Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River are famed for the recreational, scenic, natural, and cultural resources they contain. Each year, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area receives more than 5.2 million recreational visitors, and the Delaware River is one of the primary recreational attractions in the park. More than 27 miles of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail occur within the boundaries of Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area; the Appalachian National Scenic Trail attracts more than 4 million visitors each year.

The existing transmission line right-of-way predates the establishment of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail in 1937, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in 1965, and the Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River in 1978. The applicants, the Pennsylvania Power and Light Electric Utilities Corporation and the Public Service Electric and Gas Company, have expressed a need to construct a 500-kilovolt power line connecting the Susquehanna and Roseland substations. The purpose of the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) is to respond to the applicants' need in light of the purposes and resources of the affected units of the national park system, as expressed in statutes, regulations, and policies.

The National Park Service has developed the draft EIS under section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190, as amended) and consistent with National Park Service laws, regulations, and policies, and the purpose of these three parks. The draft EIS describes and analyzes six alternatives (1, 2, 2b, 3, 4, and 5) to guide the decision to grant or deny the construction and right-of-way permits requested by the applicants. The applicants have proposed construction of a 500-kilovolt transmission line from the Susquehanna Substation (Berwick, Pennsylvania) to