

Joint Inter-Regional Planning Task Force/Electric System Planning Working Group

November 29, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Local Time
 December 18, 2012, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Local Time

Management Committee

October 31, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Local Time
 November 28, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Local Time
 December 19, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Local Time
 January 30, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Local Time
 February 27, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Local Time
 March 27, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Local Time

The above-referenced Joint Inter-Regional Planning Task Force/Electric System Planning Working Group and Management Committee meetings will be held at: NYISO's offices, Rensselaer, NY.

The above-referenced meetings are open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at www.nyiso.com.

The discussions at the meetings described above may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

Docket No. ER08-1281, New York Independent System Operator, Inc.
 Docket No. ER12-718, New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

For more information, contact James Eason, Office of Energy Market Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 502-8622 or James.Eason@ferc.gov.

Dated: October 12, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,
 Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Relocation of Transmission Lines for the U.S. 93 Boulder City Bypass Project, Boulder County, NV, Record of Decision (DOE/EIS-0490)

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposal to improve the United States Highway 93 (U.S. 93) corridor

through Henderson and Boulder City, Nevada, from the Foothills Road grade separation on U.S. 93/95 in Henderson to the western end of the Hoover Dam Bypass project near the Hacienda Hotel and Casino. Western Area Power Administration (Western), an agency within the Department of Energy (DOE), needs to modify its transmission system and facilities to accommodate the construction of the Boulder City Bypass Project (Project). Western was a cooperating agency for the EIS. Western will ensure that its responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA) are met before the modifications are implemented.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding Western's role in the project, contact Ms. Linda Hughes, Environmental Division Manager, Desert Southwest Customer Service Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005, telephone (602) 605-2524, email hughes@wapa.gov. Copies of the EIS are available on the following Web site at: <http://www.nevadadot.com/Micro-Sites/BoulderCityBypass/FinalEnvironmentalImpactStatement.aspx>. For general information on DOE's National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) review process, please contact Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, GC-54, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FHWA was the lead agency for the Project EIS (FHWA-NV-EIS-00-02-F; April 2005; 76 FR 34073). Western was a cooperating agency for the Project EIS. After an independent review of the Final Project EIS, Western concluded that its needs are satisfied and, with this notice, is adopting the Project EIS for its participation in the Project. The FHWA signed its Record of Decision (ROD), on the Project on December 8, 2005, and selected Alternative D as its preferred alternative. Subsequent to publication of the ROD, FHWA, in conjunction with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), broke the Project into two phases. Phase One incorporates the Project's eastern edge, from the Foothills Grade Separation to the intersection with U.S. 95. Phase Two includes the area from U.S. 95 to the connection with U.S. 93.

The Project EIS addresses the effects of the Project, including modification of Western's transmission system. Modifications to Western's transmission system will occur in two phases. The

modifications for Phase One include relocating and rebuilding approximately one mile of the Henderson-Mead 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission lines. Western's action will consist of removing existing structures, conductors, and overhead ground wires, and installing new structures, conductors, overhead ground wire, insulators, and transmission line hardware. The relocated and rebuilt line will be within 500 feet of the existing line. Phase One is expected to be complete by Spring 2013. The modifications for Phase Two include relocation of various structures to accommodate the Project, similar to Phase One. In 2009, FHWA, in conjunction with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), completed a re-evaluation of the Final Project EIS and determined that there are neither substantial changes to the project nor significant new information to warrant a new EIS or supplemental analysis and that the current environmental document and decision document remain valid.

The EIS impact analysis and the re-evaluation study concluded that, with mitigation measures, most impacts from the Project would not be significant. There would be significant unavoidable visual impacts to several historic properties and Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs). Other historic sites or features would be affected or potentially affected by the Project, including some elements of the transmission system not owned by Western. The FHWA and NDOT consulted with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and Native American tribes. A Programmatic Agreement (PA) and treatment plan was developed for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation of adverse effects to historical and cultural properties. Western is a signatory to the PA. The FHWA is required to complete historic documentation of facilities affected by the Project as described in the PA. Western will ensure that its responsibilities under the NHPA, as outlined in the Programmatic Agreement, are met before its action is implemented.

FHWA filed a Biological Assessment with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Phase One of the Project on July 17, 2012. Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Phase Two will be completed prior to ground disturbance for that part of the Project. Western will comply with the terms and conditions identified in the FHWA Biological Opinion for reducing impacts to these species as it applies to

Western's action. Western's action does not affect floodplains or wetlands.

Alternatives Considered

FHWA examined several road alignment alternatives, ultimately selecting Alternative D as their preferred alternative. Western had to wait for FHWA to decide on its course of action before determining which transmission structures and lines would be affected and need to be modified. The no action alternative assumed that the Project would not be constructed and no transmission structures or lines would need to be modified. FHWA did not select the no action alternative since it did not meet their purpose and need.

Mitigation Measures

Western will adhere to its Construction Standard 13 "Environmental Quality Protection." Long-term operations of the transmission line will follow Western's standard operating procedures and will not be affected by this action. In addition to Construction Standard 13, the following measures apply to the modifications that will be made to Western's transmission system:

1. Protection of the desert tortoise through compliance with the FHWA Biological Opinion.
2. Protection of cultural and historical resources as signatories to the Programmatic Agreement.

Decision

Western's decision is to modify its transmission system as described above in support of FHWA's decision to construct Alternative D.¹ This ROD was prepared following the requirements of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and DOE's Procedures for Implementing NEPA (10 CFR part 1021).

Dated: September 19, 2012.

Anita J. Decker,

Acting Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7146 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed 10/08/2012 Through 10/12/2012 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As of October 1, 2012, EPA will not accept paper copies or CDs of EISs for filing purposes; all submissions on or after October 1, 2012 must be made through e-NEPA. While this system eliminates the need to submit paper or CD copies to EPA to meet filing requirements, electronic submission does not change requirements for distribution of EISs for public review and comment. To begin using e-NEPA, you must first register with EPA's electronic reporting site—https://cdx.epa.gov/epa_home.asp.

EIS No. 20120326, Draft EIS, USFS, WI, Lakewood Southeast Project, Proposes to Manage Vegetation and Habitat, Lakewood-Laona Ranger District, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Oconto County, WI, Comment Period Ends: 12/03/2012, Contact: Marilee Houtler 715-276-6333.

EIS No. 20120327, Final EIS, FHWA, CA, Interstate 80/Interstate 680/State Route 12 Interchange Project, Improvements, Solano County, CA, Review Period Ends: 11/19/2012, Contact: Melanie Brent 510-286-5907.

EIS No. 20120328, Draft EIS, FHWA, TN, James White Parkway (State Route 71) Construction, from Chapman Highway to Moody Avenue, Knox County, TN, Comment Period Ends: 12/03/2012, Contact: Theresa Claxton 615-781-5770.

EIS No. 20120329, Draft EIS, FAA, AK, Kodiak Airport Runway Safety Area Improvements, Kodiak, AK, Comment Period Ends: 12/18/2012, Contact: Leslie Grey 907-271-5453.

EIS No. 20120330, Draft EIS, USFS, MT, Flint Foothills Vegetation Management Project, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Pintler Ranger District, Granite and Powell Counties, MT, Comment Period Ends: 12/03/2012, Contact: Karen Gallogly 208-756-5103.

EIS No. 20120331, Draft EIS, BLM, OR, West Eugene Wetlands Resource Management Plan, Proposes to Adopt a Resource Management Plan for the BLM-Administered Lands, Lane County, OR, Comment Period Ends: 01/17/2013, Contact: Richard Hardt 541-683-6600.

EIS No. 20120332, Draft EIS, USFS, MT, Jack Rabbit to Big Sky Meadow Village 161 kV Transmission Line Upgrade, Bozeman Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest, Gallatin County, MT, Comment Period Ends: 12/03/2012, Contact: Amy Waring 406-255-1451.

EIS No. 20120333, Final Supplement, USFS, APHIS, 00, Gypsy Moth Management in the United States, A Cooperative Approach—Proposing New Treatment Options, United States, Review Period Ends: 11/19/2012, Contact: Noel Schneeberger 610-557-4121.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service and the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service are joint lead agencies for the above project.

Dated: October 16, 2012.

Cliff Rader,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Ozone Review Panel

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference of the CASAC Ozone Review Panel to discuss its draft reviews of four EPA documents: *Integrated Science Assessment for Ozone and Related Photochemical Oxidants (Third External Review Draft—June 2012)*, *Health Risk and Exposure Assessment for Ozone (First External Review Draft—Updated August*

¹ On November 16, 2011, DOE's Acting General Counsel delegated to Western's Administrator all the authorities of the General Counsel respecting environmental impact statements.