DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Walmart, Docket No. CP13–481–000]

WBI Energy Transmission; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on May 16, 2013, WBI Energy Transmission (WBI), 1250 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503, filed a prior notice application pursuant to sections 157.216(b) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and WBI’s blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82–487–00 to abandon natural gas storage facilities located at the Baker Storage Reservoir in Fallon County, Montana. Specifically, WBI proposes to plug and abandon two natural gas storage wells and to abandon in place two associated well lines and remove one associated well line, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is open to the public for inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web 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 documents. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.


Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY


An Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing an extension of the public comment period for 30 days for the revised draft document titled, “An Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska” (EPA–910–R–12–004Ba–c). The original Federal Register notice announcing the public comment period was published on April 30, 2013. This extension is...
being granted in response to requests from interested parties. The document was revised by EPA after reviewing comments received from the public between May 18 and July 23, 2012, and input from the peer review panel held in August 2012. EPA conducted this assessment to determine the significance of Bristol Bay’s ecological resources and the potential impacts of large-scale mining on these resources.

DATES: The public comment period began on April 26, 2013, and is being extended to end on June 30, 2013. Technical comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by June 30, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The revised draft “An Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska” is available primarily via the Internet on the EPA Region 10 Bristol Bay Web site at www.epa.gov/bristolbay as well as on the National Center for Environmental Assessment’s Web site under the Recent Additions and the Data and Publications menus at www.epa.gov/ncea. A limited number of CD copies are available from the Information Management Team, NCEA; telephone: 703–347–8561; facsimile: 703–347–8691. If you are requesting a CD copy, please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title, “An Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska.”

Comments on the report may be submitted electronically via www.regulations.gov, by email, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions provided in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the public comment period, contact the Office of Environmental Information Docket; telephone: 202–566–1752; facsimile: 202–566–9744; or email: Docket_ORD@epa.gov. For technical information concerning the report, contact Judy Smith; telephone: 503–326–6994; facsimile: 503–326–3399; or email: r10bristolbay@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information About the Project/Document

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted this assessment to provide a characterization of the biological and mineral resources of the Bristol Bay watershed, to increase understanding of the potential impacts of large-scale mining on the region’s fish resources, and to inform future governmental decisions.

A previous draft was released for public comment on May 18, 2012 (77 FR 31353, May 25, 2012). Peer review panel members were announced June 5, 2012 (77 FR 33213, June 5, 2012), and the external peer review meeting was announced June 7, 2012 (77 FR 40037, July 6, 2012). The external peer review meeting was held in Anchorage, Alaska, August 7–9, 2012. This revised draft was completed by the agency to address public and peer review comments provided on the May 2012 draft.

EPA released this revised draft assessment for the purposes of public comment. This draft assessment is not final as described in EPA’s information quality guidelines, and it does not represent and should not be construed to represent Agency policy or views.

EPA is seeking comments from the public on all aspects of the report, including the scientific and technical information presented in the report, the realistic mining scenario used, the data and information used to inform assumptions about mining activities and the evaluations of risk to the fishery, and the potential mitigation measures considered (and effectiveness of those measures). EPA is also specifically seeking any additional data or scientific or technical information about Bristol Bay resources or large-scale mining that should be considered in our evaluation. EPA will consider any public comments submitted in accordance with this notice when revising the document.

II. Extension of Comment Period

EPA is extending the deadline for submitting comments on the revised draft document titled, “An Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska” to June 30, 2013. An additional 30 days is being granted in response to requests from interested parties. The document was revised by EPA after reviewing comments received from the public between May 18 and July 23, 2012, and input from the peer review panel held in August 2012. EPA conducted this assessment to determine the significance of Bristol Bay’s ecological resources and the potential impacts of large-scale mining on these resources.

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III. How to Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at www.regulations.gov

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2013–0189, by one of the following methods:

- www.regulations.gov: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- Email: Docket_ORD@epa.gov. Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: 202–566–9744.

- Mail: Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket (Mail Code: 28221T), Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2013–0189, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202–566–1752. If you provide comments by mail, please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.
- Hand Delivery: The OEI Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center, Room 3334, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center 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. Deliveries are only accepted during the docket’s normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. If you provide comments by hand delivery, please submit one unbound original with pages numbered consecutively, and three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2013–0189. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked “late,” and may only be considered if time permits. It is EPA’s policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available on-line at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless a 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 www.regulations.gov or email. The 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 email comment directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your email 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 comments due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comments. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters and 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 www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm.

Docket: Documents in the docket are listed on the 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 at www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the OEI Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center.

Dated: June 3, 2013.

Abdel Kadry,
Acting Deputy Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY


Adequacy Status of the Idaho, Northern Ada County PM_{10} State Implementation Plan for Transportation Conformity Purposes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy determination.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the EPA is notifying the public of its finding that the motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) for particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of a nominal 10 microns or less (PM_{10}), nitrogen oxides (NOx), and volatile organic compounds (VOC) for the years 2008, 2015 and 2023 in the Northern Ada County PM_{10} State Implementation Plan Update, Maintenance Plan: Ten-Year Update (Maintenance Plan Update) are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. The Maintenance Plan Update was submitted to the EPA by the State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ or the State) on March 11, 2013, with a clarification to the MVEB submitted on April 16, 2013. As a result of this finding, the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho, the Idaho Transportation Department and the U.S. Department of Transportation will be required to use these MVEBs for future transportation conformity determinations.

DATES: This finding is effective June 21, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The finding will be available at the EPA’s conformity Web site: http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm. You may also contact Claudia Vergnani Vauple, U.S. EPA, Region 10 (OAWT–107), 1200 Sixth Ave., Suite 900, Seattle WA 98101; (206) 553–6121 or vauple.claudia@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action provides notice of the EPA’s adequacy finding regarding the MVEBs in the Maintenance Plan Update in the Northern Ada County. The EPA’s finding was made pursuant to the adequacy review process for implementation plan submissions delineated at 40 CFR 93.118(f)(1) under which the EPA reviews the adequacy of an implementation plan submission prior to the EPA’s final action on the implementation plan.

The IDEQ submitted the Maintenance Plan Update to the EPA on March 11, 2013, with a clarification to the MVEBs submitted on April 16, 2013. Pursuant to 40 CFR 93.118(f)(1), the EPA notified the public of its receipt of this plan that would be reviewed for an adequacy determination on the EPA’s Web site and requested public comment by no later than May 15, 2013. The EPA received no comments on the plan during that comment period. As part of our review, we also reviewed comments submitted to the IDEQ during the State’s public hearing process and the State’s response to those comments. One comment related to the MVEBs was submitted during the State’s public hearing process. The commenter requested an explanation of the differences in the State’s current and previous PM_{10} emission budgets, and a justification for the State’s reliance on an emission factor that differed from the factor previously relied-upon in the State’s emission budget. The EPA finds that the State addressed the discrepancy identified by the commenter and adequately explained the derivation of the State’s current PM_{10} emission budget.

The EPA Region 10 sent a letter to the IDEQ on May 17, 2013 (adequacy letter), subsequent to the close of the EPA comment period, stating that the EPA found the new MVEBs in the submitted Maintenance Plan Update to be adequate for use in transportation conformity. A copy of the adequacy letter and its enclosure is available at the EPA’s conformity Web site: http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm. The new MVEBs that the EPA determined to be adequate for purposes of transportation conformity are listed in the following table.

MVEBS FOR NORTHERN ADA COUNTY

PM_{10} MAINTENANCE AREA

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Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. The EPA’s conformity rule requires transportation plans, programs, and projects to conform to State implementation plans (SIPs) and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The minimum criteria by which we determine whether a SIP’s MVEBs are adequate for conformity purposes are specified at 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). The EPA’s analysis of how the State’s submission satisfies these criteria is found in the adequacy letter. The EPA’s MVEB adequacy review is separate from the EPA’s SIP completeness review and it also should not be used to prejudge the EPA’s ultimate approval of the SIP. Even if we find the budget adequate, the SIP could later be disapproved.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.

Dated: May 23, 2013.

Dennis J. McLerran,
Regional Administrator, Region 10.

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