

Board (EAB). This meeting is open to the public. For additional information about the EAB, please visit the committee's Web site at <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/EnvironmentalAdvisoryBoard.aspx>.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on December 2, 2015. Public registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The EAB meeting will be conducted at the South Florida Water Management District; 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Mindy M. Simmons, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the committee, in writing at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CECW-P, 441 G St NW; Washington, DC 20314; by telephone at 202-761-4127; and by email at [Mindy.M.Simmons@usace.army.mil](mailto:Mindy.M.Simmons@usace.army.mil). Alternatively, contact Ms. Anne Cann, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), in writing at the Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CEIWR-GW, 7701 Telegraph Road, Casey Building, Alexandria, VA 22315-3868; by telephone at 703-428-7166; and by email at [Anne.R.Cann@usace.army.mil](mailto:Anne.R.Cann@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150. Due to difficulties beyond the control of the DFO, the DFO was unable to approve the Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board's meeting agenda for the scheduled meeting of December 2, 2015, to ensure compliance with the requirements of 41 CFR 102-3.150(a). Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The EAB will advise the Chief of Engineers on environmental policy, identification and resolution of environmental issues and missions, and addressing challenges, problems, and opportunities in an environmentally responsible manner. The EAB is interested in written and verbal comments from the public relevant to these purposes.

**Proposed Agenda:** At this meeting the agenda will include discussions and presentations on ongoing work plan efforts including: Dam removal, project

prioritization criteria, federal interest determination, ecosystem goods and services, aging infrastructure and aquatic ecosystem integrity, and developing effective partnerships. The EAB will also discuss modifications to their work plan.

**Availability of Materials for the Meeting.** A copy of the agenda or any updates to the agenda for the December 2, 2015 meeting will be available at the meeting. The final version will be provided at the meeting. All materials will be posted to the Web site after the meeting.

**Public Accessibility to the Meeting:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and subject to the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Registration of members of the public who wish to attend the meeting will begin at 8:15 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Seating is limited and is on a first-to-arrive basis. Attendees will be asked to provide their name, title, affiliation, and contact information to include email address and daytime telephone number at registration. Any interested person may attend the meeting, file written comments or statements with the committee, or make verbal comments from the floor during the public meeting, at the times, and in the manner, permitted by the committee, as set forth below.

**Special Accommodations:** The meeting venue is fully handicap accessible, with wheelchair access. Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting or seeking additional information about public access procedures, should contact Ms. Simmons, the committee DFO, or Ms. Cann, the ADFO, at the email addresses or telephone numbers listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

**Written Comments or Statements:** Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the EAB about its mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Ms. Simmons, the committee DFO, or Ms. Cann, the committee ADFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the addresses listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section in the following formats: Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word. The comment or statement must include the

author's name, title, affiliation, address, and daytime telephone number. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the committee DFO or ADFO at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that they may be made available to the EAB for its consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the EAB until its next meeting. Please note that because the EAB operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all written comments will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection.

**Verbal Comments:** Members of the public will be permitted to make verbal comments during the meeting only at the time and in the manner allowed herein. If a member of the public is interested in making a verbal comment at the open meeting, that individual must submit a request, with a brief statement of the subject matter to be addressed by the comment, at least three (3) business days in advance to the committee DFO or ADFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the addresses listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. The committee DFO and ADFO will log each request to make a comment, in the order received, and determine whether the subject matter of each comment is relevant to the EAB's mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. A 15-minute period near the end of meeting will be available for verbal public comments. Members of the public who have requested to make a verbal comment and whose comments have been deemed relevant under the process described above, will be allotted no more than three (3) minutes during this period, and will be invited to speak in the order in which their requests were received by the DFO and ADFO.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Bonneville Power Administration

#### Availability of the Bonneville Purchasing Instructions (BPI) and Bonneville Financial Assistance Instructions (BFAI)

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** Copies of the Bonneville Purchasing Instructions (BPI), which contain the policy and establish the procedures that BPA uses in the solicitation, award, and administration of its purchases of goods and services, including construction, are available in printed form or at the following Internet address: <http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/business/bpi>.

Copies of the Bonneville Financial Assistance Instructions (BFAI), which contain the policy and establish the procedures that BPA uses in the solicitation, award, and administration of financial assistance instruments (principally grants and cooperative agreements), are available in printed form or available at the following Internet address: <http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/business/bfai>.

**ADDRESSES:** Unbound copies of the BPI or BFAI may be obtained by sending a request to the Head of the Contracting Activity, Routing CGP-7, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Head of Contracting Activity, (503) 230-5498.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** BPA was established in 1937 as a Federal Power Marketing Agency in the Pacific Northwest. BPA operations are financed from power revenues rather than annual appropriations. BPA's purchasing operations are conducted under 16 U.S.C. 832 *et seq.* and related statutes. Pursuant to these special authorities, the BPI is promulgated as a statement of purchasing policy and as a body of interpretative regulations governing the conduct of BPA purchasing activities, and reflects BPA's private sector approach to purchasing the goods and services that it requires. BPA's financial assistance operations are conducted under 16 U.S.C. 832 *et seq.* and 16 U.S.C. 839 *et seq.* The BFAI express BPA's financial assistance policy. The BFAI also comprise BPA's rules governing implementation of the principles provided in 2 CFR 200.

BPA's solicitations and contracts include notice of applicability and availability of the BPI and the BFAI, as appropriate, for the information for offerors on particular purchases or financial assistance transactions.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on November 13, 2015.

**Nicholas M. Jenkins,**

*Manager, Purchasing/Property Governance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. PP-371]

### Notice of Public Hearings for the Draft Northern Pass Transmission Line Project Environmental Impact Statement and the Supplement to the Draft EIS

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces public hearings to receive comments on the Draft EIS (DOE/EIS-0463) and the Supplement to the Draft EIS (DOE/EIS-0463 S1). The Draft EIS and the Supplement to the Draft EIS evaluate the potential environmental impacts of DOE's proposed Federal action of issuing a Presidential permit to Northern Pass LLC (the Applicant) to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a new electric transmission line across the U.S./Canada border in northern New Hampshire.

**DATES:** The public review period to receive comments on the Draft EIS and the Supplement to the Draft EIS closes on January 4, 2016. See the Public Participation section for more information about submitting comments.

DOE will conduct public hearings to receive oral and written comments on the draft EIS and the Supplement to the Draft EIS at the following locations commencing at the times identified:

*Whitefield:* Tuesday December 15, 2015, 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Mountain View Grand Resort and Spa, Presidential Room, 101 Mountain View Road, Whitefield, NH 03598.

*Concord:* Wednesday December 16, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Grappone Conference Center, Granite Ballroom, 70 Constitution Avenue, Concord, NH 03301.

*Plymouth:* Thursday December 17, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Plymouth State University, Ice Arena Welcome Center, 129 NH Route 175A, Holderness, NH 03245.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests to pre-register to provide oral comments at a public hearing should be addressed to the Northern Pass EIS Team at this email address: [info@northernpasseis.us](mailto:info@northernpasseis.us).

Comments on the draft EIS and the Supplement to the Draft EIS can be submitted verbally during public hearings or in writing to Mr. Brian Mills at: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; via email to

[draftEISComments@northernpasseis.us](mailto:draftEISComments@northernpasseis.us); by facsimile to (202) 586-8008; or through the project Web site at <http://www.northernpasseis.us/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Brian Mills at the addresses above, or at 202-586-8267.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Public Participation

*Comments:* DOE invites interested Members of Congress, state and local governments, other Federal agencies, American Indian tribal governments, organizations, and members of the public to provide comments on the Draft EIS and the Supplement to the Draft EIS.

The public comment period on the Draft EIS started on July 31, 2015, with the publication in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of its Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS, and the public comment period on the Supplement began on November 20, 2015 with publication in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of its Notice of Availability of the Supplement to the Draft EIS.

The public review period to receive comments on the Draft EIS and the Supplement to the Draft EIS closes on January 4, 2016. Please mark envelopes and electronic mail subject lines as "NP Draft EIS Comments." Written comments should be submitted by January 4, 2016. Written and oral comments will be given equal weight and all comments received or postmarked by that date will be considered by DOE in preparing the Final EIS. Comments submitted (*e.g.*, postmarked) after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

*Public Hearings:* When requesting to pre-register to provide oral comments at a public hearing (see the **DATES** section for times and locations), please include your full name and email address, and specify the location you request to speak at. For the Whitefield, NH meeting, please indicate which meeting time you wish to speak at. Please state in the subject line, "NP Draft EIS Public Hearing Speaker Request." Please submit your request by December 7, 2015; requests received by that date will be given priority in the speaking order. However, requests to speak may also be made at the hearing. The speaking order will be as follows: (1) Elected Officials; (2) Pre-registered speakers (order determined on a first-come, first-served basis); (3) Speakers registering at the meeting. Pre-registered speakers who have requested to speak at a specific time will be accommodated as possible.