

with paragraph (c)(3) or (c)(4) of this section, if applicable; and

- (3) The date of service.

*Initiation of Hearing Process*

**§ 1.620 What supporting information must the Forest Service provide with its preliminary conditions?**

(a) *Supporting information.* (1) When the Forest Service files its preliminary conditions with FERC, it must include a rationale for each condition, explaining why the Forest Service deems the condition necessary for the adequate protection and utilization of the affected NFS lands, and an index to the Forest Service's administrative record that identifies all documents relied upon.

(2) If any of the documents relied upon are not already in the license proceeding record, the Forest Service must:

- (i) File them with FERC at the time it files its preliminary conditions; and
- (ii) Provide copies to the license applicant.

(b) *Service.* The Forest Service will serve copies of its preliminary conditions on each license party.

**§ 1.621 How do I request a hearing?**

(a) *General.* To request a hearing on disputed issues of material fact with respect to any preliminary condition filed by the Forest Service, you must:

- (1) Be a license party; and
- (2) File with NFS, at the appropriate address provided in § 1.612(a)(1), a written request for a hearing:
  - (i) For a case under § 1.601(d)(1), within 30 days after the Forest Service files a preliminary condition with FERC; or
  - (ii) For a case under § 1.601(d)(2), within 60 days after the Forest Service files a preliminary condition with FERC.

(b) *Content.* Your hearing request must contain:

- (1) A numbered list of the factual issues that you allege are in dispute, each stated in a single, concise sentence;
- (2) The following information with respect to each issue:
  - (i) The specific factual statements made or relied upon by the Forest Service under § 1.620(a) that you dispute;

- (ii) The basis for your opinion that those factual statements are unfounded or erroneous; and

- (iii) The basis for your opinion that any factual dispute is material.

(3) With respect to any scientific studies, literature, and other documented information supporting your opinions under paragraphs (b)(2)(i) and (b)(2)(iii) of this section, specific citations to the information relied upon. If any such document is not already in the license proceeding record, you must provide a copy with the request; and

(4) A statement indicating whether or not you consent to service by electronic means under § 1.613(c)(4) and, if so, by what means.

(c) *Witnesses and exhibits.* Your hearing request must also list the witnesses and exhibits that you intend to present at the hearing, other than solely for impeachment purposes.

(1) For each witness listed, you must provide:

- (i) His or her name, address, telephone number, and qualifications; and
- (ii) A brief narrative summary of his or her expected testimony.

(2) For each exhibit listed, you must specify whether it is in the license proceeding record.

(d) *Page limits.* (1) For each disputed factual issue, the information provided under paragraph (b)(2) of this section may not exceed two pages.

(2) For each witness, the information provided under paragraph (c)(1) of this section may not exceed one page.

**§ 1.622 How do I file a notice of intervention and response?**

(a) *General.* (1) To intervene as a party to the hearing process, you must:

- (i) Be a license party; and
- (ii) File with NFS, at the appropriate address provided in § 1.612(a)(1), a notice of intervention and a written response to any request for a hearing within 20 days after the deadline in § 1.621(a)(2).

(2) A notice of intervention and response must be limited to one or more of the issues of material fact raised in the hearing request and may not raise additional issues.

(b) *Content.* In your notice of intervention and response you must explain

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your position with respect to the issues of material fact raised in the hearing request under § 1.621(b).

(1) If you agree with the information provided by the Forest Service under § 1.620(a) or by the requester under § 1.621(b), your response may refer to the Forest Service's explanation or the requester's hearing request for support.

(2) If you wish to rely on additional information or analysis, your response must provide the same level of detail with respect to the additional information or analysis as required under § 1.621(b).

(3) Your notice of intervention and response must also indicate whether or not you consent to service by electronic means under § 1.613(c)(4) and, if so, by what means.

(c) *Witnesses and exhibits.* Your response and notice must also list the witnesses and exhibits that you intend to present at the hearing, other than solely for impeachment purposes.

(1) For each witness listed, you must provide:

(i) His or her name, address, telephone number, and qualifications; and

(ii) A brief narrative summary of his or her expected testimony; and

(2) For each exhibit listed, you must specify whether it is in the license proceeding record.

(d) *Page limits.* (1) For each disputed factual issue, the information provided under paragraph (b) of this section (excluding citations to scientific studies, literature, and other documented information supporting your opinions) may not exceed two pages.

(2) For each witness, the information provided under paragraph (c)(1) of this section may not exceed one page.

### § 1.623 Will hearing requests be consolidated?

(a) *Initial Department coordination.* If NFS has received a copy of a hearing request, it must contact the other Departments and determine:

(1) Whether any of the other Departments has also filed a preliminary condition or prescription relating to the license with FERC; and

(2) If so, whether the other Department has also received a hearing request with respect to the preliminary condition or prescription.

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(b) *Decision on consolidation.* Where more than one Department has received a hearing request, the Departments involved must decide jointly:

(1) Whether the cases should be consolidated for hearing under paragraphs (c)(3)(ii) through (iv) of this section; and

(2) If so, which Department will conduct the hearing on their behalf.

(c) *Criteria.* Cases will or may be consolidated as follows:

(1) All hearing requests with respect to any conditions from the same Department will be consolidated for hearing.

(2) All hearing requests with respect to any prescriptions from the same Department will be consolidated for hearing.

(3) All or any portion of the following may be consolidated for hearing, if the Departments involved determine that there are common issues of material fact or that consolidation is otherwise appropriate:

(i) Two or more hearing requests with respect to any condition and any prescription from the same Department;

(ii) Two or more hearing requests with respect to conditions from different Departments;

(iii) Two or more hearing requests with respect to prescriptions from different Departments; or

(iv) Two or more hearing requests with respect to any condition from one Department and any prescription from another Department.

### § 1.624 Can a hearing process be stayed to allow for settlement discussions?

(a) Prior to referral to the ALJ, the hearing requester and the Forest Service may by agreement stay the hearing process under this subpart for a period not to exceed 120 days to allow for settlement discussions, if the stay period and any subsequent hearing process (if required) can be accommodated within the time frame established for the license proceeding.

(b) Any stay of the hearing process will not affect the deadline for filing a notice of intervention and response, if any, pursuant to § 1.622(a)(1)(ii).