

and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes variations), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Gas/Hydro Branch, PJ-11.3;
- Reference Docket No. CP03-31-000; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before February 28, 2003.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of this project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions or protests to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

We might mail the EA for comments. If you are interested in receiving it, please return the Information Request form (appendix 4). If you do not return the Information Request form, you will be taken off the environmental mailing list.

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to

Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).<sup>5</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the FERRIS link. Click on the FERRIS link, enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance with FERRIS, the FERRIS helpline can be reached at 1-866-208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The FERRIS link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
Secretary.

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### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed January 20, 2003 Through January 24, 2003

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*EIS No. 030032, FINAL EIS, NPS, CA,* Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area General Management Plan, Implementation, Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, CA, *Wait Period Ends:* March 3, 2003, *Contact:* Allan Schmierer (510) 817-1441.

<sup>5</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

*EIS No. 030033, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, COE, OR, WA,* Columbia River Channel Improvement Project, Additional Information to Update the Disposal Plan and to Update the Project Economics, Columbia and Lower Willamette River Federal Navigation Channel, OR, *Wait Period Ends:* March 3, 2003, *Contact:* Laura Hicks (503) 808-4705.

*EIS No. 030034, DRAFT EIS, AFS, CA,* Stream Fire Restoration Project, Implementation, Plumas National Forest, Mt. Hough Ranger District, Plumas County, CA, *Comment Period Ends:* March 17, 2003, *Contact:* Rich Bednarski (520) 283-7641.

*EIS No. 030035, DRAFT SUPPLEMENT, JUS, CA,* Pinal County Private Detention Facility, Updated Information, Single Contact for 3,000 Beds Possible Sites (1) Undeveloped Parcel of Land in the City of Eloy and the Existing Central Arizona Detention Center Located in Florence, Pinal County, AZ, *Comment Period Ends:* March 17, 2003, *Contact:* Charles Coburn (202) 307-9045.

*EIS No. 030036, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, NRC, PA,* Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Unit 2 and 3, Renewal of the Operating License for Nuclear Plants, NUREG-1437 Supplement 10 Located on the Banks of the Susquehanna River, York County, PA, *Wait Period Ends:* March 3, 2003, *Contact:* Duke Wheeler (301) 414-1444.

*EIS No. 030037, FINAL EIS, FHW, IL, MO,* Chicago-St. Louis High-Speed Rail Project, Improvement from Chicago to St. Louis to enhance the Passenger Transportation Network, NPDES Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Cook, Will, Kankakee Grundy, Livingston, McLean, Sangamon, Macoupin, Jersey, Madison and St. Louis Counties, IL and St. Louis County, MO, *Wait Period Ends:* March 10, 2003, *Contact:* Norman R. Stoner, P.E. (217) 492-4640.

*EIS No. 030038, FINAL EIS, FHW, WA,* WA-509 Extension/South Access Road Corridor Project, Construction, Funding and Possible COE Section 404 Permit, the Cities of SeaTac, Des Moines, Kent and Federal Way, King County, WA, *Wait Period Ends:* March 3, 2003, *Contact:* James Christian (306) 753-9480.

*EIS No. 030039, FINAL EIS, BLM, OR,* Lakeview Resource Management Plan, Unified Land Use Plan to Replace All or Portions of Three nearly Twenty Year Old Existing Land Use Plans, Implementation, Lake and Bend Counties, OR, *Wait Period Ends:* March 3, 2003, *Contact:* Paul Whitman (541) 947-6110.

*EIS No. 030040, DRAFT EIS, AFS, WI*, Hoffman-Sailor West Project, Proposal for Timber Harvest, Regeneration Activities, Connected Road Construction and Decommissioning Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Medford/Park Falls Ranger District, Price County, WI, *Comment Period Ends*: March 17, 2003, *Contact*: Jane Darnell (715) 748-4875.

*EIS No. 030041, FINAL EIS, EPA, FL*, Peace River/Manasota Regional Surface Water Supply Authority's Surface Water Supply, Storage and Interconnect Project, Construction and Operation to Increase Finished Water Delivery Capacity of 32.7 Million Gallons Per Day To Meet Year 2015 Potable Water Demand, DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota and Charlotte Counties, FL, *Wait Period Ends*: March 3, 2003, *Contact*: John Hamilton (404) 562-9617.

*EIS No. 030042, FINAL EIS, DOE, WA*, Schultz-Hanford Transmission Line Project, New 500 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Construction, Central Washington, north of Hanford connecting to existing line at the Schultz Substation, Kittitas, Yakima, Grant and Benton Counties, WA, *Wait Period Ends*: March 3, 2003, *Contact*: Nancy Wittpenn (503) 230-3297.

*EIS No. 030043, FINAL EIS, JUS, CA*, Sacramento County Juvenile Hall Expansion Project, To Accommodate 90 new beds in the Short-Term, and 240 new beds in the Long-Term, Sacramento County, CA, *Wait Period Ends*: March 3, 2003, *Contact*: John Veen (202) 616-2251.

*EIS No. 030044, DRAFT EIS, FRC, WY, MT, ND*, Grasslands Pipeline Project, Construct and Operate an Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline System, Docket No. CP02-037-000, WY, ND and MT, *Comment Period Ends*: March 17, 2003, *Contact*: Rich McGuire (202) 502-6177. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.ferc.gov>.

*EIS No. 030045, FINAL SUPPLEMENT, BLM, NV*, Betze-Post Project, Updated Information, Dewatering Operations and a Proposed Pipeline, Elko and Eureka Counties, NV, *Wait Period Ends*: March 3, 2003, *Contact*: Kirk Laird (775) 753-0272.

Dated: January 28, 2003.

**Joseph C. Montgomery,**

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 12, 2002 (67 FR 17992).

#### Draft EISs

*ERP No. D-COE-K32012-CA Rating EC2*, San Diego Harbor Deepening (Central Navigation Channel) involving Three Components: Deepening Federal Central Navigation Channel, Disposal of the Dredged Material at the LA-5 Ocean Disposal Site and Relocation and Disposal and Abandonment of a 69 kV Electrical Site, San Diego County.

*Summary*: EPA expressed environmental concerns and requested additional information regarding potential connected actions, water quality, air quality, endangered species and environmental justice.

*ERP No. D-COE-L32011-AK Rating EO2*, Akutan Harbor Navigation Improvements Project, Construction and Implementation, Bering Sea, City of Akutan, AK.

*Summary*: EPA raised environmental objections to the recommended project alternative due to direct and indirect impacts to wetlands and the likely exceedances of fully allocated TMDLs for dissolved oxygen and settleable solid residues. EPA also determined that there was insufficient information regarding the full range of reasonable alternatives and potential mitigation measures. EPA recommended that the final EIS demonstrates that alternatives analysis and mitigation measures are consistent with the Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) guidelines and that the proposed alternative will not exceed established TMDLs.

*ERP No. D-FHW-F40410-IL Rating LO*, Milan Beltway Extension (FAU 5822), Airport Road to Blackhawk Road/John Deere Expressway, Funding and Permits Issuance, Rock River, Rock Island County, IL.

*Summary*: EPA believes that the proposed project will result in minimum adverse impacts to the

environment with appropriate mitigation and that we did not identify any outstanding environmental issues that need additional analysis.

*ERP No. D-FHW-L40216-OR Rating EC2*, Newberg-Dundee Transportation Improvement Project (TEA 21 Prog. #37), Proposal to Relieve Congestion on OR-9W through the Cities of Newberg and Dundee, Bypass Element Location (Tier 1), Yamhill County, OR.

*Summary*: EPA expressed environmental concern regarding air quality and air toxics, environmental justice issues, alternatives, habitat connectivity effectiveness and wetland impacts. EPA requested additional information, analysis, mitigation and outreach regarding these issues.

*ERP No. D-NRC-E05099-FL Rating EC1*, Generic EIS—License Renewal of Nuclear Plants for the St. Lucie Units 1 and 2, Supplement 11, NUREG-1437, Implementation, Hutchinson Island, St. Lucie County, FL.

*Summary*: EPA has environmental concerns with certain aspects of this license renewal and requests clarification of measures to avoid and mitigate for impacts to the Big Mud Creek ecosystem and to herbicide use in the transmission right-of-way. EPA also notes the ongoing need to consult during the facility's operating life with the appropriate agencies regarding threatened and endangered species.

#### Final EISs

*ERP No. F-AFS-K65220-NV* Cave Rock Management Direction, Implementation, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Douglas County, NV.

*Summary*: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

*ERP No. F-AFS-K65364-CA* Red Star Restoration Project, Fire-Killed Trees Removal, Fuel Reduction, Road Reconstruction and Decommissioning and Associated Restoration, Tahoe National Forest, Foresthill Ranger District, Placer County, CA.

*Summary*: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

*ERP No. F-DOE-E09808-KY* Kentucky Pioneer Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Demonstration Project, Construction and Operation of a 540 Megawatt-Electric Power Plant, Clean Coal Technology Program, Clark County, KY.

*Summary*: EPA still has environmental concerns with certain impacts, but the Final EIS adequately addresses mitigation of potential impacts associated with Cultural Resources, Aesthetic and Scenic Resources, Geology, Air, Traffic and Transportation. EPA requested that the