

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 4.200.

h. *Applicant Contact:* David Lovely, Hydro Supervisor, Madison Paper Industries, P.O. Box 129, 3 Main Street, Madison, Maine 04950-0129, (207) 696-1225.

i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, (202) 502-6062.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene and protest:* August 20, 2007.

Please include the project number (P-2365-040) on any comments or motions filed. All documents (original and seven copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper, see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. Please include the project number (P-2365-040) on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

k. *Description of Request:* The license request approval to temporarily modify the operation of the project by lowering the water level in the project forebay to allow repair of the western forebay wall.

This maintenance work will consist of refacing the existing wall through the placement of forms and pouring concrete. In order to expose the area to be repaired such that the majority of the work will occur above the waterline, MPI proposes to temporarily lower the water level of the forebay and headpond by approximately 2.5 feet from normal pond level of 248.15, at the top of the inflatable flashboards. The licensee proposes to gradually lower the forebay from its normal full pool elevation and to maintain the reduced water level via operation of the powerhouse turbines and deflating the inflatable flashboards and waste gate. The required minimum downstream flow (1,540 cfs or inflow, whichever is less) in the Anson tailrace will be maintained during this

drawdown period via the turbines and flashboards/waste gate as well. The licensee anticipates a need to maintain this lowered elevation for intermittent periods of time for up to two months beginning on or about August 6, 2007 while the work is being accomplished. If there is sufficient inflow to the project, the licensee proposed to raise the pond level to the normal operating elevation on weekends and other periods when the Contractor is not working. Once the repair work, along the wall progresses above the lower elevation the pond level will be returned to the normal operating level.

The licensee proposes to maintain minimum downstream flows while refilling the project forebay by gradually filling the pond through maintaining a higher inflow than outflow, until the pond level is returned to normal.

l. *Locations of the Application:* Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First St., NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. This filing may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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 document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or for TTY (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* (Anyone may submit comments, a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

o. Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "Comments", "Protest", or "Motion to Intervene", as applicable,

and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers.

p. *Agency Comments:* Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

q. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. 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.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Granby Pumping Plant-Windy Gap Transmission Line Rebuild Project, Grand County, CO

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Conduct Scoping; Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for rebuilding the Granby Pumping Plant-Windy Gap transmission line in Grand County, Colorado. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) will participate in the preparation of the EIS, which will address the proposed removal of about 12 miles of 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, the construction and operation of about 12 miles of new 138-kV double-circuit transmission line (operated at 69/138-kV), and adding a second power transformer. Input for the scope of the EIS may be provided in writing or at an open-house scoping meeting in the project area.

DATES: An open-house public scoping meeting will be held Thursday, August 30, 2007, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Granby, Colorado. The public scoping period starts with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** and closes at midnight on September 17, 2007. To be assured of consideration, all

comments or suggestions regarding the appropriate scope must be received by the end of the scoping period.

ADDRESSES: The open-house public scoping meeting will be held at Mountain Parks Electric, Inc., 321 West Agate Avenue, Granby, CO 80446-0170. Written comments regarding the project should be addressed to Mr. Rodney Jones, NEPA Document Manager, Western Area Power Administration, Rocky Mountain Region, P.O. Box 3700, Loveland, CO 80539-3003; fax (970) 461-7213, or e-mail GPPWGP@wapa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the proposed project, to be added to the project mailing list, or to request a copy of the EIS, contact Mr. Rodney Jones at the address provided above or at toll-free telephone (800) 472-2306. For general information on DOE's NEPA review procedures or status of a NEPA review, contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director of NEPA Policy and Compliance, GC-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Western is a power marketing agency of DOE that markets Federal electric power to statutorily defined customers, including project use, municipalities, irrigation districts, and Native American tribes. Western initially determined that an Environmental Assessment (EA) would be prepared for the proposed Granby Pumping Plant-Windy Gap Transmission Line Rebuild Project on February 25, 2005. Western held open-house scoping meetings on July 28, 2005, and November 15, 2006. The public expressed numerous concerns about the impacts of the project. Based on a review of the public's concerns, Western subsequently determined that an EIS would be prepared.

The EIS will address the environmental impacts of the proposal to remove about 12 miles of existing 69-kV transmission line and the construction and operation of about 12 miles of new 138-kV double-circuit transmission line (which would be operated at 69/138-kV), and adding a second power transformer. Alternatives, including the no action alternative, will also be addressed in the EIS. Western's EIS process will comply with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, as amended), Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] parts 1500-1508) and DOE NEPA implementing procedures (10 CFR part 1021). Because the proposed project may involve action

in floodplains, the EIS will include a floodplain assessment and floodplain statement of findings following DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR part 1022).

Description

Western's Rocky Mountain Region proposes to rebuild and upgrade the Granby Pumping Plant-Windy Gap 69-kV transmission line, between the Windy Gap Substation and the Granby Pumping Plant, a distance of approximately 11.7 miles. The transmission line, which was constructed on wood-pole H-frame structures, is located in Grand County, Colorado, near the towns of Granby and Grand Lake. Other participants in the project include Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Inc. (Tri-State) and the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (NCWCD).

Western's Granby Pumping Plant-Windy Gap 69-kV transmission line has been in operation approximately 65 years. It supplies electrical power to the Colorado-Big Thompson Project (C-BT) facilities and electrical substations operated by Mountain Parks Electric, Inc. (MPEI), a Tri-State member operating company.

The area transmission system has also been served by the Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) Adams Tunnel 69-kV cable for the past 50 years, and the cable is at the end of its planned service life. The Adams Tunnel 69-kV cable provides Tri-State with a second power source for MPEI loads. In 1992, Western and Reclamation studied costs, engineering requirements and electrical system constraints for replacing the Adams Tunnel cable in anticipation of its eventual failure. In 1994, Western and Reclamation decided not to replace the cable if it fails.

For electrical service reliability, Tri-State must maintain a second source of power for MPEI loads. The result of systems studies by both Western and Tri-State demonstrated electrical system reliability improvements when a new 138-kV transmission line was added between the Windy Gap and Granby substations.

The NCWCD expressed interest in extending the 138-kV transmission line directly to C-BT Project facilities at Granby Pumping Plant to allow better voltage support for motor starting at Granby Pumping Plant.

The proposed project includes the following actions.

- Remove 10.0 miles of 69-kV circuit: Windy Gap Substation-Stillwater Tap.

- Remove 1.7 miles of 69-kV circuit: Stillwater Tap to Granby-Granby Pumping Plant Substation.

- Remove three 69-kV line switches at Granby Tap.

- Construct 10.0 miles of 138-kV double-circuit transmission line with overhead fiber optic ground wire (operated at 69/138-kV): Windy Gap Substation-Stillwater Tap.

- Construct 1.7 miles of 138-kV double-circuit transmission line with overhead fiber optic ground wire (operated at 69/138-kV): Stillwater Tap-Granby Pumping Plant Substation.

- Install 69-kV three-way line switches at new Willow Creek Tap (replaces Granby Tap).

- Install 69-kV three-way line switches at Stillwater Tap.

- Construct a new 138/69-kV Granby Pumping Plant Substation, consisting of two circuit breakers with 138-kV main and transfer busses and a 138/69-kV power transformer.

- Install a new 69-kV circuit breaker at the existing 69/6.9-kV Granby Pumping Plant Substation.

- Install a new 138-kV circuit breaker bay at the Windy Gap Substation.

The right-of-way for the existing transmission line is generally 30-foot wide, which is inadequate for new transmission line construction and maintenance. Some segments of the proposed rebuilt and upgraded transmission line would be constructed on new rights-of-way on alternative alignments. Remaining segments of the transmission line would be constructed on existing rights-of-way that will be widened to accommodate construction, operation, and maintenance.

The proposed substation site for the new 138/69-kV Granby Pumping Plant Substation would be approximately 200 feet by 150 feet in area, and located entirely on Reclamation property.

No Action Alternative

Under the No Action alternative, none of the proposed facilities would be constructed, and the existing 69-kV transmission line would be left in place. Different transmission projects could be proposed by other entities to strengthen the electrical system in the project area.

Agency Responsibilities

Western has determined that an EIS is required under DOE NEPA implementing procedures, 10 CFR 1021, in light of the public's concerns about potential impacts of the project. Western will be the lead Federal agency for preparing the EIS, as defined in 40 CFR 1501.5. In addition, the USFS has been designated a cooperating agency. Western invites interested agencies,

Tribes, organizations, and members of the public to submit comments or suggestions to assist in identifying environmental issues and in determining the appropriate scope of the EIS. Western will invite other Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise, with respect to environmental issues, to be cooperating agencies on the EIS, as defined in 40 CFR 1501.6. Such agencies also may make a request to Western to be a cooperating agency. Designated cooperating agencies have certain responsibilities to support the NEPA process, as specified in 40 CFR 1501.6(b).

Environmental Issues

The EIS will address impacts from the proposed project and a range of reasonable alternatives that achieve that same purpose and need. This notice is to inform agencies and the public of the proposed project and solicit comments and suggestions for consideration in preparing the EIS. To help the public frame its comments, this notice contains a list of potential environmental issues Western has tentatively identified for analysis. These issues include:

1. Impacts on protected, threatened, endangered, or sensitive species of animals or plants or their critical habitats;
2. Impacts on other biological resources;
3. Impacts on land use, recreation, and transportation;
4. Impacts on floodplains and wetlands;
5. Impacts on cultural or historic resources and tribal values;
6. Impacts on human health and safety;
7. Impacts on air, soil, and water resources (including air quality, surface water impacts, and groundwater impacts);
8. Visual impacts; and
9. Socioeconomic impacts and disproportionately high and adverse impacts to minority and low-income populations.

This list is not intended to be all-inclusive or to imply any predetermination of impacts. Western invites interested parties to suggest specific issues within these general categories, or other issues not included above, to be considered in the EIS.

Public Participation

Opportunities for public participation are planned for the entire EIS process. Western anticipates the EIS process will take about 12 months and will include an open-house public scoping meeting; consultation and involvement with

appropriate Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies; public review and hearing on the published Draft EIS; a published Final EIS; and publication of a Record of Decision. Western will mail newsletters to the mailing list developed for the proposed project to communicate project status and developments. Anyone may request to be placed on the mailing list.

The scoping period will provide opportunity for interested members of the public, representatives of groups, and Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies to give input on the scope of alternatives and issues that will be addressed in the EIS. As part of the scoping period, Western will hold a public open-house scoping meeting near the project area. Interested individuals and groups are invited to attend anytime between 4 and 7 p.m., according to the date and location noted above. The open-house scoping meeting will be informal, with Western representatives available for one-on-one discussions with attendees. Attendees will have the opportunity to view maps of the proposed transmission line route, learn about the NEPA process and the proposed schedule, suggest changes and improvements to the proposed project, and obtain additional information. Written comments regarding environmental issues, alternatives, and other scoping issues may be turned in at the scoping meetings or may be provided to Western by fax, e-mail, U.S. Postal Service, or other carrier. Although comments on the proposed project may be submitted at any time during the EIS process, to be assured consideration in helping define the scope of the EIS, all comments or suggestions regarding the appropriate scope must be received by the end of the scoping period. Comments received by Western at or as a result of the July 28, 2005, and November 15, 2006, open houses will be used to help define the scope of the EIS.

Dated: July 30, 2007.

Timothy J. Meeks,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NSPS for Stationary Gas Turbines (Renewal); EPA ICR Number 1071.09, OMB Control Number 2060-0028

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR which is abstracted below describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before September 10, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number EPA-HQ-OECA-2006-0775, to (1) EPA online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), or by e-mail to docket.oeca@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Environmental Protection Agency, Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center, mail code 2201T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB at: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Learia Williams, Compliance Assessment and Media Programs Division, Office of Compliance, Mail Code 2223A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-4113; fax number: (202) 564-0050; e-mail address: williams.learia@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On October 5, 2006 (71 FR 58853, EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments. Any additional comments on this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.