

The EA Process

We³ are preparing this EA to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping". The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this Notice of Intent, the Commission staff requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. All comments received are considered during the preparation of the EA. By this notice, we are also asking federal, state, and local agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments below.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

Since the proposed increase in pipeline diameter would not result in any environmental impacts that were not described in the Freeport LNG Environmental Impact Statement, in the EA, we will summarize the impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the project. We will also evaluate possible alternatives to increasing the diameter of the pipeline.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentator, your

concerns will be addressed in the EA and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative locations and routes), 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 Gas Branch 2.
- Reference Docket Number CP03-75-002.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before July 13, 2005.

Please note that 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 an account which can be created on-line.

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 status is 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 send one electronic copy (using the Commission's eFiling system) or 14 paper 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).⁴ 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.

Environmental Mailing List

If you wish to remain on our environmental mailing list, please return the Information Request Form included in Appendix 2. If you do not return this form, you will be removed from our mailing list.

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 website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TYY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[P-2153-012]

United Water Conservation District; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

June 13, 2005.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

³ "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP).

⁴ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 2153-012.

c. *Date filed:* April 30, 2002.

d. *Applicant:* United Water Conservation District.

e. *Name of Project:* Santa Felicia Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On Piru Creek, in Ventura County, California. There are 174.5 acres of United States Forest Service land (Los Padres and Angels National Forest) within the boundary of the project.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)—825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* John Dickenson, United Water Conservation District, 106 N. 8th Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060, (805) 525-4431, johnd@unitedwater.org

i. *FERC Contact:* Kenneth Hogan at (202) 502-8434 or Kenneth.Hogan@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions is 60 days from the issuance of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on 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.

Comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-filing" link.

k. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. The Santa Felicia Project is operated as a flood control dam during the winter with a primary purpose of storing water to recharge alluvium aquifers downstream of the project. Typically, the project acts as a hydroelectric project only during the conservation releases that serve to recharge the aquifers, normally a period of

approximately 50 days during September and October. Power is also generated in anticipation of or during reservoir spill periods. The existing Santa Felicia Project consists of (1) A 200-foot-tall, 1,260-foot-long earth-fill dam; (2) an 87,187 acre-foot reservoir with a useable storage capacity of 67,669 acre-feet; (3) an ungated spillway and associated works; (4) a powerhouse with two units having a total installed capacity of 1,434-kilowatts; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The Santa Felicia powerhouse is operated manually.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Public notice of the filing of the initial development application, which has already been given, established the due date for filing competing applications or notices of intent. Under the Commission's regulations, any competing development application must be filed in response to and in compliance with public notice of the initial development application. No competing applications or notices of intent may be filed in response to this notice.

All filings must (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Loveland Area Projects—Western Area Colorado Missouri Balancing Authority-Rate Order No. WAPA 118

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rate.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is proposing an adjustment for its Regulation and Frequency Response Service (Regulation) rate. The current rate, Rate Schedule No. L-AS3, will expire February 28, 2009.

Western is undertaking this rate adjustment in response to anticipated load and resource growth and the corresponding impact on the Western Area Colorado Missouri (WACM) Balancing Authority (WACM Balancing Authority). Prior to April 1, 2005, the WACM Balancing Authority was known as the WACM Control Area.

This proposed rate adjustment will ensure that users of Regulation service within the WACM Balancing Authority are appropriately assessed for their Regulation usage and that sufficient revenue is collected to cover provision of the service. Publication of this **Federal Register** notice begins the formal process for the proposed rate adjustment.

DATES: The consultation and comment period begins today and will end September 19, 2005. Western will present a detailed explanation of the proposed rate adjustment at the public information forum, to be held on the following date and time:

1. July 27, 2005, 10 a.m. MDT, Denver, CO.

Western will accept oral and written comments at the public comment forum, to be held on the following date and time:

1. July 27, 2005, 1 p.m. MDT, Denver, CO.

Western will accept written comments at any time during the consultation and comment period.