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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee

The Metal Casting Industrial Advisory Board (MCIAB) serves to provide guidance and oversight of research programs provided under the Metal Casting Competitiveness Research Program and to recommend to the Secretary of Energy new or revised program activities and Metal Casting Research Priorities.

Tentative Agenda

8:00 Sign-In
 8:15-9:00 Welcome & Instructions—Douglas Kaempf
 9:00-10:00 Cast Metals Coalition Formulation and Structure—Dennis Allen
 10:00-10:15 Break
 10:15-12:00 New Role of the Metal Casting Industrial Advisory Board How the Board Wishes To Proceed—Douglas Kaempf
 12:00-1:00 Lunch (On your own)
 1:00-2:00 Changes in Board Membership—Douglas Kaempf
 2:00-3:00 Election of New Chairman of the MCIAB—Co-Chairs
 3:00-3:15 Break
 3:15-5:00 FY 96 Projects Selected by the Cast Metals Coalition—Kaempf/Allen
 5:00-5:30 Public Comment and Meeting Adjourned

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. The Chairperson of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Any member of the public who wishes to make oral statements pertaining to the agenda items should contact Douglas E. Kaempf at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received at least 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting.

Transcript

Available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, D.C. on March 19, 1996.

Rachel Murphy Samuel,
*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee
 Management Officer.*

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Bonneville Power Administration

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement for the Watershed Management Program

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

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

SUMMARY: This notice announces BPA's intention to prepare an EIS on proposed funding of the planning and implementation of watershed conservation and rehabilitation projects throughout the Columbia River Basin (Basin). This action proposes to mitigate the loss of anadromous and resident fish habitat caused by the construction and operation of Federal hydroelectric projects in the Basin. In accordance with the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act (Northwest Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 839), specific fish mitigation activities that BPA would implement under the program are developed through Pacific Northwest Power Planning Council (Council) procedures and proposed in the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. Although BPA decisions on these specific actions are often independent of one another, preparation of this EIS recognizes their similarity of impacts, methods of implementation, and subject matter. This action involves land resources planning that may affect floodplains and wetlands throughout the Basin, including various parts of Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington. A floodplain/wetland assessment will be included in the EIS being prepared for the proposed project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

BPA invites public comment on the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts to be addressed in the Watershed Conservation Program EIS.

DATES: BPA has established a scoping period during which affected landowners, concerned citizens, special interest groups, local governments, and any other interested parties are invited

to comment on the scope of the proposed EIS. Scoping will help BPA ensure that a full range of issues related to this proposal is addressed in the EIS, and also will identify significant or potentially significant impacts that may result from the proposed project. Please send written comments to the address below by May 31, 1996.

When completed, the Draft EIS will be circulated for review and comment, and BPA will hold a public comment meeting for the Draft EIS. BPA will consider and respond to comments received on the Draft EIS in the Final EIS.

ADDRESSES: BPA invites comments and suggestions on the proposed scope of the Draft EIS. Send comment letters and requests to be placed on the project mailing list to the Public Involvement and Information Manager, Bonneville Power Administration—CKP, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon, 97212. The phone number of the Public Involvement and Information Office is 503-230-3478 in Portland; toll-free 1800-622-4519 outside of Portland. Comment at our internet address at: comment@bpa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Eric N. Powers—ECN at (503) 230-5823 or Mark Shaw—EWP at (503) 230-5239, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Action

BPA proposes to establish standards and guidelines for funding the planning and implementation of watershed conservation and rehabilitation projects throughout the Basin. This action is proposed to mitigate the loss of anadromous and resident fish habitat based on four elements: (1) increase salmon survival in the rivers; (2) improve harvest management; (3) improving hatcheries and production practices; and (4) protect and improve habitat. A primary objective of this action is to implement principles that will be the most cost-effective and efficient means of obtaining fish mitigation goals. General issues the socioeconomic impacts, fish and wildlife management, vegetation management, threatened and endangered species management, cultural resources management, recreation management, and water quality management. Identification of additional issues may result from the public scoping process, and scoping may also eliminate some issues from in-depth analysis. The proposed program standards and guidelines may establish

criteria for implementing specific mitigation actions without further review, or with limited site-specific analysis tiered to the Program EIS.

Process to Date

BPA has funded, over the last several years, a number of small demonstration projects under a "model" watershed program. The model watersheds include the Grand Ronde and its subbasins in Oregon, the Tucannon, Pataha, and Asotin in Washington, and the Lemhi, Pahsimeroi, and East Fork Salmon in Idaho. To date, BPA has categorically excluded these model watershed demonstration projects under NEPA. However, with the culmination of planning for many of the model watersheds and potential for expansion of the watershed program to include additional watersheds beyond the model watersheds, BPA has decided to prepare an EIS to discuss the potential cumulative impacts, both positive and negative, of a larger-scope watershed program.

Alternatives Proposed for Consideration

Alternatives to be considered in the BPA Watershed Management Program EIS would include alternative standards and guidelines for each management issue addressed. The EIS will also consider a No Action alternative, *i.e.*, program implementation without defined program-wide standards and guidelines.

Identification of Environmental Issues

The environmental issues associated with fish mitigation activities include changes in land use, vegetation patterns, fish and wildlife populations, recreational opportunities, and water use and quality.

Further information is available from BPA at the address above.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on March 14, 1996.

Randall W. Hardy,

Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG96-31-000]

AEP Resources Gippsland Power, L.L.C.; Notice of Surrender of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status

March 20, 1996.

Take notice that on March 15, 1996, pursuant to § 365.7 of the Commission's

regulations, 18 CFR 365.7, AEP Resources Gippsland Power, L.L.C. filed notification that it surrenders its status as an exempt wholesale generator under section 32(a)(1) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP96-177-000]

Boundary Gas, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 20, 1996.

Take notice that on March 15, 1996, Boundary Gas, Inc. (Boundary) tendered for filing, as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective April 1, 1996:

First Revised Sheet No. 5
First Revised Sheet No. 6
First Revised Sheet No. 7
First Revised Sheet No. 8
First Revised Sheet No. 13
First Revised Sheet No. 22
First Revised Sheet No. 23
First Revised Sheet No. 24

Boundary states that the purpose of this filing is to accommodate the needs of one of its Repurchasers, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (National Fuel), which wishes to receive all of its Boundary volumes at a different delivery point from the one originally specified in Boundary's Phase 2 Gas Sales Agreement, which is incorporated into Boundary's FERC Gas Tariff. No other changes are being made to the tariff, and no other Boundary Repurchaser will be affected by this change.

Boundary states that copies of this filing were served upon all customers and interested state regulatory agencies.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are

available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. ER96-345-001]

Indeck Pepperell Power Associates, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

March 20, 1996.

On November 13, 1995, as completed on December 26, 1995, Indeck Pepperell Power Associates, Inc. (Indeck Pepperell) filed a request for authorization to sell energy and capacity at market-based rates from the Indeck Pepperell Power Plant, a 38 MW cogeneration facility, located in Pepperell, Massachusetts. In their filing, Indeck Pepperell requested certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, Indeck Pepperell requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by Indeck Pepperell. On March 19, 1996, the Commission issued an Order On Rehearing Conditionally Accepting For Filing Market-Based Rates, And Granting Requests For Waivers And Authorizations (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's March 19, 1996 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (D), (E), and (G):

(D) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by Indeck Pepperell should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214 (1995).

(E) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (D) above, Indeck Pepperell is hereby authorized to issue securities and to assume obligations or liabilities as guarantor, endorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.