

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Solicitation of Written Scoping Comments**

December 30, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

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

b. *Project No.:* 696-010.

c. *Date Filed:* October 27, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* PacifiCorp.

e. *Name of Project:* American Fork Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On American Fork Creek, near the City of American Fork, Utah County, Utah. The project affects about 28.8 acres of federal lands within the Uinta National Forest.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Michael B. Burke, Project Manager, PacifiCorp, 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 1500, Portland, OR 97323, (503) 813-6656.

i. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Gaylord W. Hoisington, E-mail address Gaylord.Hoisington@FERC.FED.US, or telephone (202) 219-2756.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* February 26, 1999. All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. 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 whose name appears 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 documents on that resource agency.

k. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Description of the Project:* The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 29-foot 9-inch wide and 4.5-foot-high reinforced concrete diversion dam; (2) a 6-foot-wide 6-foot-long intake; (3) a 6-foot-long 6-foot-wide manually operated sluice gate; (4) a 2-foot-long 2-foot-wide manually operated upstream sluice gate; (5) a 28-inch-diameter welded steel pipe flowline

approximately 11,666-foot-long which transitions into a 33-inch-diameter riveted steel penstock 253-foot-long that transitions into a 20-inch-diameter riveted steel penstock 61-foot-long; (6) an approximately 2,700-square-foot brick powerhouse containing one turbine generator unit with a rated capacity of 1,050 kilowatts; and (7) other appurtenances.

m. *Locations of Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. *Scoping Process.*

The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and a reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

We are asking agencies, Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations, and individuals to help us identify the cope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA, and to provide us with information that may be useful in preparing the EA.

To help focus comments on the environmental issues, a scoping document outlining subject areas to be addressed in the EA will soon be mailed to those on the mailing list for the project. Those not on the mailing list may request a copy of the scoping document from the project coordinator, whose telephone number is listed in item i above. A copy of the scoping document may also be viewed or printed by accessing the Commission's WebSite on the Internet at www.ferc.fed.us. For assistance, users can call (202) 208-2222.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. RP97-346-000, TM97-3-24-000, and RP98-123-000]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

December 30, 1998.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding commencing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 1999 and continuing on Wednesday, January 13, 1999, if necessary, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced dockets.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For addition information, please contact Irene E. Szopo at (202) 208-1602 or Robert A. Young at (202) 208-5705.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval**

December 21, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the

information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before February 5, 1999. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commissions, Room 234, 1919 M St., NW., Washington, DC 20554 or via the internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0835.
Title: Ship Inspection Certificates.
Form Number: FCC 806, FCC 824, FCC 827, and 829.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit entities; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondents: 3,730.
Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Recordkeeping; On occasion reporting requirements; Third party disclosure.

Total Annual Burden: 101 hours.
Total Annual Costs: \$0.

Needs and Uses: The Commission adopted Rules that privatized ship inspections of ships subject to inspection requirements of the Communications Act or Safety Convention. The Rules require this inspection to be conducted by an FCC-licensed technician. This change reduces the administrative burden on the public and the Commission. To ensure that vessel safety is not adversely affected by this proposal, the Commission adopted Rules that private sector technicians certify that the ship passed an inspection and issue the ship a safety certificate.

The Communications Act requires that the Commission must inspect the radio installation of large cargo ships and certain passenger ships at least once a year to ensure that the radio

installation is in compliance with the requirements of the Communications Act. Additionally, the Communications Act requires the inspection of small passenger ships at least once every five years. The Safety Convention (to which the United States is a signatory) also requires an annual inspection, but permits an Administration to entrust the inspections to either surveyors nominated for the purpose or to organizations recognized by it. Therefore, the United States can have other entities conduct the radio inspection of vessels for compliance with the Safety Convention. The Commission adopted rules that FCC-licensed technicians provide a summary of the results of the inspection in the ship's log and furnish the vessel with a ship inspection safety certificate. The purpose of the information is to ensure that the inspection was successful so that passengers and crew members of certain United States ships have access to distress communications in an emergency.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval

December 24, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the

information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before February 5, 1999. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commissions, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0289.

Title: Section 76.601, Performance tests.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business and other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 10,838.

Estimated Time Per Response: 0.5-70.0 hours.

Frequency of Response: Semi-annually; On occasion reporting requirements; Third party disclosure.

Total Annual Burden: 328,379 hours.

Total Annual Costs: \$2,760.

Needs and Uses: Section 76.601

requires every cable system operator to maintain a current listing of the cable television channels which that system delivers to its subscribers. Section 76.601(c) and (d) requires cable systems with over 1,000 subscribers to conduct semi-annual proof of performance tests and triennial proof of performance tests for color testing. Section 76.601 also states that prior to additional testing pursuant to Section 76.601(d), the local franchising authority shall notify the cable operator who will be allowed thirty days to come into compliance with any perceived signal quality problems which need to be corrected. The performance test data and channel listings are used in field inspections by Commission staff and franchise authorities to ensure that an acceptable quality signal is being provided to cable subscribers, and to ensure that there are no signal leakage problems which could cause interference with over-the-air radio frequencies involving safety-of-life functions (i.e., police, fire, forestry, aeronautical, amateur radio).