

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2866-008]

**Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment**

May 30, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 CFR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license for the Lockport Hydroelectric Project, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA). The project is located on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, in Will County, Illinois.

The DEA contains the staff's analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The DEA may also be reviewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (please call (202) 208-222 for assistance).

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. For further information, contact Hector M. Perez, Project Coordinator, at (202) 219-2843.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING MEETING:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** May 30, 2000, 65 FR 34465.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING:** May 31, 2000, 10 a.m.

**CHANGE IN THE MEETING:** The following Docket No. and Company has been added as Item CAE-35 on the Agenda scheduled for the May 31, 2000 meeting.

*Item No.—Docket No. and Company*  
CAE-35

ER00-1969-000, New York Independent System Operator, Inc.  
EL00-57-000, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation v. New York Independent System Operator, Inc.  
EL00-60-000, Orion Power New York GP, Inc. v. New York Independent System Operator, Inc.  
EL00-63-000, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation v. New York Independent System Operator, Inc.  
EL00-64-000, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation v. New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Western Area Power Administration****2005 Resource Pool**

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed power allocations.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Area Power Administration (Western), a Federal power marketing administration of DOE, published its 2004 Power Marketing Plan (Marketing Plan) for the Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region (Sierra Nevada Region) in the **Federal Register**. The Marketing Plan specifies terms and conditions under which Western will market power from the Central Valley Project (CVP) and the Washoe Project beginning January 1, 2005. The Marketing Plan sets aside a portion of the Sierra Nevada Region's marketable power resources to establish a 2005 Resource Pool for new power allocations. Western published a Call for 2005 Resource Pool Applications and a Notice of Extension to file applications in the **Federal Register**. This notice sets forth Western's proposed allocations of power from the 2005 Resource Pool.

**DATES:** Entities interested in commenting on proposed allocations must submit written comments to Western's Sierra Nevada Customer Service Regional Office at the address below. Western must receive written

comments by 4 p.m., PDT, on July 5, 2000. Entities are encouraged to hand-deliver or use certified or electronic mail for delivery of comments. Western will accept comments received via regular mail through the United States Postal Service if postmarked at least 3 days before July 5, 2000, and received no later than July 10, 2000. Western will not consider comments that are received after the prescribed date and time. Western will publish a Notice of Final 2005 Resource Pool Allocations in the **Federal Register** after evaluating all comments.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Howard Hirahara, Power Marketing Manager, Western Area Power Administration, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710, or by electronic mail to [hirahara@wapa.gov](mailto:hirahara@wapa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Howard Hirahara, Power Marketing Manager, (916) 353-4421, or by electronic mail at [hirahara@wapa.gov](mailto:hirahara@wapa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Authorities**

Pursuant to its authorities under the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101-7352); the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388) as amended and supplemented by subsequent enactments, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485(c)); and other acts specifically applicable to the projects involved, Western established the Marketing Plan for sale of power by the Sierra Nevada Region after 2004. On June 25, 1999, Western published the Marketing Plan in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 34417). Pursuant to Western's authorities under the above acts and applying the rules developed in the Marketing Plan, with this notice, Western sets forth and seeks comments on its proposed allocations of power from the 2005 Resource Pool.

**Regulatory Procedural Requirements**

Western addressed the regulatory procedure requirements in its rulemaking for the Marketing Plan (64 FR 34417). The proposed allocation of power in this notice is an application of the Marketing Plan and is not a separate rulemaking.

**Background**

On October 19, 1999, Western published the Call for 2005 Resource Pool Applications in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 56343). On December 9, 1999, Western published a Notice of Extension in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 69018). The Call for 2005 Resource Pool

Applications required that applications be submitted by December 20, 1999, and the Notice of Extension extended the filing date by 30 days to January 19, 2000.

CVP power facilities are operated by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), and include 11 powerplants with a maximum operating capability of about 2,044 megawatts (MW), and an estimated average annual generation of 4.6 million megawatthours (MWh). Western markets and transmits power available from the CVP.

The Washoe Project's Stampede Powerplant is also operated by Reclamation and has a maximum operating capability of 3.65 MW with an estimated annual generation of 10,000 MWh. The Sierra Pacific Power Company owns and operates the only transmission system available for access to the Stampede Powerplant.

Western owns the 94 circuit-mile Malin-Round Mountain 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line (an integral section of the Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie), 803 circuit miles of 230-kV transmission line, 7 circuit miles of 115-kV transmission line, and 44 circuit miles of 69-kV and below transmission line. Western also has part ownership in the 342-mile California-

Oregon Transmission Project. Many of Western's existing customers have no direct access to Western's transmission lines and receive service over transmission lines owned by other utilities.

The Marketing Plan describes how the Sierra Nevada Region will market its power resources beginning January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2024. Western proposes to allocate portions of the 2005 Resource Pool to applicants meeting the eligibility criteria listed in the Marketing Plan. Once the 2005 Resource Pool allocations have been finalized, Western will offer contracts to allottees for a percentage of the Base Resource. If requested, Western will work with customers to develop a customized product to meet their needs, as more fully described in the Marketing Plan. Western will also establish a 2015 Resource Pool for new allocations under a separate public process.

#### Proposed 2005 Resource Pool Allocations

Under the Marketing Plan, a two-step process was undertaken by Western in determining proposed power allocations. First, Western determined which applicants met the eligibility criteria. Next, Western used the allocation criteria to determine allocation amounts. Western used its

discretion to determine which eligible entities received a proposed allocation and the amount of the proposed allocation. Western received 34 applications for 442.861 MW of power from entities who are not currently customers and 24 applications for 610.761 MW of power from existing customers. Western's Base Resource is a variable amount based on actual generation that is surplus to project needs. Therefore, allocations are expressed as a percentage of the marketable resource. Megawatt amounts are given, assuming variable amounts of Base Resource, for illustrative purposes only.

The proposed 2005 Resource Pool allocations are preliminary and may be changed based on comments received. This notice formally requests comments related to the proposed allocations. Western will respond to comments received on the proposed allocations and publish its final 2005 Resource Pool allocations after the end of the public comment period.

Proposed allottees to receive power from the 2005 Resource Pool, allocations expressed as percentages of the Base Resource, and the megawatt amount of each allocation assuming a Base Resource of 500 MW, 1000 MW, and 1500 MW are as follows:

| Proposed allottees                                    | Percent | Base resource |              |              |
|---|---------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|   |         | 500 MW (MW)   | 1000 MW (MW) | 1500 MW (MW) |
| Bay Area Rapid Transit District .....                 | 0.147   | 0.735         | 1.470        | 2.205        |
| California State Universities (11 campuses) .....     | 0.221   | 1.100         | 52.210       | 3.315        |
| California State University, Sacramento .....         | 0.092   | 0.460         | 0.920        | 1.380        |
| Cawelo Water District .....                           | 0.029   | 0.145         | 0.290        | 0.435        |
| Coyote Valley Tribe of Pomo Indians .....             | 0.055   | 0.275         | 0.550        | 0.825        |
| East Bay Municipal Utility District .....             | 0.054   | 0.270         | 0.540        | 0.810        |
| Fallon, City of .....                                 | 0.221   | 1.105         | 2.210        | 3.315        |
| Healdsburg, City of .....                             | 0.087   | 0.435         | 0.870        | 1.305        |
| Lassen Municipal Utility District .....               | 0.105   | 0.525         | 1.050        | 1.575        |
| Lodi, City of .....                                   | 0.147   | 0.735         | 1.470        | 2.205        |
| Lompoc, City of .....                                 | 0.120   | 0.600         | 1.200        | 1.800        |
| Modesto Irrigation District .....                     | 0.147   | 0.735         | 1.470        | 2.205        |
| Placer County Water Agency .....                      | 0.039   | 0.195         | 0.390        | 0.585        |
| Reclamation District No. 108 .....                    | 0.043   | 0.215         | 0.430        | 0.645        |
| Redding Rancheria .....                               | 0.037   | 0.185         | 0.370        | 0.555        |
| San Francisco, City and County of .....               | 0.147   | 0.735         | 1.470        | 2.205        |
| Sonoma County Water Agency .....                      | 0.028   | 0.140         | 0.280        | 0.420        |
| Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District ..... | 0.037   | 0.185         | 0.370        | 0.555        |
| Susanville Indian Rancheria .....                     | 0.103   | 0.515         | 1.030        | 1.545        |
| Table Mountain Rancheria .....                        | 0.147   | 0.735         | 1.470        | 2.205        |
| Truckee Donner Public Utility District .....          | 0.220   | 1.100         | 2.200        | 3.300        |
| Turlock Irrigation District .....                     | 0.128   | 0.640         | 1.280        | 1.920        |
| University of California, Berkeley .....              | 0.221   | 1.105         | 2.210        | 3.315        |
| University of California, San Francisco .....         | 0.175   | 0.875         | 1.750        | 2.625        |
| Total .....   | 2.750   | 13.75         | 27.500       | 41.250       |

## Contracting Process

Pursuant to the Marketing Plan, Western will begin the contracting process with allottees after publishing the final allocations in the **Federal Register**. Publication is tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2000. Allottees must execute an electric service contract to purchase the Base Resource no later than December 31, 2000, and the Custom Product, if desired, no later than December 31, 2002, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by Western. Electric service contracts will be effective upon execution by Western, and service will begin on January 1, 2005.

Dated: May 23, 2000.

**Michael S. Hacksaylo,**  
Administrator.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6709-3]

### Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that a committee of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times noted below. All times noted are Eastern Daylight Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis. *Important Notice:* Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office—information concerning availability of documents from the relevant Program Office is included below.

The Integrated Human Exposure Committee (IHEC) of the US EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB), will meet on July 10–11, 2000 in Meeting Room A&B, at the Radisson Governors Inn, P.O. Box 12168, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (located on I-40, Exit 280-Davis Drive. The hotel telephone number 919-549-8631. The meeting will begin 9 a.m. on July 10, and adjourn no later than 5 p.m. on July 11.

*Purpose of the Meeting*—EPA must be able to estimate the number of people exposed to various pollutants (as well as the magnitude and duration of the exposure in) order to evaluate the risks posed by these pollutants in the environment. To respond to these needs, EPA's Office of Research and

Development sponsored three related pilot studies known as National Human Exposure Assessment Survey (NHEXAS). The NHEXAS studies tested protocols for acquiring population distributions of exposure measurements and by developing exposure databases for use in exposure models, exposure assessment, and risk assessment. The IHEC met in September 1998 to assess these studies and recommend future courses of action. The report resulting from this meeting (An SAB Advisory: The National Human Exposure Assessment Survey (NHEXAS) Pilot Studies (EPA-SAB-IHEC-ADV-99-004, February 1999) included a recommendation to develop a strategic plan for completing the analysis of the NHEXAS pilot data. The EPA drafted such a plan, intended to provide broad guidance to EPA decision makers on resources and to those who would undertake analyses. EPA subsequently requested that the IHEC review the draft strategic plan, resulting in the planned July meeting.

*Charge to the Subcommittee*—The Charge asks the IHEC to respond to the following four questions:

(a) Does the Strategy encompass all the significant needed analysis projects? If not, which should be added or deleted? (e.g., is the list of projects good?)

(b) Even if all the projects are optimal, are they strategically presented and prioritized? Would alternative strategic criteria be useful? (e.g., is the prioritization good?)

(c) Is the Strategy likely to be useful to ORD management for resource allocation (e.g., is it of sufficient quality for managerial use)?

(d) Does the Strategy provide adequate guidance to scientists for developing the most useful analysis tasks?

*Availability of Review Materials:* The principal review document, Strategic Plan for the Analysis of the National Human Exposure Assessment Survey (NHEXAS) Pilot Study Data, is available on the Internet at the SAB website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>), or by request to Ms. Brenda Thompson, phone 919-541-1346, or by email to [thompson.brenda@epa.gov](mailto:thompson.brenda@epa.gov)

For Further Information Contact: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit brief oral comments (10 minutes or less) must contact Samuel Rondberg, Designated Federal Officer, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (301) 812-2560, FAX (410) 286-2689; or

via e-mail at [samuelf717@aol.com](mailto:samuelf717@aol.com). Requests for oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Mr. Rondberg no later than noon Eastern Daylight Time on June 28, 2000.

### Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

*Oral Comments:* In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the meeting. *Written Comments:* Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format). Those providing written comments and who attend the meeting are also asked to bring 25 copies of their comments for public distribution.

*General Information*—Additional information concerning the Science Advisory Board, its structure, function, and composition, may be found on the SAB Website (<http://www.epa.gov/sab>) and in The FY1999 Annual Report of the Staff Director which is available from the SAB Publications Staff at (202) 564-4533 or via fax at (202) 501-0256. Committee rosters, draft Agendas and meeting calendars are also located on our website.

*Meeting Access*—Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access to the conference room, should contact the