

government representatives are encouraged to notify their constituents of this proposed action and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils
- Water resources, fisheries, and wetlands
- Vegetation and wildlife
- Cultural resources
- Public safety
- Land use
- Endangered and threatened species
- Air quality and noise
- Hazardous waste

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

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

We have already identified several issues we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Eastern Shore. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Impacts to residents within 540 feet of construction, and impacts to agricultural areas.
- Effects from the addition of 3,330 hp of compression.
- Effects to wetlands, forested areas, and possible impacts to Federal and state-listed species.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, 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/routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow these instructions carefully to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, 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 Group, 1, PJ-11.1.
- Reference Docket No. CP01-65-000.
- Mail you comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before March 2, 2001.

Comments and protests 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 website at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm> under the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User's Account."

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 play 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 provide 14 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). Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered. Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the

instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

January 24, 2001.

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

- a. *Application Type*: Transfer of License.
 - b. *Project No.*: 2543-047.
 - c. *Date Filed*: December 22, 2000.
 - d. *Applicants*: The Montana Power Company and The Montana Power, L.L.C.
 - e. *Name of Project*: Milltown.
 - f. *Location*: On the Clark Ford River in Missoula County, Montana. The project does not utilize federal or tribal lands.
 - g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
 - h. *Applicant Contact*: Michael P. Manion, The Montana Power Company, 40 East Broadway, Butte, MT 59701, (406) 497-2456; Steven M. Kramer and Carla J. Urquhart, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, 1825 I Street, NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 835-7508.
 - i. *FERC Contact*: Regina Saizan, (202) 219-2673.
 - j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions*: March 1, 2001.
- 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. Comments and protests 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.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Please include the Project Number (2543-047) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Transfer:* Transfer of the license for the project is being sought in connection with The Montana Power Company's (Montana Power) conversion to a limited liability company, The Montana Power, L.L.C., as part of an internal corporate restructuring that will be undertaken prior to the sale of Montana Power's utility business to North Western Corporation (North Western). The latter transaction is the subject of a separate proceeding in which Montana Power and North Western have filed a joint application under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act seeking approval of the disposition of jurisdictional facilities in connection with the sale of Montana Power's utility business.

The transfer application was filed within five years of the expiration of the license for the project. A Commission Order issued June 16, 2000, extended the termination date of the license to December 31, 2006. In Hydroelectric Relicensing Regulations Under the Federal Power Act (54 FR 23756; FERC Stats. and Regs., Regs. Preambles 1986-1990 30854 at p. 31437), the Commission declined to forbid all license transfers during the last five years of an existing license, and instead indicated that it would scrutinize all such transfer requests to determine if the transfer's primary purpose was to give the transferee an advantage in relicensing (id. at p. 31438 n. 318).

l. *Location of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). 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.

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, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments 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 comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reporting Requirements Under EPA's National Wastewater Operator Training and Technical Assistance Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): National Wastewater Operator Training and Technical Assistance Program, EPA ICR Number 1977.01, and *OMB Control Number to be assigned*. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wastewater Management, National Wastewater Operator Training and Technical Assistance Program—104(g)(1) ICR Docket, Municipal Assistance Branch (Mail Code 4204-M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR and supporting analysis without charge by contacting the individual listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Curt Baranowski, Telephone: 202-564-0636. Facsimile Number: (202) 501-2396. E-mail: baranowski.curt@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are state and local governments, state and county colleges, and those organizations which provide training assistance through the Clean Water Act 104(g)(1) Program to municipal wastewater treatment plants. Title: National Wastewater Operator Training and Technical Assistance Program. (*OMB Control No. to be assigned*. EPA ICR No.: 1977.01.

Comments

Comments should be submitted to the National Wastewater Operator Training and Technical Assistance Program ICR Comment Clerk, Mail Code 4204-M, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wastewater Management, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460. Those who comment and want EPA to acknowledge receipt of their comments should enclose a self addressed stamped envelope. Comments may also be submitted electronically to baranowski.curt@epa.gov. Electronic comments should be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and forms of encryption, and be identified by the use of words "OTP ICR Comments". No confidential business information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Comments and data will also be accepted on disk in Corel WordPerfect 8 format or ASCII file format. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

The record for this proposed ICR renewal has been established in the Office of Wastewater Management, Municipal Assistance Branch and includes supporting documentation as well as printed, paper versions of electronic comments. It does not include any information claimed as CBI. The record is available for inspection from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, at the