

reinforced concrete diversion structure; (2) a half-acre reservoir with an operating surface elevation of 4,310 feet mean sea level (msl); (4) an intake structure located at the diversion dam to include trash racks, fish screens, and fish passage facilities; (5) a 19,200-foot-long buried penstock composed of a 42-inch-diameter, 7,200-foot-long, polyethylene section, and a 36 inch diameter, 12,000-foot-long steel section; (6) a powerhouse with an installed generating capacity of approximately 7 megawatts and a maximum hydraulic capacity of 100 cfs; (7) a 10-mile-long 60-kilovolt transmission line; and (8) a 55-foot-long reinforced concrete, box culvert tailrace discharge structure.

1. *Scoping Process:* Rugraw Inc. (Rugraw) intends to utilize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) alternative licensing process (ALP). Under the ALP, Rugraw will prepare an Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) and license application for the Lassen Lodge Hydroelectric Project.

Rugraw expects to file with the Commission, the APEA and the license application for the project by October 2003.

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the opportunity to participate in the upcoming scoping meetings identified below, and to solicit your scoping comments.

Scoping Meetings

Rugraw and the Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings, one in the daytime and one in the evening, to help us identify the scope of issues to be addressed in the APEA.

The daytime scoping meeting will focus on resource agency concerns, while the evening scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the APEA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Daytime Meeting: Thursday, April 25, 2002, 2 p.m. until concluded, Red Bluff Community Center 1500 South Jackson Road, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

Evening Meeting: Thursday, April 25, 2002, 6 p.m. until concluded, Red Bluff Community Center 1500 South Jackson Road, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

To help focus discussions, Scoping Document 1, prepared by Rugraw in coordination with the California State Water Resources Control Board, was

mailed in March 2002, outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the APEA to the parties on the mailing list. Copies of the SD1 also will be available at the scoping meetings. SD1 may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link—select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Based on all written comments received, a Scoping Document 2 (SD2) may be issued. SD2 will include a revised list of issues, based on the scoping sessions.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, Rugraw and the Commission staff will: (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the APEA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the APEA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the APEA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings will be recorded and will become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist Rugraw in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the APEA.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

March 29, 2002.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt

of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. The documents may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

| Docket No. | Date filed | Presenter or requester |
|---|------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Docket No. RM01-12-000, RT01-2-000, <i>et al</i> | 03-13-02 | Commission. ¹ |
| 2. Docket No. RM01-12-000, RT01-2-000, <i>et al</i> | 03-13-02 | Commission. ² |
| 3. Docket No. RM01-12-000, RT01-2-000, <i>et al</i> | 03-15-02 | Commission. ³ |
| 4. Docket No. RM01-12-000, RT01-2-000, <i>et al</i> | 03-15-02 | Commission. ⁴ |
| 5. Docket No. CP02-45-000 | 03-25-02 | Terry Doyle. |
| 6. Project No. 2342-011 | 03-27-02 | Gloria Young Hartman. |
| 7. Project No. 1354-000 | 03-28-02 | Van Button. |

¹ Transcript of Midwest State Commissioners Regional Teleconference on Electricity Market Design and Structure convened 3/13/02 pursuant to the Commission's Notice issued 3/1/02 in Docket Nos. RM01-12-000, *et al*

² Transcript of Southeast State Commissioners Regional Teleconference convened 3/13/02 pursuant to the Commission's Notice issued 3/1/02 in Docket Nos. RM01-12-000, *et al*

³ Transcript of Western State Commissioners Regional Teleconference convened 3/15/02 pursuant to the Commission's Notice issued 3/1/02 in Docket Nos. RM01-12-000, *et al*

⁴ Transcript of the Northeast State Commissioners Regional Teleconference convened 3/15/02 pursuant to the Commission's Notice issued 3/1/02 in Docket Nos. RM01-12-000, *et al*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Availability of Regional Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) Grants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of approximately \$497 thousand in fiscal year 2002 grant/cooperative agreement funds under section 20 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as amended. This funding is for grants to States and federally recognized Native American Tribes for research, public education, training, monitoring, demonstrations, and studies that advance pesticide risk reduction.

DATES: Applications must be received by the appropriate EPA Regional Office May 27, 2002. EPA will make its award decisions by July 10, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Your EPA Regional PESP Coordinator listed under Unit V.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general but will be of particular interest to eligible applicants who include the 50 States, District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, any agency or instrumentality of a State including State universities, and

all federally recognized Native American tribes. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult your EPA Regional PESP Coordinator listed under Unit V.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. Additional information is available on EPA's PESP website at http://www.epa.gov/opbppd1/PESP/regional_grants.htm.

2. *By mail or in person.* Contact your EPA Regional PESP Coordinator listed under Unit V.

II. Availability of FY'02 Funds

With this publication, EPA is announcing the availability of approximately \$497 thousand in grant/cooperative agreement funds for FY'02. The Agency has delegated grant making authority to the EPA Regional Offices.

III. Eligible Applicants

In accordance with the Act, ". . . Federal agencies, universities, or others as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the act, . . ." are eligible to receive funding. Restrictions on the funds appropriated for this program limit the eligible applicants to the 50 States, District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin

Islands, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, any agency or instrumentality of a State including State universities, and all federally recognized Native American Tribes. The term "State" in this notice refers to all eligible applicants.

Local governments, private universities, private nonprofit entities, private businesses, and individuals are not eligible. EPA encourages organizations excluded from applying directly are encouraged to work with eligible applicants in developing proposals that include them as participants in the projects. Contact your EPA Regional PESP Coordinator for assistance in identifying and contacting eligible applicants.

IV. Activities and Criteria

A. Activities

The goal of PESP is to reduce the risks associated with pesticide use in agricultural and non-agricultural settings in the United States. The purpose of the grant program is to support projects that address this goal. Pesticide pollution prevention, integrated pest management (IPM), IPM in schools, children's health issues related to pesticides, and those research methods for documenting IPM adoption or the reduction of risks associated with changes in pesticide use will receive priority consideration. Other projects will be considered as they complement these goals through public education, training, monitoring, demonstrations, and other activities.

EPA specifically seeks to build State and local IPM capacities or to evaluate the economic feasibility of new IPM approaches at the state level (i.e., innovative approaches and methodologies that use application or other strategies to reduce the risks associated with pesticide use). State projects might focus on, for example: