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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Unlicensed Project Review and Soliciting Comments, Protests and Motions To Intervene¹

March 13, 2003.

Take notice that the following review has been initiated by the Commission:

- a. *Review Type*: Unlicensed Project.
- b. *Docket No*: UL03–1–000.
- c. *Owner*: William Braamse.
- d. *Name of Project*: Rock River Beach Dam Project.
- e. *Location*: The project is located on the Rock River between Lake Superior and State Highway M–28, T. 47 N., R. 21 W., sec. 15, Latitude 46°28′21.73″, Longitude 86°55′36.52″, Alger County, Michigan.
- f. *Owner Contact*: William Braamse, E4002 State Hwy. M–28, Au Train, MI 49806, telephone number (906) 892–8112.

g. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Diane M. Murray (202) 502–8838, or e-mail address: diane.murray@ferc.gov.

h. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and/or motions to intervene*: April 14, 2003.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests, and interventions 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.gov> under the “e-filing” link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Please include the docket number (UL03–1–000) on any comments, protests, or motions to intervene filed.

i. Pursuant to Section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 817(1), a non-federal hydroelectric project must (unless it has a still-valid pre-1920 federal permit) be licensed if it: (1) Is located on a navigable water of the United States; (2) occupies lands of the United States; (3) utilizes surplus water or water power from a government dam; or (4) is located on a body of water over which Congress has Commerce Clause jurisdiction, project construction occurred on or after August 26, 1935, and the project affects the interests of interstate or foreign commerce.

j. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

k. 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, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

l. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “PROTEST”, OR “MOTION TO INTERVENE”, as applicable, and the Docket Number of the particular review.

m. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described review. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP02–420–000]

Red Lake Gas Storage, L.P.; Notice of Public Comment Meeting for the Proposed Red Lake Gas Storage Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

March 12, 2003.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), in cooperation with the staff of the Arizona State Office of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), is issuing this notice to announce the date and location of a public scoping meeting on the proposed Red Lake Gas Storage Project. The Commission staff will be preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for Red Lake Gas Storage, L.P.'s project in Mohave County, Arizona. The planned facilities would consist of two solution-mined underground salt caverns, about 52 miles of various diameter pipeline, a 25,000-horsepower (hp) compressor station, a 9,000-hp compressor station, four water withdrawal wells, four brine disposal wells, and appurtenant facilities. The EIS will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity. You are invited to attend the public meeting to enter into the Commission's record any comments you might have. The staff is particularly interested in receiving comments on the alternative pipeline routes identified in its February 28, 2003 notice. Comments received at the scoping meeting will help us to determine the issues to be evaluated in the EIS. The date, time, and location are shown below:

Date and time	Location	Information contact
April 8, 2003, 7–10 pm	Kingman High School, North Campus, Cafeteriam 4182 North Banks Street, Kingman, AZ 86401.	Janna Paronto, BLM, (928) 692–4449.

¹ The purpose of this notice is to gather information to determine whether the existing

project meets any or all of the jurisdictional criteria noted in paragraph (i).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission of EPA ICR No. 2083.01 to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request

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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Estimating the Value of Improvements to Coastal Waters—A Pilot Study of A Coastal Water Valuation Survey. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before April 18, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Follow the detailed instructions in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Nicole Owens, National Center for Environmental Economics, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Mail Code 1809T, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 566-2302; fax number: (202) 566-2338; e-mail address: owens.nicole@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On June 28, 2002 (67 FR 43592), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. OEI 2002-0011, which is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the

Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is (202) 566-1752. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select “search,” then key in the docket ID number identified above.

Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice, and according to the following detailed instructions: (1) Submit your comments to EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to oei.docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) Mail your comments to OMB at: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EDOCKET as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EDOCKET. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket. Although identified as an item in the official docket, information claimed as CBI, or whose disclosure is otherwise restricted by statute, is not included in the official public docket, and will not be available for public viewing in EDOCKET. For further information about the electronic docket, see EPA's **Federal Register** notice describing the electronic docket at 67 FR 38102 (May 31, 2002), or go to <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>.

Title: Estimating the Value of Improvements to Coastal Waters—A Pilot Study of A Coastal Valuation Survey (EPA ICR Number 2083.01). This is a request for a new collection.

Abstract: This Information Collection Request (ICR) is for a pilot survey being conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Center for Environmental Economics

(NCEE). The purpose of the pilot survey is to conduct research on and test various aspects of a computerized stated preference survey designed to estimate willingness to pay for water quality improvements in coastal waters. Specifically, we will:

- Test the quality and effectiveness of the computerized survey instrument in yielding robust estimates for both use and non-use values of improvements to coastal water quality;
- Test the effect of the use of color in computerized survey instruments;
- Test the appropriateness of the design values used in the choice questions;
- Test the effect of a \$5 incentive on the response rate;
- Test the effectiveness of the survey administration mode for periodic, panel surveys, and
- Test the effectiveness of the survey administration mode for environmental surveys.

The subject of the survey was chosen for a variety of reasons. First, at this time, no suitable information exists that will allow the estimation of the benefits of statewide or national changes in coastal water quality. Existing studies focus on estimating recreational (use) values for very specific reaches of coastal waters, thus limiting the use of the resulting estimates for benefit transfer and ignoring non-use values completely (e.g., Parsons et al. (2000) and Koaru, 1995). Second, the results of this survey will complement those from an ongoing freshwater quality survey (USEPA, 2000). Currently, States, tribes, and other jurisdictions measure water quality by determining if water bodies are clean enough to support basic uses, such as swimming, fishing, and aquatic life. In keeping with these definitions of water quality, the survey will provide estimates of willingness to pay (WTP) for more fishable and swimmable coastal and estuarine waters as well as healthier marine and estuarine aquatic environments. In the valuation portion of the survey, respondents will be asked a series of five questions in which they are asked to compare two programs with the status quo. The programs each affect water quality for the various uses in different ways and cost varying amounts to implement. Analysis of the resulting data will yield WTP estimates for improvements to each of the attributes.

Further development of the survey cannot be completed without a pilot survey. The pilot survey will take place in California using a computerized survey instrument. The survey instrument is specific to the state of California and, depending upon the results of the pilot survey, may be used