

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. ER06-1099-000; ER06-1099-001]

Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

September 15, 2006.

On August 25, 2006 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued a notice to convene a technical conference on September 26, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (EST) in Hearing Room 4 at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The technical conference will address issues related to the Midwest ISO's proposed shortage and emergency procedures.

This supplemental notice is to announce that the conference will be transcribed. A transcript of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202) 347-3700 or (800) 336-6646 for a fee. It will be available to the public on the Commission's eLibrary system seven calendar days after the Commission receives the transcript.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6679-5]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 7, 2006 (71 FR 17845).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20060086, ERP No. D-BLM-J01080-WY, Pit 14 Coal Lease-by-Application Project, Black Butte Coal Mine, Surface Mining Operations, Federal Coal Lease Application WYW160394, Sweetwater County, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about increased fugitive dust emissions, and suggested a mitigation strategy of moving the coal hopper, conveyor and coal loading area closer to the proposed project area. Also, EPA requested that the final EIS discuss the range of mercury concentrations found in Black Butte coal and compare this concentration with other coal mined in Wyoming and the United States. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060273, ERP No. D-RUS-J03019-MT, Highwood Generating Station, 250-megawatt Coal Fired Power Plant and 6MW of Wind Generation at a Site near Great Falls, Construction and Operation, Licenses Permit, U.S. Army COE Section 10 Permit, Cascade County, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about visibility impairment in Class 1 Wilderness Areas, impacts to wetlands, and aquifers, and recommended consideration of innovative coal combustion power generation technologies. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060287, ERP No. D-AFS-J65467-MT, Little Belt-Castle-North Half Crazy Mountains Travel Management Plan, To Change the Management of Motorized and Non-motorized Travel on the Road, Trails, and Areas within, Belt Creek, Judith, Musselshell, and White Sulphur Springs Ranger Districts, Lewis and Clark National Forest, Cascade, Judith Basin, Meagher, Wheatland, Sweetgrass and Park Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential adverse impacts to water quality, fisheries, and wildlife from roads and motorized uses, and suggested that the preferred alternative include greater commitment of resources to road/trail maintenance to reduce risks to water quality and fisheries. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060296, ERP No. D-AFS-K65315-CA, South Yuba Canal Maintenance Project, Hazardous Trees Removal, Implementation, Tahoe National Forest, Nevada County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential impacts to air quality, water quality and supply, and requested additional information regarding these matters

such as erosion, sedimentation, mitigation and monitoring. Rating EC2. *EIS No. 20060308, ERP No. D-FTA-G40191-TX*, Southeast Corridor Project, Proposed Fixed-Guideway Transit System, Funding, Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO) of Harris County, Houston, Harris County, TX.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed action. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20060309, ERP No. D-NOA-L91027-00, Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan, Proposed Acceptable Biological Catch and Optimum Yield Specifications and Management Measures for the 2007-2008 Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery and Amendment 16-4 Rebuilding Plans for Seven Depleted Pacific Coast Groundfish Species, WA, OR and CA.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed actions. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20060312, ERP No. D-AFS-K65316-CA, SPI Road Project, Construction of an Access Road Across National Forest Land, Special Use Permit, Six Rivers National Forest, Lower Trinity Ranger District, Trinity County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts to air quality, water quality, fish and wildlife, and recommended selection of Alternative 4 Helicopter Access, if it is practicable. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060229, ERP No. DR-FHW-G40180-TX, Grand Parkway (State Highway 99) Updated Information, Segment F-2 from SH 249 to IH 45, Right-of-Way Permit and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Harris County, TX.

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed project. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20060290, ERP No. DS-NRC-D03004-VA, Early Site Permit (ESP) at the North Anna Power Station ESP Site (TAC No. MC1128), New and Updated Information, Construction and Operation, NUREG-1811, Louisa County, VA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about impacts on the water resources, the lack of information on wetland and stream impacts, and the affects on the downstream communities. Rating EC2.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20060097, ERP No. F-AFS-J67932-CO, Dry Fork Federal Coal Lease-by-Application (COC-67232), Leasing Additional Federal Coal Lands for Underground Coal Resource, Special-Use-Permits and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit,

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Gunnison County, CO.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

EIS No. 20060267, ERP No. F-BLM-K65290-CA, Ukiah Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Several Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA does not object to the selected actions, and believes that the management actions presented in the Resource Management Plan will minimize human exposure to naturally occurring asbestos (NOA) within the jurisdiction of the Ukiah Field Office.

EIS No. 20060320, ERP No. F-NRC-F06026-IL, Early Site Permit (ESP) at the Exelon ESP Site, Application for ESP on One Additional Nuclear Unit, within the Clinton Power Station (CPS), NUREG-1815, DeWitt County, IL.

Summary: EPA continues to express concerns about the adequacy and clarity of radiological risk information, the level of wetland information provided, and project impacts on Clinton Lake.

EIS No. 20060329, ERP No. F-NRS-H34030-MO, East Locust Creek Watershed Revised Plan, Installation of Multiple-Purpose Reservoir, Flood Prevention and Watershed Protection, Sullivan and Putnam Counties, MO.

Summary: EPA's previous concerns have been resolved; therefore, EPA does not object to the proposed action.

EIS No. 20060331, ERP No. F-FRC-L05232-WA, Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project, (FERC/DEIS-0184F), Application for a New License for the Existing 865.76 Megawatt Facility, Public Utility District No. 1 (PUD), Columbia River, Chelan County, WA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

*EIS No. 20060336, ERP No. F-NPS-K61160-CA, Non-Native Deer Management Plan of Axis Deer (*Axis axis*) and Fallow Deer (*Dama dama*), Implementation, Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) and Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Marin County, CA.*

Summary: EPA does not object to the proposed project.

EIS No. 20060339, ERP No. F-FRA-J53007-00, ADOPTION—Powder River Basin Expansion Project, Construction of New Rail Facilities, Finance Docket No. 33407 Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad, SD, WY and MN.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent on this adopted EIS.

EIS No. 20060353, ERP No. F-NRS-J36054-UT, Coal Creek Flood Control and Parkway Project, Proposed Channel Improvements, Two Irrigation Division Structures on Coal Creek (the Main Street Diversion and the Woodbury Diversion), Cedar City, Iron County, UT.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

EIS No. 20060334, ERP No. FS-UAF-G11038-00, Realistic Bomber Training Initiative, Addresses Impacts of Wake Vortices on Surface Structures, Dyess Air Force Base, TX and Barksdale Air Force Base, LA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

Dated: September 19, 2006.

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Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6679-4]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 9/11/2006 Through 9/15/2006 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20060378, Draft EIS, NPS, 00, Programmatic—Servicewide Benefits Sharing Project, To Clarify the Rights and Responsibilities of Researchers and National Park Service (NPS) Management in Connection with the Use of Valuable Discoveries, Inventions, and Other Developments, across the United States, Comment Period Ends: 12/15/2006, Contact: Susan M. Mills 307-344-2203.

EIS No. 20060379, Final EIS, BPA, OR, Klondike III Wind Project (300 megawatts {MW}) and Biglow Canyon Wind Farm (400 megawatts {MW}) Integration Project, Construction and Operation of a Double-Circuit 230-Kilovolt (kV) Transmission, Sherman County, OR, Wait Period Ends: 10/23/2006, Contact: Gene Lynard 503-230-3790.

EIS No. 20060380, Draft EIS, AFS, CO, Robin Redbreast Unpatented Lode Claim Mining Plan of Operations, Implementation, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Located above the

Middle Fork of the Cimarron River within the Uncompahgre Wilderness, Ouray Ranger District, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Hinsdale County, CO, Comment Period Ends: 11/06/2006, Contact: Jeff Burch 970-874-6649.

EIS No. 20060381, Final EIS, AFS, WV, Programmatic—Monongahela National Forest Plan Revision, Proposes to Revise Land and Resource Management Plan, Barbour, Grant, Grebrier, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pocahontab, Preston, Randolph, Tucker and Webster Counties, WV, Wait Period Ends: 10/23/2006, Contact: Anita Kelley 304-636-1800 Ext. 324.

EIS No. 20060382, Final EIS, BLM, 00, Lake Havasu Field Office Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Colorado River, Davis Dam in the north and south to Park Dam, CA and AZ, Wait Period Ends: 10/23/2006, Contact: Gine Trafton 1-888-213-2582 Ext 273.

EIS No. 20060383, Draft EIS, NPS, 00, South Florida and Caribbean Parks Exotic Plant Management Plan, Manage and Control Exotic Plants in Nine Parks, Five in South Florida Parks: Big Cypress National Preserve, Biscayne National Park, Canaveral National Seashore, Dry Tortugas National Park, Everglades National Park and Four in Caribbean Parks: Buck Island Reef National Monument, Christiansted National Historic Site, Salt River Bay National Historic Park and Ecological Preserve and Virgin Islands National Park, Florida and Caribbean, Comment Period Ends: 11/20/2006, Contact: Sandra Hamilton 303-969-2068.

EIS No. 20060384, Final EIS, NRS, KY, Rockhouse Creek Watershed Plan, To Protect Regimental and Non-residential Structures from Recurrent Flood Problem, Leslie County, KY, Wait Period Ends: 10/23/2006, Contact: Anita Arends 859-224-7354.

EIS No. 20060385, Final EIS, COE, WV, Spruce No. 1 Mine, Construction and Operation, Mining for 2.73 Million Ton of Bituminous Coal, NPDES Permit and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Logan County, WV, Wait Period Ends: 10/23/2006, Contact: Teresa Spagna 304-399-5710.

EIS No. 20060386, Final Supplement, AFS, WI, Northwest Howell Vegetation Management Project, New Information to Address Inadequate Disclosure of the Cumulative Effects Analysis for Six Animal and Two Plant Species, Eagle River-Florence Ranger District, Chequamegon-Nicole National Forest, Florence and Forest