

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Docket No. ER01-1989-001]

Southwest Power Pool, Inc.; Notice of
Filing

May 15, 2001.

Take notice that on May 10, 2001, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) tendered for filing a supplement to the tariff changes submitted on May 7, 2001, in Docket No. ER01-1989-000.

Copies of this filing have been served on all affected state commission, SPP customers, and SPP members.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). 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.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[FERC Docket Nos. CP01-22-000 and CP01-23-000; CSLC EIR No. 703; State Clearinghouse No. SCH2001011020; BLM Reference No. CACA-42662]

North Baja Pipeline, LLC; Supplement
to the Notice of Intent/Preparation to
Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact
Statement/Report for the Proposed
North Baja Pipeline Project and
Request for Comments on
Environmental Issues Related to the
Bureau of Land Management's
Consideration of an Amendment to the
Yuma Resource Management Plan

May 16, 2001.

On December 12, 2000, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) and the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) issued a Notice of Intent/Preparation (NOI/NOP) to jointly prepare an environmental impact statement/report (EIS/EIR) that will discuss the environmental impacts of North Baja Pipeline, LLC's (NBP) proposed North Baja Pipeline Project in La Paz County, Arizona, and Riverside and Imperial Counties, California. The FERC will be the lead Federal agency in the preparation of the EIS/EIR while the CSLC will be the State Lead Agency for California. The joint document will satisfy the requirements of both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act.

The North Baja Pipeline Project would involve the construction and operating of a new 18,810-horsepower compressor station in La Paz County, Arizona, and about 80.0 miles of 36- and 30-inch-diameter pipeline extending from an interconnection with El Paso Natural Gas Company in La Paz County, Arizona, through Riverside and Imperial Counties, California, to an interconnection at the international border between the United States and Mexico. A total of 48.2 miles of the proposed pipeline and one new meter station would be on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under the jurisdiction of the Palm Springs, El Centro, and Yuma Field Offices. The BLM has agreed to meet its NEPA responsibilities in considering NBP's application to cross these Federal lands by participating as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS/EIR.

The December 12, 2000 NOI/NOP stated that the BLM will use the EIS/EIR to consider a plan amendment, which may be necessary for pipeline

construction outside of the designated utility corridors as described in the California Desert Conservation Area Plan, 1980 (as amended). The BLM has recently informed us that it will also use the EIS/EIR to consider an amendment to the Yuma Resource Management Plan (RMP), which may be necessary for pipeline construction across the Milpitas Wash Special Management Area.

By this notice, we¹ are specifically seeking public comments on the BLM's consideration of an amendment to the Yuma RMP. This supplemental NOI/NOP does not reopen the general scoping period for the EIS/EIR. Please carefully follow the instructions below 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., N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP01-22-000;
- Label one copy of your comments for the attention of the Gas Group 1, PJ-11.1;
- Send an additional copy of your letter to the following individual: Goodyear K. Walker, California State Lands Commission, 100 Howe Ave., Suite 100 South, Sacramento, CA 95825;
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before June 18, 2001.

Comments, protests and interventions may also 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 Account."

Availability of Additional Information

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,

¹ "We," "us," and "our" refer to the staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects and the CSLC.

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.

Information concerning the involvement of the CSLC in the EIS/EIR process may be obtained from Kirk Walker, EIR Project Manager, at (916) 574-1893, or on the California State Lands website at <http://www.slc.ca.gov>.

Information concerning the involvement of the BLM in the EIS/EIR process may be obtained from Lynda Kastoll, Project Manager at (760) 337-4421, or on the BLM website at <http://www.ca.blm.gov/elcentro>.

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Acting Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Soliciting Additional Study Requests, and Establishing Procedures for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

May 16, 2001.

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

a. *Type of Application:* New Minor License.

b. *Project No.:* 3410-009.

c. *Date Filed:* April 30, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* Woods Lake Hydro Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Woods Lake Hydro Project.

f. *Location:* On Lime Creek, a tributary of Frying Pan River, in Eagle County, Colorado. The project occupies 2.73 acres of federal lands within the White River National Forest.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Kenneth M. Knight, Woods Lake Hydro Company, P.O. Box 11175, Aspen, Colorado (970) 925-8854.

i. *FERC Contact:* Gaylord W. Hoisington, (202) 219-2756 or gaylord.hoisington@FERC.fed.us.

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, protests, interventions and additional study requests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of papers. 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>.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on the resource agency.

k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The existing Woods Lake Project consists of: (1) A 37.3-foot-long, 6-foot-high overflow-type gravity dam; (2) a reservoir having a surface area of 0.018 acre and a storage capacity of 0.09 acre-foot of storage capacity; (3) a gated and screened intake structure; (4) a gated 15-inch 630-foot-long PVC pipeline penstock; (5) a powerhouse containing a generating unit having an installed capacity of 45-kilowatts; (6) a short 24-inch-diameter CMP tailrace pipe; (7) a 1.02-mile-long transmission line; and (8) a switch gear, power controls, breaker boxes switches, meters, transformers, and other appurtenant facilities. The applicant estimates that the total average annual generation would be 98,640 kilowatt-hours. All generated power is utilized within the applicant's existing electric utility system.

m. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

n. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the *Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)*, as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

o. Procedural schedule and final amendments: The application will be processed according to the following milestones, some of which be combined to expedite processing:

Notice of application has been accepted for filing

Notice of NEPA Scoping (unless scoping has already occurred)

Notice of application is ready for environmental analysis

Notice of the availability of the draft NEPA document

Notice of the availability of the final NEPA document

Ordering issuing the Commission's decision on the application

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[WH-FRL-6982-3]

Meeting of the Arsenic Cost Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of Arsenic Cost Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*), will be held on May 29 and May 30, 2001, from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, at RESOLVE, 1255 23rd Street, NW., Suite 275, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public, but from past experience, seating will likely be limited.

Following the January 22, 2001 **Federal Register** promulgation of the arsenic rule, a number of concerns were raised to EPA by States, public water systems, and other stakeholders regarding the adequacy of science and the basis for national cost estimates underlying the rule. Because of the importance of the arsenic rule and the national debate surrounding it related to science and costs, EPA's Administrator publicly announced on March 20, 2001, that the Agency would take additional steps to reassess the scientific and cost issues associated with this rule and seek further public input on each of these important issues.

The purpose of this meeting is to bring nationally recognized technical experts together to review the cost of compliance estimates associated with the final arsenic in drinking water rule. The meeting is open to the public to observe. The working group members are meeting to: (1) Gather information; and (2) analyze relevant issues and facts. Statements from the public will be taken if time permits.