

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**[Declaration of Disaster #3459]****State of Texas (Amendment #6)**

In accordance with a notice received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated December 24, 2002, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to January 16, 2003.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for economic injury is August 5, 2003.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008).

Dated: January 2, 2003.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 4247]****International Joint Commission To Hold Hearings on Water Uses in the Great Lakes Basin**

The International Joint Commission (IJC) will hold a series of public hearings to obtain comment from the public on action taken by governments on the issue of water uses in the Great Lakes basin before reporting to the Governments of Canada and the United States. The hearings are scheduled to take place at the following dates and locations:

Toronto, January 20, 2003, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Council Chamber, 7 p.m.
Chicago, January 21, 2003, Drake Hotel, 140 East Walton Place, Chicago, Illinois, Michigan Room, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Montréal, February 3, 2003, Queen Elizabeth Hotel, 900 René-Lévesque Blvd., Montréal, Québec, Room St. Maurice, 7 p.m.

The IJC published a comprehensive report entitled *Protection of the Waters of the Great Lakes* in 2000. In that report the IJC recommended that it review the issue after three years to provide an update on how matters had changed over that period of time. In late 2000 the governments subsequently agreed.

In June of last year, the Commission appointed the International Water Uses Review Task Force to assist it in carrying out the three-year review. The Task Force reviewed the many

technical, policy and legal developments that have taken place in the basin and reviewed actions taken by federal, state and provincial authorities to address the issues raised in the Commission's 2000 report.

The Task Force has now completed its work and submitted its report to the Commission. That report is available on the Commission's Web site: <http://www.ijc.org>. Hard copies of the report are also available from either one of the Commission's offices listed below. The report of the Task Force represents the views and analysis of the Task Force and not necessarily the views of the Commission. The Commission will prepare its report to governments based on its own analysis, the report of the Task Force, and comments received concerning the Task Force report and other related matters.

In addition to the public hearings listed above, the IJC invites all interested parties to submit written comment on this investigation to: Secretary, U.S. Section, 1250 23rd Street NW., Suite 100, Washington, DC 20440, Fax: 202.736.9015, Commission@washington.ijc.org.

Due to the security clearing of mail, communications with the IJC's Washington office should be by fax or email to ensure timely receipt. It would be most helpful if written comments were received by February 10, 2003.

The International Joint Commission is a binational Canada-U.S. organization established by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. It assists the governments in managing waters along the border for the benefit of both countries in a variety of ways including examining issues referred to it by the two federal governments.

Dated: January 6, 2003.

Gerald Galloway,

Secretary, United States Section, International Joint Commission.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY**Sunshine Act Meeting**

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Tennessee Valley Authority (Meeting No. 1543).

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m. (EST), January 14, 2003, TVA West Tower Auditorium, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee.

STATUS: Open.

Agenda

Approval of minutes of meeting held on November 20, 2002.

New Business**C—Energy**

C1. Supplement to Contract No. 99999075 with Bechtel Power Corporation for installation of replacement steam generators for Sequoyah Nuclear Plant Unit 1 and Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 1.

C2. Extension of Voith Siemens Hydro Power Generation Partnering Agreement—Contract No. 1752.

E—Real Property Transactions

E1. Sale or noncommercial, nonexclusive permanent easements for construction and maintenance of recreational water-use facilities, affecting approximately .18 acre of Tellico Reservoir shoreline in Monroe County, Tennessee, Tract Nos. XTELR-234RE and XTELR-235RE.

E2. Sale of a 19-year commercial recreation lease, affecting approximately 79 acres of land on Watts Bar Reservoir in Roane County, Tennessee, Tract No. XWBR-714L.

E3. Deed modification to remove the right to re-enter and take possession, affecting approximately 5 acres of land on Chickamauga Reservoir in Hamilton County, Tennessee, Tract No. XCR-444, S.7X.

E4. Deed modification to allow placement of fill and construction of a residence, affecting .3 acre of former TVA land on Wheeler Reservoir in Limestone County, Alabama, Tract No. XWR222, S.4X.

E5. Grant of a permanent easement for a existing pump station and sewer line expansion of Stevenson Utility Board, affecting approximately 2.8 acres of land on Guntersville Reservoir in Jackson County, Alabama, Tract No. XTGR-171S.

F—Other

F1. Approval to file condemnation cases to acquire transmission line easements and rights-of-way affecting Tract Nos. BBG-8, -9, -12, -13, and -22, Batesville-Blue Goose Transmission Line, Panola County, Mississippi; Tract No. SBFP-93, Sebastopol Switching Station-Five Points, Scott County, Mississippi; and Tract Nos. SWM-31, -32, -33, -35, and -75, Sweetwater-Madisonville Transmission Line, Monroe County, Tennessee; and right to enter affecting tract No. 2WCJR-1001TE, Waynesville-Clifton City Transmission Line, Wayne County, Tennessee.

Information Items

1. Approval of a supplement to the contract with Numanco, LLC, for professional staffing services related to the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Unit 1 recovery effort and the replacement of steam generators at the Watts Bar and Sequoyah Nuclear Plants.
 2. Approval of a supplement to the contract with General Electric Company to cover nuclear steam supply and turbine-generator services and material for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Unit 1 recovery effort.
 3. Approval of the abandonment of a portion of the Great Falls-Sparta Transmission Line tap to West Sparta easement affecting approximately 5.1 acres (Tract No. SPAT-7) in exchange for transmission line easement rights affecting approximately 6 acres (Tract No. SPATR-1) in White County, Tennessee.
 4. Approval of public auction sale of the former Eastern Area Radiological Laboratory site, affecting approximately 16.8 acres of Tellico Reservoir land in Monroe County, Tennessee, Tract No. XTELR-233.
 5. Approval for interconnection arrangements with independent power producers (IPPs) and policy changes on credits IPPs may apply to TVA's transmission service charges.
 6. Approval of Fiscal Year 2002 Winning Performance Incentive Plan Payout.
 7. Approval of the Discount Energy Unit program and modification of the distributor loan program.
 8. Approval of amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the TVA Retirement System and to the provisions of the TVA Savings and Deferral Retirement Plan (401(k) Plan) to comply with the IRS requirements concerning the definition of employee compensation upon which pension benefits and 401(k) Plan matching contribution can be calculated.
 9. Approval of recommendations resulting from the 67th Annual Wage Conference concerning wage rates for annual employees represented by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for 2003-2005.
 10. Approval of recommendations resulting from the 67th Annual Wage Conference concerning Construction Project Agreement (Hourly) wage rates for 2003 for trades and labor work performed by contractors of TVA.
 11. Approval of recommendations resulting from the 67th Annual Wage Conference concerning wage rates for annual employees represented by the Trades and Labor Council for 2003.
- For more information: Please call TVA Media Relations at (865) 632-6000,

Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is also available at TVA's Washington Office (202) 898-2999. People who plan to attend the meeting and have special needs should call (865) 632-6000. Anyone who wishes to comment on any of the agenda in writing may send their comments to: TVA Board of Directors, Board Agenda Comments, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

Dated: January 7, 2003.

Maureen H. Dunn,

General Counsel and Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Carver and Scott Counties, MN

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a tier I Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposal to improve capacity on Trunk Highway (TH) 41 between TH 169 and proposed TH 212, including a crossing of the Minnesota River, in Scott and Carver Counties, Minnesota. The east-west boundaries of the study area are between County State Aid Highway (CSAH)/TH 101 at the Chanhassen/Shakopee border and County Road 45 just west of Carver. the tier I EIS will include the analysis needed for a location decision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Martin, Federal Highway Administration, Galtier Plaza, 380 Jackson Street, Suite 500, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, Telephone (651) 291-6120; or Brian Isaacson, Project Manager, Minnesota Department of Transportation—Metro Division, Water's Edge Building, 1500 West County Road B-2, Roseville, Minnesota 55113, Telephone (651) 582-1659.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, will prepare tier I EIS on a proposal to improve capacity on TH 41 between proposed TH 212 and TH 169, the north-south limits of the study area. The east-west boundaries of the study area are between CSAH/TH 101 at the Chanhassen/Shakopee border and County Road 45 just west of the City of Carver in Scott and Carver

Counties, Minnesota. The proposed action is being considered to preserve an alignment for the construction of future highway capacity improvements, including a crossing of the Minnesota River, to address the need for improved capacity.

The tier I EIS will evaluate the social, economic, transportation and environmental impacts of alternatives, including: (1) no-build, (2) improvements to the existing TH 41 corridor, and (3) one or more new alignment alternatives for TH 41.

The tier II EIS will be prepared in approximately 15 years. At that time, design alternatives for the preferred alignment will be considered and environmental impacts and mitigation will be studied in greater detail. The construction of the preferred alternative is planned for implementation after the year 2020.

It is anticipated that the "TH41 Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document" will be published in approximately June 2003. A press release will be published to inform the public of the document's availability. Copies of the scoping document will be distributed to agencies, interested persons and libraries for review to aid in identifying issues and analyses to be contained in the tier I EIS. A 30 day comment period for review of the document will be provided to afford an opportunity for all interested persons, agencies and groups to comment on the proposed action. A public scoping meeting will also be held during the comment period. Public notice will be given for the time and place of the meeting. A tier I draft EIS will be prepared based on the outcome of the scoping process. Coordination has been initiated and will continue with appropriate Federal, State and local agencies and private organizations and citizens who have previously expressed or are known to have an interest in the proposed action. To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

Dated: Issued on: December 31, 2002.
(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on