

including consultation, submission of additional information requests, and cooperation in the preparation of scoping and environmental documents. The FS and BLM will make independent decisions to determine whether, and under what conditions, to authorize the construction, operation and maintenance of the hydropower project on Federal lands.

This scoping process will also satisfy the scoping responsibilities of the FS and BLM, as required by National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the agencies' regulations. The FS and BLM will conduct ongoing consultation with the affected and interested Indian Tribes in order to meet FS and BLM consultation commitments.

p. *Scoping Process:* The Commission intends to prepare a single environmental document in accordance with NEPA. The environmental assessment (EA) will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental effects and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Site Visit: Commission staff, along with FS, BLM, and the applicant will conduct a site visit to the proposed project area on Wednesday, June 15, 2005. All interested parties and individuals are invited to attend. Please note that the site visit may involve extensive walking. Participants in the site visit will need to provide their own transportation (carpooling will be encouraged) and bring their own lunch/water. Anyone planning to attend the site visit needs to contact Susan O'Brien

at (202) 502-8449 or susan.obrien@ferc.gov by June 9, 2005. The time and location of the site visit is as follows:

Public Site Visit

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2005.

Time: 9 a.m.–3 p.m. (PDT).

Place: Meet at Likely Fire Hall (in parking lot), Route 395, Likely, California.

Scoping Meetings: Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings in the project area to ensure all interested parties have an opportunity to attend. All interested resource agencies, non-governmental organizations, Native American tribes, and individuals are invited to attend one or both of the meetings. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Daytime Public Scoping Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2005.

Time: 10 a.m. (PDT).

Place: Likely Fire Hall, Route 395, Likely California.

Evening Pubic Scoping Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2005.

Time: 6:30 p.m. (PDT).

Place: Likely Fire Hall, Route 395, Likely California.

Copies of the Scoping Document (SD) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were mailed to all parties on the Commission's mailing list and will be available at the scoping meetings. Copies may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>

using the "eLibrary" link [see item (n.) above]. The Scoping meetings and site visit are posted on the Commission's calendar located on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

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

Procedures: The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, resource agencies, and Indian tribes with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist Commission staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

q. *Procedural schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Exemption Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Major milestone	Target date
Issue Scoping Document	May 2005.
Site visit and Scoping Meetings	June 14–15, 2005.
Scoping Comments due	July 11, 2005.
Additional Information Request (AIR)	August 2005.
AIR Response due from Applicant	November 2005.
Notice that application is ready for environmental analysis	November 2005.
Comments, Terms and Conditions due	January 2006.
Reply Comments due	March 2006.
Environmental Assessment Issued	April 2006.
Ready for Commission's decision on the application	June 2006.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

**Notice of Application Tendered for
Filing With the Commission, and
Establishing Procedural Schedule for
Relicensing and a Deadline for
Submission of Final Amendments**

May 13, 2005.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed

with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

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

b. *Project No.:* 2219-020.

c. *Date Filed:* April 29, 2005.

d. *Applicant:* Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc. (Garkane).

e. *Name of Project:* Boulder Creek Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On Boulder Creek about 6 miles north of the town of Boulder in Garfield County, Utah. About 31.74 acres are located on the Dixie National Forest.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* John Spendlove, P.E., Jones and DeMille Engineering, 1535 South 100 West, Richfield, UT 84710; (435) 896–8266.

i. *FERC Contact:* Dianne Rodman (202) 502–6077, E-mail: Dianne.rodman@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* We are asking Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies who would like to request cooperating status should follow the instructions for filing comments described in item l below.

k. *Deadline for requests for cooperating agency status:* June 28, 2005.

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.

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 that resource agency.

Requests for cooperating agency status may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

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

m. *The existing project consists of:* (1) The West Fork rock-filled 20-foot-high, 30-foot-long diversion dam with ungated spillway and gates on the West Fork of Boulder Creek; (2) a buried 17,600-foot-long, 27-inch-diameter concrete conduit running from the West Fork dam to the East Fork of Boulder Creek; (3) the East Fork earth-filled 29-foot-high, 630-foot-long forebay dam with an ogee concrete spillway on the East Fork of Boulder Creek; (4) a 22,200-foot-long, 31.5 to 34-inch-diameter steel penstock running from the East Fork dam to the Boulder Plant powerhouse; (5) the seasonally-operated Peterson Plant powerhouse located about 17,000 feet below the East Fork dam with an installed capacity of 100 kilowatts (kW); (6) the Boulder Plant powerhouse

located at the downstream end of the penstock with an installed capacity of 1,400 kW; (7) an afterbay re-regulating pool formed by a 12-foot-high earth-filled dam with gates and ditches; (8) a 35,000-foot-long, 7.2-kilovolt (kV) distribution and communication line from the West Fork dam to the East Fork dam and on to the Peterson Plant powerhouse; (9) a 4,725-foot-long, 12.47/7.2-kV distribution and communication line from the Peterson Plant powerhouse to the Boulder Plant substation; (10) a 100-foot-long, 2,400-volt transmission line connecting the Boulder Plant powerhouse with the Boulder Plant substation; and (11) other appurtenant structures and equipment.

Garkane proposes to reconstruct the West Fork dam to provide storage for fishery enhancement. Garkane would increase the height of the dam by 12.5 feet to a new height of 36.5 feet, resulting in a surface area of about 4.8 acres and a storage capacity of 54.2 acre-feet. Garkane would continue to operate the project in run-of-river mode.

n. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

o. *Procedural schedule and final amendments:* The application will be processed according to the following Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Acceptance or Deficiency Letter—June 2005.

Request Additional Information—June 2005.

Notice Soliciting Final Terms and Conditions—September 2005.

Notice of the Availability of the EA—February 2006.

Ready for Commission's Decision on the Application—April 2006.

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.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Energy Infrastructure and Investment in California, California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice of Technical Conference

May 13, 2005.

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in conjunction with California state agencies, will host a technical conference on Thursday, June 2, 2005, to discuss energy infrastructure and investment in California. The conference will be held in San Francisco, California. The conference is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. (PST) and end at approximately 3 p.m. A separate notice will be issued by the Commission to announce the exact location and final agenda. FERC Commissioners will attend and participate.

The purpose of the conference is for the Commission and state officials to discuss with industry representatives the current and future state of infrastructure development and investment in California. We look forward to an informative discussion of the issues to clarify how we can facilitate and enhance a comprehensive collaborative approach to energy infrastructure development and reliability for California.

The Commission is now soliciting nominations for speakers at the technical conference. Persons wishing to nominate themselves as speakers should do so using this electronic link: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/infra-06-02-speaker-form.asp>. Such nomination must be made before the close of business on May 20, 2005, so that a final agenda for the technical conference can be drafted and published.

Although registration is not a strict requirement, in-person attendees are asked to register for the conference online by close of business on May 31, 2005 at <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/infra-06-02-form.asp>.

Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace