

disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before March 1, 2007, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to Section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Duke Power of Macon and Clay Counties, North Carolina, is authorized to continue operation of the Nantahala Project No. 2692 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 459]

Union Electric Company; (d/b/a, AmerenUE); Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

March 9, 2006.

On February 24, 2004, Union Electric Company, (d/b/a, AmerenUE), licensee for the Osage Hydroelectric Project No. 459, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 459 is located on the Osage River, in Benton, Camden, Miller and Morgan Counties, central Missouri.

The license for Project No. 459 was issued for a period ending February 28, 2006. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license

expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 459 is issued to Union Electric Company of Benton, Camden, Miller and Morgan Counties, central Missouri, for a period effective March 1, 2006 through February 28, 2007, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before March 1, 2007, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Union Electric Company of Benton, Camden, Miller and Morgan Counties, central Missouri, is authorized to continue operation of the Osage Project No. 459 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM01-10-007]

Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers; Notice of Panel Topics; Standards of Conduct Technical Conference and Workshop

March 10, 2006.

As announced on February 28 and March 3, 2006, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will hold a technical conference and workshop on Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers on April 7, 2006, at the Scottsdale Plaza in Scottsdale, Arizona. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. (MST) and conclude at approximately 4 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend. Prospective attendees and participants are urged to watch for a further notice

that will include the selected panelists who will speak at the conference. The draft agenda of topics is shown below.

The purpose of the conference and workshop is to discuss Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers under Order No. 2004.¹ It will be held at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort located at 7200 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Arizona. Hotel rooms can be reserved by calling 1-800-306-0059 or by visiting its Web site at <http://www.scottsdaleplaza.com>.

Agenda for April 7, 2006 Standards of Conduct Conference

9-9:45: Introductory Remarks.

9:45-10:45: Industry Panel on Independent Functioning Requirements.

- Creditworthiness and risk management functions.
- Application of Standards of Conduct to employees of holding company, service company, parent company or other non-transmission provider affiliates providing services to the Transmission Provider.

10:45-11: Break.

11-12: Panel on Integrated Resource Planning

- Discussion of how companies currently engage in Integrated Resource Planning.
- Discussion of concerns or problems that the industry is encountering in implementing the Standards of Conduct while performing Integrated Resource Planning.

12-1:30: Lunch Break.

1:30-2:30: Industry Panel on Information Sharing Prohibitions—Do's and Don'ts.

- Permissible communications with affiliated Transmission Providers.
- Communications in nomination/scheduling/confirmation process.
- Transaction specific communications with affiliated shippers.

• Communications between Transmission Providers and Marketing or Energy Affiliates during litigation proceedings/settlement negotiations or other docketed Commission proceedings.

2:30-2:45: Break.

2:45-3:45: Staff Panel *Responding to Written Questions*.

¹ *Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers*, Order No. 2004, FERC Stats. & Regs., Regulations Preambles ¶ 31,155 (2003), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 2004-A, III FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,161 (2004), 107 FERC ¶ 61,032 (2004), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 2004-B, III FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,166 (2004), 108 FERC ¶ 61,118 (2004), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 2004-C, 109 FERC ¶ 61,325 (2004), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 2004-D, 110 FERC ¶ 61,320 (2005), *National Fuel Gas Supply Corp., et al. v. FERC*, Nos. 04-1188, et al. (DC Cir. Filed June 9, 2004).

Staff responding to *written* questions or inquiries that have been submitted before and during conference.

3:45–4: Concluding Remarks.

As included in earlier notices, there is no registration fee to attend this conference. However, we request that those planning to attend the conference register online on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/comp-05-06-form.asp>

A free audio Web cast of this event is available through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Anyone with Internet access who desires to listen to this event can do so by navigating to <http://www.ferc.gov's> Calendar of Events and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to its Web case. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the Web casts and offers access to the meeting via phone bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit <http://www.CapitolConnection.org> or contact Danelle Perkowski or David Reininger at 703–993–3100.

Transcripts of the meeting will be immediately available for a fee from Ace Reporting Company (202–347–3700 or 1–800–336–6646). They will be available for free on the Commission's eLibrary system and on the events calendar about two weeks after the conference.

Questions about the conference and workshop, including requests to participate, should be directed to: Demetra Anas, Office of Market Oversight and Investigations, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. 202–502–8178. Demetra.Anas@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER–FRL–6673–4]

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 the **Federal Register** dated April 1, 2005 (70 FR 16815).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20050387, ERP No. D–FHW–E40804–TN, Interstate 69 Segment of Independent Utility #8, Construction from TN–385 (Paul Barrett Parkway) in Millington, TN to I–155/US51 in Dyersburg, TN, Funding, Shelby, Tipton, Lauderdale and Dyer Counties, TN.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns about the proposed project related to impacts on water quality, aquatic habitat and floodplains in the affected watersheds. EPA also has concerns that a new bridge crossing of the Hatchie River will threaten its designation as a High Quality Water and State Scenic River due to excessive sedimentation, contaminants, altered flow patterns and habitat fragmentation. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050498, ERP No. D–BLM–J02048–WY, Seminole Road Natural Gas Development Project, Proposed Coalbed Natural Gas Development and Operation, Carbon County, WY.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about water quality impacts (increased salt and total dissolved solids) and impacts on vegetation and wildlife. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050534, ERP No. D–AFS–L65499–WA, The Summit at Snoqualmie Master Development Plan (MPD), Proposal to Ensure Long-Term Economic Viability, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie/Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests, King County, WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns about potential water quality and wetland impacts, and requested that additional discussion on cumulative impacts at the local drainage level be provided. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050545, ERP No. D–FHW–K50014–CA, Doyle Drive Project, South Access to the Golden Gate Bridge, Propose to Improve Seismic, Structural, and Traffic Safety, Presidio of San Francisco, San Francisco County Transportation Authority, Marin and San Francisco Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns about the proposed project regarding impacts to cultural and historic resources, impacts to local traffic, and construction-related emissions. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060001, ERP No. D–FHW–J40172–UT, Syracuse Road 1000 West to 2000 West, Transportation Improvements, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Syracuse City, Davis County, UT.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns about the proposed project related to the relocation of homes and businesses due to right-of-way acquisitions. Rating EC1.

EIS No. 20060008, ERP No. D–FHW–G40187–LA, East-West Corridor Highway Component, from I–130 to Louis Armstrong International Airport, to Central Business District (CBD), Jefferson, Orleans and St. Charles Parishes, LA.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the proposed project. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20050401, ERP No. DS–SFW–K99021–00, Southern Sea Otters (*Enhydra lutris nereis*) Translocation Program, New and Updated Information, San Nicolas Island, Southern California Bight, CA.

Summary: EPA does not object to Alternative 3C, the proposed action. Rating LO.

EIS No. 20060047, ERP No. DS–AFS–K65283–CA, Empire Vegetation Management Project, Additional Information to Clarify Previous Analysis, Vegetation, Fire/Fuels/Air Quality, Wildlife, Watershed, and Botanical Resource/Noxious Weeds, Mount Hough Ranger District, Plumas National Forest, Plumas County, CA.

Summary: While EPA does not object to the proposed action, it requested clarification on monitoring and adaptive management commitments and mitigation of air quality impacts. Rating LO.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20060029, ERP No. F–NOA–L39062–WA, Washington State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan, Propose Issuance of Multiple Species Incidental Take Permit of 4(d) Rules, NPDES Permit, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, WA.

Summary: While EPA does not object to the proposed action, it requested clarification of monitoring plans for streams and trends in the usage pesticides and their effect on water quality.

Dated: March 14, 2006.

Robert W. Hargrove,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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