

counties, UT, Montrose County, CO, and Uinta County, WY.

*Summary:* EPA has environmental concerns about potential water quality impacts and recommends that the final EIS evaluate and compare the environmental impacts by alternative, of removing interim protections from the 86 eligible stream segments. Rating EC1.

#### Final EISs

EIS No. 20070530, ERP No. F-COE-E39071-00, Wolf Creek Dam/Lake Cumberland Project, Emergency Measures in Response to Seepage, Mississippi River, South Central Kentucky and Central Tennessee.

*Summary:* EPA continues to have environmental concerns about water quantity and water quality impacts.

EIS No. 20070556, ERP No. F-NGB-E11062-MS, Camp Shelby Joint Force Training Center, Implementation of Installation Mission Support Activities, Renewal of Special Use Permit, De Soto National Forest, in portions of Forrest, George and Perry Counties, MS.

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

EIS No. 20070557, ERP No. F-IBW-G36112-TX, PROGRAMMATIC—Rio Grande Flood Control Projects, Proposing a Range of Alternatives for Maintenance Activities and Future Improvements, along the Texas-Mexico Border.

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6695-9]

### Environmental Impacts 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 02/04/2008 through 02/08/2008 pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20080044, Draft EIS, BIA, OR, Cascade Locks Resort and Casino Project, Application for the Fee-to-Trust Transfer of 25 Acres of Land within the City of Cascade Locks, Confederated Tribes of the Wam

Springs Reservation of Oregon, Cascade Locks, Hood River County, OR, *Comment Period Ends:* 05/15/2008, *Contact:* Gerald Henrikson 503-231-6927.

EIS No. 20080045, Draft EIS, BIA, CA, North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians Fee-to-Trust and Casino/Hotel Project, Proposed 305-Acres-Fee-to-Trust Land Acquisition in Unincorporated Madera County, CA, *Comment Period Ends:* 03/31/2008, *Contact:* John Rydzik 916-978-6042.

EIS No. 20080046, Final Supplement, WAP, CA, Sacramento Area Voltage Support Project, Selected Preferred Alternative B, Proposal to Build a Double-Circuit 230-kV Transmission Line, Placer, Sacramento and Sutter Counties, CA, *Wait Period Ends:* 03/17/2008, *Contact:* Catherine Cunningham 720-962-7260.

EIS No. 20080047, Draft EIS, USN, 00, Atlantic Fleet Active Sonar Training Program, To Provide Mid- and High-Frequency Active Sonar Technology and the Improved Extended Echo Ranging (IEER) System during Atlantic Fleet Training Exercises, Along the East Coast of United States (US) and in the Gulf of Mexico, *Comment Period Ends:* 03/31/2008, *Contact:* Karen Foskey 703-602-2859.

EIS No. 20080048, Draft EIS, BLM/DEQ, MT, Montana Tunnels Mine Project, Proposed M-Pit Mine Expansion to Existing Mine Pit to Access and Mine Additional Ore Resources, Jefferson County, MT, *Comment Period Ends:* 03/31/2008, *Contact:* David Williams 406-533-7655. Bureau Land Management and the Montana Department of Environmental (DEQ) are Co-Lead Agencies for the above project.

*This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.deq.mt.gov>.*

EIS No. 20080049, Draft EIS, FRC, 00, Midcontinent Express Pipeline Project, (Docket Nos. CP08-6-000), Construction and Operation to Facilitate the Transport of 1,500,000 dekatherms per day of Natural Gas from Production Fields in eastern TX, OK, and AR to Market Hub, located in various counties and parishes in OK, TX, LA, MS and AL, *Comment Period Ends:* 03/31/2008, *Contact:* Andy Black 1-866-208-3372.

EIS No. 20080050, Draft EIS, FRA, NJ, Portal Bridge Capacity Enhancement Project, To Replace the nearly 100-Year-Old Portal Bridge and Eliminate Capacity Constraints on the Northeast Corridor between Swift Interlocking and Psychics Transfer Station, Hackensack River, Hudson County, NJ, *Comment Period Ends:* 03/31/

2008, *Contact:* David Valenstein 202-493-6368.

EIS No. 20080051, Final EIS, AFS, MT, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Draft Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Beaverhead, Butte-Silver Bow, Deerlodge, Granite, Jefferson, Madison Counties, MT, *Wait Period Ends:* 03/17/2008, *Contact:* Leaf Magnuson 406-683-3950.

EIS No. 20080052, Final EIS, FTA, FL, Tier 1 Programmatic—Jacksonville Rapid Transit System (RTS), Improvement to Transportation in Four Primary Transit Corridors Radiating from Downtown Jacksonville, Duval County, FL, *Wait Period Ends:* 03/17/2008, *Contact:* Tajsha LaShore 404-865-5606.

EIS No. 20080053, Draft EIS, FHW, DC, South Capitol Street Project, Replacement of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge, from Firth Sterling Avenue, SE. to Independence Avenue and the Suitland Parkway from Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE. to South Capitol Street, Washington, District of Columbia, *Comment Period Ends:* 03/31/2008, *Contact:* Michael Hicks 202-219-3513.

EIS No. 20080054, Draft EIS, DOE/DEQ, MT, MATL 230-kV Transmission Line Project, To Construct, Operate, Maintain, and Connect a 230-kV Electric Transmission Line, Issuance of Presidential Permit for Right-of-Way Grant, Cascade, Teton, Chouteau, Pondera, Toole and Glacier Counties, MT, *Comment Period Ends:* 03/31/2008, *Contact:* Ellen Russell 202-586-9624. Department of Energy and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are Co-Lead Agencies for the above project.

EIS No. 20080055, Final EIS, AFS, 00, National Forest System Land Management Planning, Implementation, Proposed Land Management Planning Rule at 36 CFR Part 219 to Finish Rulemaking, *Wait Period Ends:* 03/17/2008, *Contact:* Dave Sire 202-205-1006.

EIS No. 20080056, Final EIS, AFS, AK, Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan, Plan Amendment, Implementation, Tongass National Forest, AK, *Wait Period Ends:* 03/17/2008, *Contact:* Lee Kramer 907-789-6246.

#### Amended Notices

EIS No. 20080025, Draft EIS, FTA, TX, Northwest Corridor Light Rail Transit Line (LRT) to Irving/Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, Construction, Dallas County, TX, *Comment Period Ends:* 03/11/2008, *Contact:* A.J. Ossi 202-366-1613.

*Revision of FR Notice Published on 01/25/2008: Correction to Lead Agency from FAA to FTA.*

EIS No. 20080040, Draft EIS, IBR, CA, Folsam Lake State Recreation Area & Folsam Powerhouse State Historic Park, General Plan/Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Placer County, CA, *Comment Period Ends: 03/24/2008, Contact: Laura Cabollero 916-989-7172. Revision to FR Notice Published 02/08/2008: Correction to the County and State.*

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## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

### Notice of Open Special Meeting of the advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank).

**SUMMARY:** The advisory committee was established by Public Law 98-181, November 30, 1983, to advise the Export-Import Bank on its programs and to provide comments for inclusion in the reports of the Export-Import Bank of the United States to Congress

*Time and Place:* Wednesday, March 5, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in the Main Conference Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571.

*Agenda:* Agenda items include an understanding of the ECA environment and the factors to consider when designing credit underwriting processes and programs.

*Public Participation:* The meeting will be open to public participation, and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. If you plan to attend, a photo ID must be presented at the guard's desk as part of the clearance process into the building, and you may contact Susan Houser to be placed on an attendee list. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to February 25, 2008, Susan Houser, Room 1273, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565-3232 or TDD (202) 565-3377.

*Further Information:* For further information, contact Susan Houser,

Room 1273, 811 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3232.

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## FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

### Statement of Policy on Bank Merger Transactions

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC").

**ACTION:** Amendment of statement of policy.

**SUMMARY:** The FDIC is amending its Statement of Policy on Bank Merger Transactions ("Statement of Policy") in order to conform it to the Bank Merger Act, as amended by the Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2006 ("FSRRA"). The FSRRA (i) eliminated the need for the FDIC to obtain a competitive factors report from the other three Federal banking agencies in processing a merger application and (ii) eliminated both the post-approval waiting period and the need to obtain any competitive factors reports, when the merger solely involves an insured depository institution and one or more affiliates. In addition, the FDIC is amending its Statement of Policy in order to remove any discussion of "Oakar Transactions" since the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005 consolidated the former Savings Association Insurance Fund ("SAIF") and the former Bank Insurance Fund ("BIF") into the Deposit Insurance Fund. Finally, the FDIC is amending its Statement of Policy in order to conform the description of the factors to be considered in evaluating a merger more closely to the language of the Bank Merger Act, and for other technical reasons.

**DATES:** February 15, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brett A. McCallister, Review Examiner (816) 234-8099 x4223, in the Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection; Julia E. Paris, Senior Attorney (202) 898-3821 or Robert C. Fick, Counsel, (202) 898-8962, in the Legal Division.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

On October 13, 2006, the President signed into law the FSRRA, Public Law No. 109-351. The stated purpose of the law is to reduce regulatory burden and improve productivity for insured depository institutions. Many of the

provisions of this law amended statutes that the FDIC administers. One of those statutes is the Bank Merger Act.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005 ("FDIRA")<sup>2</sup> consolidated the SAIF and the BIF into the Deposit Insurance Fund. As a result, the FDIC is amending its Statement of Policy<sup>3</sup> to conform it to the Bank Merger Act, as amended by FSRRA, and to the changes made by FDIRA. The FDIC is not seeking comment on the amendments that it is making to the Statement of Policy, and the amendments are effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

### II. FSRRA Amendments to the Bank Merger Act

#### A. Section 606 of FSRRA

Four Federal banking agencies must utilize the Bank Merger Act to approve merger transactions subject to their respective jurisdiction; those agencies are the FDIC, the Federal Reserve Board ("FRB"), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency ("OCC"), and the Office of Thrift Supervision ("OTS"). Prior to FSRRA, the Federal banking agency responsible for processing a particular merger application had to request and obtain a competitive factors report from each of the other three Federal banking agencies. Section 606 of FSRRA amended section 18(c)(4) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act ("FDI Act"), 12 U.S.C. 1828(c)(4), to eliminate that requirement. Section 606 did not, however, eliminate the requirement that the responsible agency obtain a competitive factors report from the Attorney General of the United States; that requirement remains unchanged. In addition, section 606 also added the requirement that in processing a merger application, the FRB, the OCC, or the OTS, as the case may be, must submit a copy of each request for a competitive factors report to the FDIC.

Section 606 also made two changes to the Bank Merger Act that apply to mergers that solely involve an insured depository institution and one or more affiliates ("Affiliate Mergers"). First, for Affiliate Mergers, section 606 amended section 18(c)(4) of the FDI Act, 12 U.S.C. 1828(c)(4), to eliminate the need for the responsible Federal banking agency to request competitive factors reports from either the other Federal banking agencies or the Attorney General of the

<sup>1</sup> Section 18(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. 1828(c).

<sup>2</sup> Pub. L. 109-171, 120 Stat. 9 (Feb. 8, 2006).

<sup>3</sup> The FDIC's Statement of Policy on Bank Merger Transactions was published in the **Federal Register** at 63 FR 44761 on August 20, 1998; subsequent amendments were published at 67 FR 48178 on July 23, 2002 and at 67 FR 79278 on December 27, 2002.