

based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by Northern. Keep in mind that this is a preliminary list. The list of issues may be added to, subtracted from, or changed based on your comments and our analysis. Issues are:

- The Rum River, a state designated wild and scenic river, would be crossed.
- The Sauk River and Mill Creek, protected waters of the State of Minnesota, would also be crossed.
- About 30.8 acres of wetlands and 25.7 acres of forest would be disturbed by construction.
- A 100-foot-wide construction right-of-way is proposed for the "C-line" Extension and Elk River Loop 2.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by sending a letter addressing your specific comments or concerns about the project. You should focus on the potential environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative routes), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please follow the instructions below to ensure that your comments are received and properly recorded:

- Address your letter to: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP96-57-000;
- Send a copy of your letter to: Mr. Bob Kopka, EA Project Manager, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 North Capitol St., N.E., PR-11.1, Washington, D.C. 20426; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before February 12, 1996.

If you wish to receive a copy of the EA, you should request one from Mr. Kopka at the above address.

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding or become an "intervenor". Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide copies of its filings to all other parties. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).

The date for filing of timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by Section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need intervenor status to have your scoping comments considered.

Additional information about the proposed project or more detailed project maps are available from Mr. Bob Kopka, EA Project Manager, at (202) 208-0282.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 460—Washington]

Tacoma Public Utilities; Notice of Intent to Hold Public Meetings in Hoodspport and Olympia, Washington, to Discuss the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Relicensing of the Cushman Hydroelectric Project

January 11, 1996.

On December 15, 1995, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Cushman Hydroelectric Project was distributed to all parties on the Commission's mailing list and a notice of availability was published in the Federal Register. The DEIS evaluates the environmental consequences of the proposed relicensing of the project. The project is located in Mason County, Washington near the town of Hoodspport.

Three public meetings have been scheduled to be held in Hoodspport and Olympia, Washington, for the purpose of allowing Commission Staff to present the major DEIS findings and recommendations. Interested parties will have an opportunity to give oral comment on the DEIS for the Commission's public record. Comments will be recorded by a court reporter. Individuals will be given up to five minutes each to present their views on the DEIS.

Meeting Dates, Times & Locations

Wednesday, January 31, from 7:00 pm-11:00 pm

Location: Hoodspport Firehall, Hoodspport, Washington 2 blocks west of Hwy 101 on Finch Creek Road; attached to and directly behind Hoodspport Fire Station.

Thursday, February 1, from 9:30 am-12:30 pm

Location: Ramada Inn Governor's House, 621 S. Capitol Way Olympia, Washington; take Route 5 to exit #105; follow signs to State Capitol; through East Campus Tunnel; turn right on Capitol Way; go six blocks to hotel.

Thursday, February 1, from 7:00 pm-11:00 pm

Location: Ramada Inn Governor's House, 632 S. Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington.

Comments may also be submitted in writing, addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Reference should be clearly made to the Cushman Project, No. 460. All comments must be received by February 13, 1996.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project Nos. 1984-054, et al.]

Hydroelectric Applications: Wisconsin River Power Authority, et al.; Notice of Applications

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

- Type of Application:* Removal of Land from Project Boundary.
- Project No.:* 1984-054.
- Dates Filed:* September 12, 1995 and November 1, 1995.
- Applicant:* Wisconsin River Power Authority (WRPA).
- Name of Project:* Castle Rock-Pentenwell Project.
- Location:* The parcel is on the north side of highway 21, about 1/4 mile east of the Wisconsin River in Adams County, Wisconsin.
- Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 791(a)-825(r).
- Applicant Contact:* Richard L. Hilliker, P.O. Box 8050, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-8050, (715) 422-3722.
- FERC Contact:* John K. Hannula (202) 219-0116.
- Comment Date:* February 8, 1996.
- Description of Application:* WRPA proposes to sell 5 acres of project land to Mr. Walter Buchanan and remove the land from the project boundary.
- This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.
- Type of Application:* Petition for Declaratory Order.