

nuclear facilities in partnership with TVA. Further environmental review, if any, beyond the existing final EIS for Bellefonte Nuclear Units 1 and 2 for operation as a nuclear facility would coincide with consideration of such a proposed arrangement.

Proposed Issues to be Addressed

The EIS will describe the existing environmental, cultural, and recreational resources that may be potentially affected by construction and operation of the project. TVA's evaluation of potential environmental impacts due to project construction and operation will include, but not necessarily be limited to the impacts on air quality, water quality, aquatic ecology, endangered and threatened species, wetland resources, aesthetics and visual resources, noise, land use, cultural resources, fuel transportation, and socioeconomic resources. TVA's Integrated Resource Plan, *Energy Vision 2020*, identifies and evaluates TVA's need for additional energy resources.

Air quality will likely be one of the most important potential impact areas. Air pollutant emissions from fossil fuel combustion would include nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and carbon dioxide. Because the proposed project is to be located on a previously disturbed site, the issues of terrestrial wildlife, vegetation, and land use are not likely to be important.

Natural gas is one of the candidate conversion fuels. However, there is currently no supply of natural gas in the vicinity of the Bellefonte plant. Therefore, the EIS will assess the construction and operation of a natural gas pipeline by considering several alternative pipeline corridors.

The results from evaluating the potential environmental impacts related to these issues and other important issues identified in the scoping process together with engineering and economic considerations will be used in selecting a preferred alternative for the Bellefonte conversion.

Scoping Process

Scoping, which is integral to the NEPA process, is a procedure that solicits public input to the EIS process to ensure that: (1) Issues are identified early and properly studied; (2) issues of title significance do not consume time and effort; (3) the draft EIS is thorough and balanced; and (4) delays caused by an inadequate draft EIS are avoided. TVA's NEPA procedures require that the scoping process commence as soon as practicable after a decision has been reached to prepare an EIS in order to provide an early and open process for

determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action. The scope of issues to be addressed in a draft EIS will be determined, in part, from written comments submitted by mail, and comments presented orally or in writing at a public meeting. The preliminary identification of reasonable alternatives and environmental issues is not meant to be exhaustive or final. TVA considers the scoping process to be open and dynamic in the sense that alternatives other than those given above may warrant study and new matters may be identified for potential evaluation.

The scoping process will include both interagency and public scoping. The public is invited to submit written comments or e-mail comments on the scope of this EIS no later than the date given under the **DATES** section of this notice and/or attend a public meeting in May that will be announced in area news media. Federal and state agencies to be included in the interagency scoping include U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, and Alabama Historical Commission.

Upon consideration of the scoping comments, TVA will develop a range of alternatives and identify important environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS. Following analysis of the environmental consequences of each alternative, TVA will prepare a draft EIS for public review and comment. Notice of availability of the draft EIS will be announced, written comments on the draft solicited, and information about possible public meetings to comment on the draft EIS will be published at a future date. TVA expects to release a final EIS by October 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Aviation Proceedings; Agreements Filed During the Week Ending April 19, 1996

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing.

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TC2 MV/P 0533 dated March 22, 1996
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Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending April 19, 1996

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 *et. seq.*). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-96-1261

Date filed: April 15, 1996

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motion to Modify Scope: May 13, 1996

Description: Application of Sobelair N.V./S.A., pursuant 49 U.S.C. 41302 and Subpart Q of the Regulations, applies for a foreign air carrier permit, to provide, commencing on or about May 3, 1996, charter foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between any point in Belgium or the United States via intermediate points to any point in the United States or any point in Belgium and beyond, respectively, and other charters subject to 14 CFR Part 212.

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