

i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Jack Duckworth, E-mail address, jack.duckworth@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2818.

j. *Deadline for comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions*: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears 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.

k. *Status of environmental analysis*: This application has been accepted for filing and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. *Description of the Project*: The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 30-foot-high, 478-foot-long concrete gravity dam consisting of two ogee spillway sections, a 123-foot-long western spillway section, and a 260-foot-long eastern spillway section; (2) a 1-mile-long, 16 acre impoundment with a normal water surface elevation of 314.5 feet above mean sea level (msl); (3) a powerhouse integral with the dam containing three Francis turbine units for a total installed capacity of 2,250 kilowatts (kW); (4) transmission facilities; and (5) appurtenant facilities.

m. *Locations of the Application*: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at [www.ferc.fed.us](http://www.ferc.fed.us). Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address shown in item h.

n. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraph: D10.

D10. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—The application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

The Commission directs, pursuant to Section 4.34(b) of the Regulations (see

Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 FR 23108, May 20, 1991) that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "Recommendations," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

**David P. Boergers,**

Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Resource Pool Size

**AGENCY**: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION**: Notice of public process on resource pool size and notice of informal public information meetings.

**SUMMARY**: The Western Area Power Administration (Western) is seeking public comment on the size of project-specific resource pools needed to meet the fair share needs of Native American tribes in the marketing areas served by the Central Valley Project, Washoe Project, and the Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects.

**DATES**: The consultation and comment period will end March 1, 1999. To be assured of consideration, written comments must be received by the end of the consultation and comment period.

Three informal public information meetings have been scheduled. The first will be held on February 3, 1999, starting at 9 a.m. at Western's Desert Southwest Regional Office, 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. The second will be held on February 5, 1999, starting at 9 a.m. at the Department of Energy's Training Center, 1401 Maxwell, Kirtland Air Force Base NE., Albuquerque, New Mexico. The third will be held on February 9, 1999, starting at 1:30 p.m. at Western's Sierra Nevada Regional Office, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, California. The purpose of the informal meetings is to educate Native Americans on Western's power allocation policies, including the resource pool that will be the source of allocations of power to eligible Native American tribes. Although the target audience for these workshops is Native American tribes, these meetings are open to the public.

**ADDRESSES**: Written comments may be hand-delivered, mailed, emailed, or faxed to Robert C. Fullerton, Project Manager, Corporate Services Office, Western Area Power Administration, 1627 Cole Boulevard, P.O. Box 3402, Golden, CO 80401-0098, telephone (303) 275-2700, fax (303) 275-1290, email: [fullerto@wapa.gov](mailto:fullerto@wapa.gov). All documentation developed or retained by Western during the course of this public process will be available for inspection and copying at this address.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Western's inquiry on the impact of electric utility restructuring started pursuant to the publication of notice in the **Federal Register** on December 1, 1998 (63 FR 66166). We sought input on six questions to help in the consideration of the impact of electric utility industry restructuring on the way that Western allocates power. While the comment period for this inquiry closed on January 15, 1999, a separate issue has been identified that must be addressed before completion of pending marketing plans. That issue is the size of the project-specific resource pools that are needed to meet the fair share needs of Native American tribes. The resource pools are derived from power that is not extended to existing long-term firm power customers.

Considerable attention was devoted to the resource pool issue during the course of development of the Energy Planning and Management Program (Program) (60 FR 54151). The Program, which was adopted on October 20, 1995, established a framework for the project-specific allocation of hydropower. Pursuant to the Program, Western signed resource extension contracts with existing customers of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program-Eastern Division and the Loveland Area Projects. Resource pools of up to 6 percent of the marketable resource were set aside to meet a fair share of the needs of new customers, including Native American tribes, and other purposes as determined by Western. Four percent of the marketable resource was initially made available, and additional resource pool increments of up to 1 percent will be made available 5 and 10 years into the 20-year contract term.

While the resource pools size for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program-

Eastern Division and the Loveland Area Projects has already been determined, the Program anticipated that the resource pool size for the Central Valley Project, Washoe Project, and Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects would be determined on a project-specific basis. In February of 1997, Western proposed application of the Program to the Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects, and further proposed "an initial resource pool of up to 4 percent of available Federal resource . . . for new customers to encourage customer development of new technologies for conservation or renewable resources and for contingencies." In that **Federal Register** notice, published on February 26, 1997 (62 FR 8709), Western also proposed potential reductions to resource commitments 5 and 10 years into the contract term, for the same purposes as the initial resource pool.

On that same day, Western announced its Proposed 2004 Power Marketing Plan, which provided for marketing of power from Central Valley Project and Washoe Project powerplants after the year 2004. In a **Federal Register** notice published at 62 FR 8710, Western proposed a 4 percent initial resource pool for new allocations and an additional incremental resource pool of up to 2 percent in the year 2014.

While there was considerable public comment on resource pool size as a result of the publication of these two **Federal Register** notices in February of 1997, there is a need to receive further public comment on the fair share needs of eligible Native American tribes before the size of project-specific resource pools can be decided and pending marketing plans can be completed.

Under the Program, entities that desire to purchase power from Western for resale to consumers, including municipalities, cooperatives, public utility districts, and public power districts, must have utility status. Native American tribes are not subject to this requirement. Western has stated that we would consider arrangements for the delivery of the benefits of cost-based Federal power to Native American tribes without utility status.

Dated: January 22, 1999.

**Michael S. Hacksaylo,**  
Administrator.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared January 11, 1999 Through January 15, 1999 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 FR dated April 10, 1998 (62 FR 17856).

#### Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65287-UT Rating LO, South Spruce Ecosystem Rehabilitation Project, Implementation, Dixie National Forest, Cedar City Ranger District, Iron and Kane Counties, UT.

**Summary:** EPA review has not identified any potential environmental impacts which require substantive changes to the proposal.

ERP No. D-AFS-J65289-UT Rating EC2, Pine Tract Project, Implementation, Coal Lease Tract (UTU-76195); Modification to Federal Coal Lease (U-63214 Quitchupah Lease) and Permit Amendment Application to Subside Box Canyon, Manti-La Sal National Forest, Ferron/Price Ranger District, Emery and Sevier Counties, UT.

**Summary:** EPA expressed environmental concerns with the narrow scope, air quality analysis, coal/methane conflicts and impacts from transportation of coal. EPA requested further information on cumulative impacts.

ERP No. D-AFS-K61145-CA Rating EC2, Ansel Adams, John Muir, Dinkey Lakes and Monarch Wildernesses, Proposed New Management Direction, Amending the Land and Resource Management Plans for the Inyo, Sierra and Sequoia National Forests, Implementation, Inyo, Madera, Mono and Fresno Counties, CA.

**Summary:** EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding proposed management direction for four Wilderness Areas, and particularly noted the lack of analysis of direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts associated with cattle and sheep grazing. Some comments were held pending the release of a revised NEPA document to address issues related to recreational stock and commercial