

Background

Western's firm point-to-point transmission service rate for the AC Intertie 230/345-kV transmission system was revised through Rate Order No. WAPA-76 and submitted to FERC for confirmation and approval on February 8, 1999. On June 22, 1999, in Docket No. EF99-5191-000, 87 FERC ¶ 61,346, FERC issued an order confirming, approving, and placing into effect on a final basis the firm point-to-point transmission service rate of \$12.00/kilowattyear for the AC Intertie 230/345-kV transmission system. The rate was approved for 5 years from January 1, 1999, to December 31, 2003.

On August 15, 2000, the Deputy Secretary approved Rate Order WAPA-91. This extended the existing firm point-to-point transmission service rate of \$17.23/kilowattyear for the AC Intertie 500-kV transmission system, and the existing nonfirm point-to-point transmission service rate of 2.00 mills/kWh for the AC Intertie 230/345/500-kV transmission system through December 31, 2003.

Discussion

During development of the firm point-to-point transmission service rate for the AC Intertie 230/345-kV transmission system (Rate Order No. WAPA-76), Western determined that it would take about 10 years for the AC Intertie 500-kV transmission system to be subscribed to a level sufficient to meet its own revenue repayment requirements. The ratesetting Power Repayment Study (PRS) established for the AC Intertie 230/345/500-kV transmission system (Rate Order No. WAPA-76) reflected the phasing-in of the AC Intertie 500-kV transmission system revenues starting in fiscal year (FY) 1999 through FY 2008. The projected firm transmission sales in the 500-kV transmission system PRS assume that in 10 years the 500-kV Project will be economically viable and capable of demonstrating repayment. The PRS was programmed for first year sales of 62.5 MW and annual increases of 100 MW through the tenth year. Based on that projection, the total sales target projected at the end of fiscal year 2003 is 562.5 MW. The 500-kV system contractual commitments are currently 664 MW. The 230/345-kV system contractual commitments are 1,059 MW. The total combined firm transmission sales beginning in FY 2004 is projected to be 1,723 MW. This ratesetting PRS methodology remains valid. Projected revenue levels from sales of firm and nonfirm point-to-point transmission service and miscellaneous items will recover project expenses and capital requirements through FY 2049 for the AC Intertie 230/345/500-kV transmission system.

Western has decided to extend the existing firm point-to-point transmission service rate of \$17.23/kilowattyear for the AC Intertie 500-kV transmission system, the firm point-to-point transmission service rate of \$12.00/kilowattyear for the AC Intertie 230/345-kV transmission system, and the nonfirm point-to-point transmission service rate of 2.00 mills/kilowattyear for the AC Intertie 230/345/500-kV transmission system through December 31, 2006. This extension will also allow Western time to evaluate impacts of

combining revenue requirements of the Desert Southwest Region's transmission systems and to determine a methodology to put in place a multi-system transmission rate. Western proposes to extend the current rates pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23. Upon its approval, Rate Order No. WAPA-76 and Rate Order No. WAPA-91 will be extended under Rate Order No. WAPA-108. Under 10 CFR 903.23(a)(2), Western did not have a consultation and comment period.

Order

In view of the above and under the authority delegated to me by the Secretary, I hereby extend from December 31, 2003, to December 31, 2006, the existing firm point-to-point transmission service rate of \$17.23/kilowattyear for the AC Intertie 500-kV transmission system, the firm point-to-point transmission service rate of \$12.00/kilowattyear for the AC Intertie 230/345-kV transmission system, and the nonfirm point-to-point transmission service rate of 2.00 mills/kilowattyear for the AC Intertie 230/345/500-kV transmission system on an interim basis. The existing AC Intertie transmission system rates for transmission service shall remain in effect pending FERC confirmation and approval of their extension or substitute rates on a final basis through December 31, 2006.

Dated: October 27, 2003.

Kyle E. McSlarrow,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6645-3]

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 FR dated April 4, 2003 (68 FR 16511).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65390-CO Rating EC1, Arapaho National Recreation Area Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project, Pre-Suppression Measures for Mountain Pine Beetle Infestation Reduction in Stands of Lodgepole Pine, Implementation, Arapaho National Forest, Sulphur Ranger District, Grand County, CO.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concern due to project

impacts related to disturbances within roadless areas, contiguous terrestrial habitat and watersheds.

ERP No. D-FHW-G40177-LA Rating LO, Kansas Lane Connector Project, Construction between U.S. 80 (Desiard Street) and U.S. 165 and the Forsythe Avenue Extension, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits Issuance, City of Monroe, Quachita Parish, LA.

Summary: EPA has no objections to the selection of the preferred alternative.

ERP No. D-FRA-E40799-FL Rating EC1, Florida High Speed Rail from Tampa to Orlando, Transportation Improvement, NPDES Permit and US Army COE Section 404 Permit, Hillsborough, Orange, Osceola and Polk Counties, FL.

Summary: EPA has environmental concerns with the proposed project regarding noise, vibration, hazardous waste sites and potential environmental impacts to air quality, wetlands, floodplains and other aquatic resources.

ERP No. D-NOA-A91069-00 Rating EC2, Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks Fishery Management Plan, To Prevent Overfishing and Rebuild Overfished Species, Update Essential Fish Habitat, Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea.

Summary: EPA expressed concern that the document had not adequately explained alternatives and impact analyses. EPA recommended that the final document summarize data and that it clearly connect to impacts analysis of the proposed action. EPA also requested information on bycatch and the effects of other fisheries on sharks.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-K26002-CA, South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD) B-Line Phase III Wastewater Export Pipeline Replacement Project, Luther Pass Pump Station to U.S. Forest Service Luther Pass Overflow Campground Access Road, Special Use Permit, U.S. Army COE Section 404 and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Permits Issuance and EPA Grant, El Dorado and Alpine Counties, CA.

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

ERP No. F-DOD-A11077-00, Ground-Based Midcourse Defense (GMD) Extended Test Range (ETR) Project, Construction and Operation, CA, AK, AS, HI and WA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concern regarding how soil will be sampled for perchlorate and recommended that the ROD specify a perchlorate sampling plan.

ERP No. F-FHW-J40157-MT, US 89 from Fairfield to Dupuyer Corridors Study, Reconstruction, Widening,

Realignment and Route Connection between Yellowstone National Park to the South with Glacier National Park to the North, Teton and Pondera Counties, MT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns due to impacts to wetlands and floodplain encroachment. EPA requested a wetland mitigation plan be developed and that the project be designed to adequately pass flood flows, bedload, and provide opportunities for wildlife passage. EPA also suggested that the Montana Department of Environmental Quality be coordinated with to assure compatibility of proposed highway construction activities with TMDL development for impaired waters.

ERP No. F-NPS-F65031-MN, Grand Portage National Monument General Management Plan, Implementation, Cook County, MN.

Summary: EPA's previous concerns have been resolved; therefore, EPA has no objections to the proposed action. EPA did request that future environmental assessments on trails be made available for review.

Dated: November 4, 2003.

Joseph C. Montgomery,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6645-2]

Environmental Impact 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 October 27, 2003 Through October 31, 2003

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 030497, Draft EIS, NOA, GA, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Draft Management Plan (DMP), Address Current Resource Conditions and Compatible Multiple Uses, Located 17.5 Nautical mile off Sapelo Island, GA, Comment Period Ends: December 31, 2003, Contact: Reed Bohne (912) 598-2345. The above NOA EIS should have appeared in the 10/31/2003 **Federal Register**. The 60-day Comment Period is Calculated from 10/31/2003.

EIS No. 030498, Final EIS, NPS, AZ, Navajo National Monument, General

Management Plan and Development Concept Plan, Implementation, Navajo Counties, AZ, Wait Period Ends: December 8, 2003, Contact: Rosemary Knoki (928) 672-2700.

EIS No. 030499, Final EIS, AFS, CA, Spalding Land Exchange Project, Proposed Land Exchange between Spalding Community Service District (SCSD) and Lassen National Forest (LNF), Special Use Permit, Lassen County, CA, Wait Period End: December 8, 2003, Contact: Lois Charlton (530) 257-2151.

EIS No. 030500, Draft EIS, FRA, MD, Baltimore-Washington Maglev Project, To Provide High-speed, State-of-the-Art Transportation from Union-Station in Washington, DC to Camden Yards in Baltimore, MD and Station at BWI Airport, Maglev Deployment Program (MDP), Baltimore, Prince George's, Anne Arundel, MD and DC, Comment Period Ends: January 30, 2004, Contact: David Valenstein (202) 493-6368.

This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.bwmaglev.com>.

EIS No. 030501, Draft EIS, IBR, CA, Lake Berryessa Visitor Services Plan, Future Use and Operation, Solano Project Lake Berryessa, Napa County, CA, Comment Period Ends: February 4, 2004, Contact: Stephen Rodgers (707) 966-2111.

EIS No. 030502, Draft EIS, FRC, AK, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, Falls Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC. NO. 11659) and Land Exchange Project, Issuance of License and Land Exchange, Kahtahaena River (Falls Creek) near Gustavus in Southeastern, AK, Comment Period Ends: January 6, 2004, Contact: Robert Easton (202) 502-6045. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.ferc.gov>.

EIS No. 030503, Draft EIS, AFS, WY, Woodrock Project, Proposal for Timber Sale, Travel Management and Watershed Restoration, Implementation, Bighorn National Forest, Tongue Ranger District, Sheridan County, WY, Comment Period Ends: January 9, 2004, Contact: Scott Hill (307) 674-2600.

This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/bighorn/>.

EIS No. 030504, Final EIS, AFS, WI, Hoffman-Sailor West Project, Timber Harvest, Regeneration Activities, Connected Road Construction and Decommissioning, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Medford/Park Falls Ranger District, Price County, WI, Wait Period Ends: December 8,

2003, Contact: Jane Darnell (715) 748-4875.

EIS No. 030505, Draft EIS, NRS, ID, Little Wood River Irrigation District, Gravity Pressurized Delivery System, Construction, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, in the Township of 1 North, 1 South and 2 South of Range 21 East of the Boise Meridian, City of Carey, Blaine County, ID, Comment Period Ends: December 22, 2003, Contact: Richard Sims (208) 378-5700.

EIS No. 030506, Draft Supplement, FTA, VA, Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project, Additional Information Provide to Assist Decision-Makers, Business Community and Area Residents for Evaluation, High Quality and High-Capacity Transit Service in the Dulles Corridor, West Falls Church Metrorail Station in Fairfax County to the vicinity of Route 772 in Loudoun County, VA, Comment Period Ends: December 29, 2003, Contact: Karl Rohrer 1 (888) 566-7245.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 030417, Draft EIS, AFS, NM, Surface Management of Gas Leasing and Development in the Carson National Forest, Implementation, Jicarilla Ranger District, Rio Arriba County, NM, Comment Period Ends: January 2, 2004, Contact: Tom Dwyer (505) 758-6272.

Revision of FR Notice Published on 9/19/03; CEQ Comment Period Ending 11/03/2003 has been Extended to 1/2/2004.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Atrazine; Notice of Availability of Revised Atrazine Interim Reregistration Eligibility Decision (IRED)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the revised Interim Reregistration Eligibility Decision (IRED) document for the pesticide active ingredient atrazine. EPA has completed its revised IRED for atrazine consistent with the August 8, 2002, consent decree