

(d) For the facilities identified pursuant to b), indicate whether identified remediation has been completed as of June 14, 2004.

(e) Describe any factors that the respondent believes prevents or unduly delays the performance of adequate vegetation management.

13. The Commission expects that the responses to parts (b) and (c) above should come in two parts. Each transmission provider should submit a general response that contains clear information responding to each question. The transmission providers must also provide a detailed response that addresses the specifics of each part. This detailed response may be filed under the protection of Critical Energy Infrastructure Information.²⁰

14. Transmission Providers should submit the report by June 17, 2004 to the Commission, the appropriate State commissions, NERC and the relevant reliability authorities.²¹ In circumstances where multiple entities own, control or operate the same transmission facilities, only a single report need be submitted (but the report should identify which entities and lines are being handled through consolidated reporting).

15. Consistent with the Commission's regulations that apply to any filings made with the Commission, contained in 18 CFR 385.2005,²² the report should be verified by a corporate officer.

Document Availability

16. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the Internet through FERC's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) and in FERC's Public Reference Room during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time) at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington DC 20426.

17. From FERC's Home Page on the Internet, this information is available using the eLibrary link. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

²⁰ 18 CFR 388.113(c)(1) (2000).

²¹ Utilities in the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) should also submit the results to WECC.

²² 18 CFR 385.2005 requires the signer of a filing to verify that: the signer has read the filing signed and knows its contents; the contents are true as stated, to the best knowledge and belief of the signer; and the signer possess full power and authority to sign the filing.

18. User assistance is available for eLibrary and the FERC's Web site during normal business hours at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or by calling (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

The Commission orders:

(A) All entities that own, control or operate designated transmission facilities, as defined herein, in the lower 48 States, whether or not they are otherwise subject to the Commission's jurisdiction as public utilities, are directed to submit to the Commission, the appropriate State commissions, the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) and the relevant reliability coordinators and reliability authorities, by June 17, 2004, a report on vegetation management practices related to such transmission lines, as discussed in the body of this order.

(B) The Secretary shall promptly publish a copy of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2082-027]

PacifiCorp; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Scoping Meetings and Site Visit and Soliciting Scoping Comments

April 16, 2004.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* New major license.

b. *Project No.:* 2082-027.

c. *Date filed:* February 25, 2004.

d. *Applicant:* PacifiCorp.

e. *Name of Project:* Klamath Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Klamath River in Klamath County, Oregon and on the Klamath River and Fall Creek in Siskiyou County, California. The project currently includes 219 acres of Federal lands administered by the Bureau of Reclamation and the Bureau of Land Management.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Todd Olson, Project Manager, PacifiCorp, 825 NE.

Multnomah, Suite 1500, Portland, Oregon 97232, (503) 813-6657.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Mudre, (202) 502-8902 or john.mudre@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for Filing Scoping Comments:* June 21, 2004.

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

The Commission's rules of practice and procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener 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.

Scoping comments may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The proposed Project consists of four existing generating developments (J.C. Boyle, Copco No. 1, Copco No. 2, and Iron Gate) along the mainstem of the Upper Klamath River, between RM 228 and RM 254, and one generating development (Fall Creek) on Fall Creek, a tributary to the Klamath River at about RM 196. The existing Spring Creek diversion is proposed for inclusion with the Fall Creek Development. The currently licensed East Side, West Side, and Keno Developments are not included in the proposed project.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. *Scoping Process*: The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EIS will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Scoping Meetings

FERC staff will hold four scoping meetings in the project area. We invite all interested agencies, non-governmental organizations, Native American tribes, and individuals to attend one or more of the meetings and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues to be analyzed in the EIS. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Evening Scoping Meetings

When: Tuesday, May 18, 2004, 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

Where: The Klamath County Fair Grounds, 3531 South Sixth Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

When: Thursday, May 20, 2004, 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

Where: The Boston Shaft Restaurant, 1801 Fort Jones Road, Yreka, California.

Morning Scoping Meetings

When: Thursday, May 20, 2004, 9 a.m. to noon.

Where: The Hilton Garden Inn, 3609 Bechelli Lane, Redding, California.

When: Friday, May 21, 2004, 9 a.m. to noon.

Where: The Ashland Springs Hotel, 212 East Main Street, Ashland, Oregon.

Copies of the Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EIS are being distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list under separate cover. Copies of the SD1 will be available at the scoping meeting or may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link (see item m above).

Site Visit

We also will visit the project facilities on May 18 (Oregon facilities) and 19 (California facilities), meeting at the north end of the Link River Trail, off Lake Shore Drive, Klamath Falls, Oregon on Tuesday, May 18 at 9 a.m., and at the Iron Gate Fish Hatchery parking lot, off Copco Road, on Wednesday, May 19 at 9 a.m. Participants on the site visits will need to provide their own transportation and bring their own lunch.

Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EIS; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures

The meetings are recorded by a stenographer and become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meeting and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EIS.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-12-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

April 16, 2004.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding commencing at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2004, and continuing at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 27 thru Friday, April 30, 2004, at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced dockets.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact Hollis Alpert at 202-502-8783, hollis.alpert@ferc.gov.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. PL04-5-000]

Policy Statement on Matters Related to Bulk Power System Reliability

Issued April 19, 2004.

Before Commissioners: Pat Wood, III, Chairman; Nora Mead Brownell, Joseph T. Kelliher, and Sudeen G. Kelly.

1. This Policy Statement responds to recommendations in the U.S.-Canada Power System Outage Task Force's (Task Force) Interim and Final Blackout Reports on initiatives the Commission should undertake. This Policy Statement also responds to comments submitted after the Commission's December 1, 2003 public conference, in Docket No. RM04-2-000, on actions the Commission should take to promote reliable transmission service in interstate commerce (December 1 Reliability Conference). As such, the Policy Statement addresses a number of issues that relate to the Commission's role and policies regarding reliability of the nation's interstate bulk power systems. In particular, the Policy Statement clarifies Commission policy with regard to: the need to expeditiously modify existing bulk power system reliability standards,¹ to translate them into clear and enforceable requirements; public utility compliance with industry reliability standards and possible Commission action to address specific bulk power system reliability issues; cost recovery of prudent bulk power system reliability expenditures; the need for communication and cooperation between the Commission and the States; the need for communication and cooperation among

¹ Current industry reliability standards are found in the North American Electricity Reliability Council's (NERC) Planning Standards and the NERC Operating Manual, with operating standards set forth in operating policies contained in the Operating Manual and Appendices. The operating policies include "standards" and "requirements," along with "guidelines" and "criteria." For purposes of this Policy Statement, the term "reliability standards" refers to the entirety of reliability-related policies now in the NERC Operating Manual and Planning Standards and those evolving through the formal standards development process.