

copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

r. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Southwestern Power Administration

#### Notice of Floodplain/Wetland Involvement for the OG&E Clarksville to Little Spadra Transmission Line Project

**AGENCY:** Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Floodplain/Wetland Involvement.

**SUMMARY:** Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), a power marketing agency of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), is the lead federal agency for a proposal to connect the Oklahoma Gas and Electric (OG&E) Little Spadra Substation, northeast of Clarksville, Arkansas in Johnson County to Southwestern's system at the Clarksville Substation on the west side of Clarksville, Arkansas. The proposal includes the construction of 5.2 miles of 161 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line (single pole or H-frame structures). Some of the proposed construction activity will likely occur within a 100-year floodplain.

In accordance with the DOE's Floodplain/Wetland Review Requirements, Southwestern will prepare a floodplain/wetland impact assessment. The proposed action will be performed in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within any affected floodplain/wetland.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed floodplain/wetland action are due to the address below no later than March 21, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Ms. Darlene Low, Environmental, Safety, Health and Aviation Program Manager, Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third Street, Tulsa, OK, 74103-3519, fax (918) 595-6656, email [Low@swpa.gov](mailto:Low@swpa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Orr, Environmental Specialist, RMC-Consultants, Inc., 2858 S. Golden, Springfield, MO, 65808, phone (417) 891-2668, email [orr@swpa.gov](mailto:orr@swpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed project will involve construction activities within floodplain and wetland areas. Southwestern Power Administration or their representative will be performing the construction. Some construction activities would take place during the winter months when the ground is frozen to facilitate access in extremely wet areas. The floodplain/wetland assessment will examine the proposed construction activities. The transmission line will extend from the Clarksville Substation to OG&E's Little Spadra Substation in Johnson County, Arkansas. The proposed transmission line routing would cross four streams.

These streams include Little Spadra Creek (perennial), Little Willett Branch (intermittent), unnamed tributary of Little Willett Branch, and an unnamed tributary of Little Spadra Creek. Maps and further information are available from the Southwestern contacts identified above.

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**Michael A. Deihl,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Southwestern Power Administration

#### White River Lock and Dam No. 1, 2 and 3 Hydroelectric Projects, Independence County, AR

**AGENCY:** Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of floodplain/wetland involvement.

**SUMMARY:** Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), a power marketing agency of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), is a cooperating federal agency with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a proposal to amend three existing hydroelectric project licenses, in Independence County, Arkansas. This amendment includes changing the route for proposed transmission line

construction, and constructing an electrical substation adjacent to and partially within an existing Southwestern transmission line right-of-way. Wetland areas would be avoided to the extent practicable. Those wetlands that would be crossed will be spanned to reduce disturbances. Much of the proposed construction activity will likely occur within a 100-year floodplain of the White River. In accordance with the DOE's Floodplain/Wetland Review Requirements (10 CFR part 1022), Southwestern will prepare a floodplain/wetland impacts assessment. The proposed action will be performed in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within any affected floodplain/wetland.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed floodplain/wetland action are due to the address below no later than March 21, 2002.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Orr, Environmental Specialist, RMC-Consultants, Inc., 2858 S. Golden, Springfield, MO, 65808, phone (417) 891-2668, e-mail [orr@swpa.gov](mailto:orr@swpa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed project will involve construction activities within floodplain and wetland areas. Independence County or their representative will perform the construction. The proposed transmission line consists of approximately 20-miles of 25 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line (single pole wood or metal structures). Construction of the proposed transmission line route will minimize forest clearing and habitat destruction through use of existing transportation corridors (e.g., railroad corridor), agricultural corridors and pasture land. Some construction activities would take place during the winter months when the ground is frozen to facilitate access in the extremely wet areas. The floodplain/wetland assessment will examine the proposed construction activities. The White River Project is located along the White River in Independence County, Arkansas. The project is located in and around the City of Batesville. The transmission would extend along the north side of the White River eastward nine miles from Lock and Dam No. 3 (Project No. 4659) to the proposed substation.

The electric substation would be located approximately two miles east of