

20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or TTY, (202) 502-8659. Protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2543-000]

Clark Fork and Blackfoot, LLC; Notice of Scoping Meetings and Soliciting Scoping Comments

May 20, 2004.

Take notice that the following scoping meetings will be held by staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), where the Commission will solicit comments in anticipation of an application to surrender the license for the Milltown Dam Project:

a. *Type of Application:* It is anticipated that after the Environmental Protection Agency has completed its Record of Decision on its proposed cleanup plan for the Milltown Reservoir, Clark Fork and Blackfoot, LLC (licensee for the Milltown Dam Project) would file an application for surrender of the project license, pursuant to Commission rules and regulations.

b. *Project No.:* 2543.

c. *Licensee:* Clark Fork and Blackfoot, LLC.

d. *Name of Project:* Milltown Dam Project.

e. *Location:* Confluence of the Clark Fork River and the Blackfoot River in Missoula County, Montana.

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

g. *Applicant Contact:* William W. Thompson, PE, Senior Engineer, NorthWestern Energy, 40 East Broadway, Butte, MT 59701.

h. *FERC Contact:* Robert Grieve at (202) 502-8752, or robert.grieve@ferc.gov.

i. *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.

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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

j. On May 17, 2004, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) released a Revised Proposed Plan for the Milltown Reservoir Sediments Operable Unit of the Milltown Reservoir Superfund Site. The EPA has scheduled meetings for June 9 and 10, 2004, to accept comments on the plan. Those comments will play a role in the EPA's Record of Decision (ROD) for the Milltown Reservoir, expected this fall. Subsequent to EPA's ROD, the Commission anticipates Clark Fork and Blackfoot, LLC will file an application for surrender of its license for the Milltown Dam Project, pursuant to 18 CFR 6.1. To expedite the process, Commission staff will be present at EPA's scheduled public meetings to solicit comments from the public on the anticipated surrender application.

k. *Scoping Process:* The Commission intends to prepare either an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the anticipated surrender application in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA or EIS will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Scoping Meetings

The EPA noticed its meetings on May 17, 2004. 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 Commission staff in identifying the scope of environmental issues to be analyzed in the EA or EIS. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

Wednesday, June 9, 2004, Bonner School Gym, 9045 Highway 200, Bonner, Montana. Open house: 6-7 p.m. Public meeting: 7-10 p.m.

Thursday June 10, 2004, Opportunity Community Center, Hauser and Stewart (kitty-corner from Solan's grocery), Opportunity, Montana. Open house: 6-7 p.m. Public meeting: 7-10 p.m.

At the scoping meetings, the Commission staff will: (1) Summarize the procedures by which the Commission will process the anticipated surrender application; (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 EA or EIS, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of; (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

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 an EA or EIS.

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application To Amend Project Boundary and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

May 20, 2004.

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the

Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type*: Amendment to remove project lands from the project boundary.
 - b. *Project No.*: 1490-035.
 - c. *Date Filed*: March 24, 2004.
 - d. *Applicant*: Brazos River Authority.
 - e. *Name of Project*: Morris Sheppard Hydroelectric Project.
 - f. *Location*: The project is located on the Possum Kingdom Reservoir on the Brazos River in Palo Pinto County, Texas. This project does not occupy any Federal or tribal lands.
 - g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a), 825(r), 799 and 801.
 - h. *Applicant Contact*: Mr. Phillip J. Ford, General Manager/CEO, Brazos River Authority, 4600 Cobbs Drive, P.O. Box 7555, Waco, TX 76714-7555, (254) 761-3100.
 - i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Patricia W. Gillis at (202) 502-8735, or e-mail address: patricia.gillis@ferc.gov.
 - j. *Deadline for Filing Comments and or Motions*: June 21, 2004.
- All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-1490-035) on any comments or motions filed. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages e-filings.
- k. *Description of Request*: Brazos River Authority (Authority) is seeking Commission authorization to sell and remove from the project boundary, approximately 33 acres of project lands (located in the middle portion of Possum Kingdom Reservoir approximately 18 river miles upstream from the Morris Sheppard Dam). These lands are part of one of the 28 recreational areas approved as part of the Authority's Recreation Plan in 1991 (59 FERC ¶ 62,162). The Authority would retain a 75-foot buffer strip at the site within the project boundary for public access. The removed lands would be sold to a private developer for condominium construction.
- l. *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) 502-8371. This filing may also 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. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of rules of practice and procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. 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. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *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.

Linda Mitry,
Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Open Meeting, Environmental Financial Advisory Board, Workshop on Financial Assurance Mechanisms

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) will hold an open meeting of its Preventing Future Non-Funded Abandoned Sites Project Workshop.

EFAB is chartered with providing analysis and advice to the EPA Administrator and program offices on issues relating to environmental finance. The purpose of this meeting is for the EFAB to collect information and ideas with respect to a number of important financial assurance topics. The first day of the workshop will examine the financial test for self-insurance and corporate guarantees, corporate sibling guarantees, and disclosure issues. The second day will focus on a number of insurance issues, including the strengths and pitfalls of insurance, insurer ratings and capitalization requirements, and captive insurance. Each day will be structured to address the issues via a series of panel discussions involving experts from federal and state governments; finance, banking, and accounting firms; insurance companies and brokers; business and industry; the legal community; and environmental organizations.

The meeting is open to the public, but seating may be limited. Because of building security requirements, all members of the public who wish to attend this meeting must register in advance, no later than Thursday, June 10, 2004.

DATES: June 14, 2004 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., and June 15, 2004 from 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: ConEdison, 4 Irving Place, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the meeting or get further