

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Reclamation**

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**Notice of Availability of a
Supplemental Draft Environmental
Impact Statement and Notice of Public
Meetings for the Kachess Drought
Relief Pumping Plant and Keechelus
Reservoir-to-Kachess Reservoir
Conveyance, Kittitas and Yakima
Counties, Washington**

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and public
meetings.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation and Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) have made available for public review and comment the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant and Keechelus Reservoir-to-Kachess Reservoir Conveyance Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS). This SDEIS was previously identified in the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement as “Keechelus Reservoir-to-Kachess Reservoir Conveyance and Kachess Inactive Storage.” The name was changed to better reflect the proposed action and alternatives evaluated in the SDEIS. The SDEIS addresses the impacts associated with the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant (KDRPP) and Keechelus Reservoir-to-Kachess Reservoir Conveyance (KKC) by expanding on the analysis conducted in the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan (Integrated Plan) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (March 2012).

DATES: Send written comments on the SDEIS on or before July 12, 2018.

Two public meetings will be held on the following dates:

1. Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Cle Elum, WA.
2. Thursday, May 17, 2018, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Ellensburg, WA.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments or requests for copies to Ms. Candace McKinley, Bureau of Reclamation, 1917 Marsh Road, Yakima, WA 98901, 509–575–5848, ext. 603, or via email to kkbt@usbr.gov. The SDEIS is also accessible on the following websites: <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/eis/kdrpp/index.html> and <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/eis/kkc/index.html>.

The public meeting locations are:

1. Cle Elum—U.S. Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District, Tom Craven Conference

Room, 803 W 2nd Street, Cle Elum, Washington 98922;

2. Ellensburg—Armory Main Hall, Kittitas Valley Event Center, 901 East 7th Ave., Ellensburg, Washington 98926.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Candace McKinley, 509–575–5848, ext. 603; or by email at kkbt@usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Reclamation published a notice of availability of a draft environmental impact statement previously identified as “Keechelus Reservoir-to-Kachess Reservoir Conveyance and Kachess Inactive Storage” in the **Federal Register** on January 9, 2015 (80 FR 1431). The public comment period was reopened and concluded on June 15, 2015. A supplemental draft environmental impact statement was necessary after analyzing the need for a floating pumping plant that could be a feasible alternative to achieve the KDRPP purposes. The SDEIS, titled, “Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant and Keechelus Reservoir-to-Kachess Reservoir Conveyance Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement” documents the potential effects that may result from the new pumping plant at Kachess Reservoir and water conveyance from Keechelus Reservoir to Kachess Reservoir.

The SDEIS evaluates construction and operation of three alternative designs and locations for the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant, including reservoir intakes and tunnels, pumping plants and pump units, pipelines, surge tanks, outlet works, fish screens and barriers, power supply substations, and electric transmission lines. The SDEIS also evaluates construction and operation of the KKC, including the Yakima River diversion and intake, the Yakima River to Keechelus portal conveyance, fish screen, bored tunnel, discharge structure, spillway and stilling basin, and mechanical building as a component of KDRPP.

The primary study area generally encompasses Kachess Reservoir and its tributaries, Keechelus Reservoir and its tributaries, the Kachess River, the Yakima River between Keechelus Dam and the Easton Diversion Dam near Lake Easton and the electric transmission line route from near Easton to the Kachess Reservoir pumping plant. The extended study area generally includes the Yakima Project vicinity.

Authority

The Kachess and Keechelus reservoirs were authorized on December 12, 1905, by the Secretary of the Interior in connection with the Tieton and Sunnyside Divisions of the Yakima

Project. The Secretary was acting under authority of the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902. The Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project was authorized on December 28, 1979 (93 Stat. 1241, Pub. L. 96–162, Feasibility Study—Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project). Title XII of the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 1994 (108 Stat. 4526 Pub. L. 103–434) authorized fish, wildlife, and recreation as additional purposes of the Yakima Project.

Public Review of SDEIS

Copies of the SDEIS are available for public review at the following locations:

1. Bureau of Reclamation, Columbia-Cascades Area Office, 1917 Marsh Road, Yakima, Washington 98901.
2. Washington State Department of Ecology, 15 W. Yakima Avenue, Suite 200, Yakima, Washington 98902.

Libraries

1. Carpenter Memorial Library, 302 N Pennsylvania Ave., Cle Elum, WA 98922.
2. Ellensburg Public Library, 209 N. Ruby St., Ellensburg, WA 98926.
3. Roslyn Public Library, 201 S. First St., Roslyn, WA 98941.
4. Benton City Library, 810 Horne Dr., Benton City, WA 99320.
5. Kennewick Library, 1620 S. Union St., Kennewick, WA 99338.
6. Kittitas Public Library, 200 N. Pierce St., Kittitas, WA 98934.
7. Mid-Columbia Library, 405 S. Dayton St., Kennewick, WA 99336.
8. Pasco Library, 1320 W. Hopkins St., Pasco, WA 99301.
9. Prosser Library, 902 7th St., Prosser, WA 99350.
10. Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Dr., Richland, WA 99352.
11. Sunnyside Public Library, 621 Grant Ave., Sunnyside, WA 98944.
12. Toppenish Public Library, 1 S. Elm St., Toppenish, WA 98948.
13. Wapato Library, 119 E. 3rd St., Wapato, WA 98951.
14. Washington State Library, Point Plaza East, 6880 Capitol Blvd. SE, Tumwater, WA 98504.
15. West Richland Library, 3803 W. Van Giesen St., Richland, WA 99353.
16. Yakama Nation Library, 100 Spiel-Yi Loop, Toppenish, WA 98948.
17. Yakima Valley Regional Library, 102 N. 3rd St., Yakima, WA 98901.

Special Assistance for Public Meetings

If special assistance is required at the public meetings, please contact Ms. Candace McKinley, at kkbt@usbr.gov or 509–575–5848, ext. 603. Please notify Ms. McKinley as far in advance of the meeting as possible to enable

Reclamation to secure the needed services. If a request cannot be honored, the requestor will be notified. TTY users may dial 711 to obtain a toll-free TTY relay.

Public Disclosure

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: April 6, 2018.

Lorri J. Gray,

Regional Director, Pacific Northwest Region.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1002]

Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Products; Commission Determination To Terminate the Investigation in Its Entirety

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to terminate the investigation in its entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Megan M. Valentine, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 708-2301. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by

contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted Inv. No. 337-TA-1002 on June 2, 2016, based on a complaint filed by complainant United States Steel Corporation of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ("U.S. Steel"), alleging a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337 ("section 337"). See 81 FR 35381 (June 2, 2016). The complaint alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, or in the sale after importation of certain carbon and alloy steel products by reason of: (1) A conspiracy to fix prices and control output and export volumes, the threat or effect of which is to restrain or monopolize trade and commerce in the United States; (2) misappropriation and use of trade secrets, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States; and (3) false designation of origin or manufacturer, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States. *Id.* The notice of investigation identified forty (40) respondents that are Chinese steel manufacturers or distributors, as well as some of their Hong Kong and United States affiliates. *Id.* In addition, the Office of Unfair Import Investigations is also a party in this investigation. *Id.* Eighteen (18) respondents participated in the investigation and all other respondents were found in default, including fifteen (15) respondents that are subject to the false designation of origin claim ("Defaulting Respondents"). See Comm'n Notice (Oct. 14, 2016), Comm'n Notice (Oct. 18, 2016), Comm'n Notice (Nov. 18, 2016).

On August 26, 2016, the participating respondents filed a motion to terminate U.S. Steel's antitrust claim under 19 CFR 210.21. On November 14, 2016, the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") issued an initial determination ("ID"), granting Respondents' motion to terminate Complainant's antitrust claim under 19 CFR 210.21 and, in the alternative, under 19 CFR 210.18. Order No. 38 (Nov. 14, 2016). On December 19, 2016, the Commission issued a Notice determining to review Order No. 38. See 81 FR 94416-7 (Dec. 23, 2016). On April 20, 2017, the Commission held an oral argument on the issue of whether a complainant alleging a violation of section 337 based on antitrust law must show antitrust injury.

On February 15, 2017, U.S. Steel filed a motion to partially terminate the investigation on the basis of withdrawal

of its trade secret allegations, which were alleged against only certain of the participating respondents. On February 22, 2017, the ALJ issued an ID, granting U.S. Steel's motion to terminate the investigation with respect to its trade secret allegations. Order No. 56 (Feb. 22, 2017). On March 24, 2017, the Commission determined not to review Order No. 56. Comm'n Notice (Mar. 24, 2017).

On October 2, 2017, the ALJ issued an ID, granting the remaining participating respondents' motions for summary determination of no section 337 violation based on false designation of origin. Order No. 103 (Oct. 2, 2017). On November 1, 2017, the Commission determined not to review Order No. 103. Comm'n Notice (Nov. 1, 2017).

On March 19, 2018, the Commission terminated the investigation as to the antitrust claim. Notice (Mar. 19, 2018). In the same notice, the Commission requested briefing on remedy, public interest, and bonding concerning the previously defaulted respondents subject to the false designation of origin claim. *Id.*

On March 30, 2018, U.S. Steel submitted a letter indicating that it did not intend to file a response to the Commission's request for briefing on remedy, public interest, and bonding concerning the previously defaulted respondents subject to the false designation of origin claim. Also on March 30, 2018, OUII filed a response to the Commission's notice, recommending that the Commission decline to issue remedial orders against the Defaulting Respondents under the circumstances.

The Commission is authorized to issue relief against defaulters pursuant to section 337(g)(1) "upon request" from the complainant. 19 U.S.C. 1337(g)(1). Because U.S. Steel has abandoned its request, as stated in the complaint, for a remedy against the Defaulting Respondents, the Commission has determined to terminate the investigation in its entirety.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in Part 210 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR part 210).

By order of the Commission.

Issued: April 9, 2018.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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