

- Cultural resources
- Air quality and noise
- Public safety

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Our independent analysis of the issues will be in the EA. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, the EA may be published and mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, affected landowners, newspapers, libraries, and the Commission's official service list for this proceeding. A comment period will be allotted for review if the EA is published. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission.

To ensure your comments are considered, please carefully follow the instructions in the public participation section beginning on page 5.

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the proposed facilities and the environmental information provided by PG&ENW. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- About 17 residences are located within 50 feet of the construction right-of-way in the Copper Valley Ranch subdivision between MPs 97.0 and 97.2 in Kootenai County, Idaho;
- Outside of the Copper Valley Ranch subdivision, about eight more residences are located within 50 feet of the construction right-of-way, three of which are within 25 feet.
- The Deschutes National Forest staff is concerned with the potential for noxious weed infestations; and that construction activities could potentially affect nesting raptors at Compressor Station 12 in Deschutes County, Oregon.
- Effects of the increased compression on noise and air quality. Compressor Stations 4, 6 and 12 have nearby noise-sensitive areas within 0.5 mile.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. By becoming a commentor, your concerns will be addressed in the EA/EIS and considered by the Commission. You should focus on the potential

environmental effects of the proposal, alternatives to the proposal (including alternative [locations/routes]), and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impact. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your letter to: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas 1, PJ-11.1.
- Reference Docket No. CP01-11-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before May 14, 2001.

Comments, protests and interventions may also 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 at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm> under the link to the User's guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create an account which can be created by clicking on "Login to File" and then "New User Account."

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an official party to the proceeding known as an "intervenor". Intervenor play a more formal role in the process. Among other things, intervenors have the right to receive copies of case-related Commission documents and filings by other intervenors. Likewise, each intervenor must provide 14 copies of its filings to the Secretary of the Commission and must send a copy of its filings to all other parties on the Commission's service list for this proceeding. If you want to become an intervenor you must file a motion to intervene according to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) (see appendix 2).⁵ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision.

Affected landowners and parties with environmental concerns may be granted intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any other parties. You do not need intervenor status to have your environmental comments considered.

⁵ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-1088 or on the FERC website (www.ferc.fed.us) using the "RIMS" link to information in this docket number. Click on the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to RIMS, the RIMS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2222.

Similarly, the "CIPS" link on the FERC Internet website provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings. From the FERC Internet website, click on the "CIPS" link, select "Docket #" from the CIPS menu, and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to CIPS, the CIPS helpline can be reached at (202) 208-2474.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Soliciting Comments, Protests or Motions to Intervene

April 12, 2001.

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

- Application Type:* Non-Project Use of Project Lands.
- Project No.:* 2197-047.
- Date Filed:* March 27, 2001.
- Applicant:* Alcoa Power Generating Inc.
- Name of Project:* Yadkin Hydroelectric Project.
- Location:* The Yadkin Hydroelectric Project is on the Yadkin/Pee Dee River in Montgomery, Stanley, Davidson, Rowan, and Davie Counties, North Carolina. The Yadkin Project contains the following reservoirs: High Rock, Tuckertown, Narrows, and Falls. The project does not occupy and federal lands.
- Applicant Contact:* Mr. Gene Ellis, Alcoa Power Generating Inc., P.O. Box 576, Badin, NC 28009-0576; (704) 422-5606.

h. *FERC Contact:* Steve Hocking at (202) 219-2656 or e-mail address: steve.hocking@ferc.fed.us. Please note the Commission cannot accept comments and recommendations, terms

and conditions, motions to intervene and protests sent by e-mail; these documents must be filed as described below.

i. *Deadline for filing comments and recommendations; terms and conditions, motions to intervene and protests:* May 21, 2001.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Comments and recommendations, terms and conditions, motions to intervene and protests 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 website at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor 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.

j. *Description of the Application:* Alcoa Power Generating, Inc. (Alcoa), licensee for the Yadkin Hydroelectric Project, filed a non-project use of project lands application. In its application, Alcoa proposes to grant a permit to KEJ Marketing Co., Inc., for the construction of the following facilities on High Rock Reservoir: a marina with 20 boat slips, two boat docks with ten slips each and, a boat ramp. Alcoa proposes to grant a second permit to The Springs Homeowners Association for the use and operation of the above facilities. The above facilities would not be open to the public; they would be for The Springs residents only.

k. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room at 888 First Street NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at <http://www/ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm>. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

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.

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 (P-2197-047) of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The 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.

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.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards Subcommittee—Closed Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An ad hoc Subcommittee of the EPA Science Advisory Board will meet at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Washington, DC, on June 11-12, 2001. Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and section (c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) EPA has determined that the meeting

will be closed to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to recommend to the Assistant Administrator of the Office of Research and Development (ORD) the recipients of the Agency's 2000 Scientific and Technological Achievement Cash Awards. These awards are established to honor and recognize EPA employees who have made outstanding contributions in the advancement of science and technology through their research and development activities, as exhibited in publication of their results in peer reviewed journals. In making these recommendations, including the actual cash amount of each award, the Agency requires full and frank advice from the EPA Science Advisory Board. This advice will involve professional judgments on the relative merits of various employees and their respective work. Such personnel issues, where disclosure of information of a personal nature would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, are protected from disclosure by section (c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, minutes of the meeting will be kept for Agency and Congressional review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Flaak, Team Leader, Committee Operations Staff, US EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Washington, D.C. 20460, telephone: (202) 564-4546 or e-mail at: flaak.robert@epa.gov.

Dated: April 11, 2001.

Christine Todd Whitman,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00716; FRL-6780-3]

State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Working Committee on Pesticide Operations and Management

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The State Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) Working Committee on Pesticide Operations and Management (WC/POM) will hold a 2-day meeting, beginning on April 23, 2001 and ending April 24, 2001. This notice announces