

Other operations to provide water in summer and fall for salmon outmigration, spawning and incubation are also part of the proposed action, as are reduction of adverse effects of flow fluctuation below Libby and Hungry Horse dams, and provision of minimum flows for bull trout.

## 2. Alternatives

Alternatives to be evaluated will include existing operation (no-action), which includes current flood control operation with flow augmentation in spring for white sturgeon, bull trout, and salmon; VARQ with spring and summer flow augmentation for fish; increased summertime drawdown of Lake Roosevelt (Grand Coulee Dam) to meet summer flow objectives for salmon; and fall flow augmentation for salmon spawning and incubation in the lower Columbia. The scoping process will be used to derive the full range of reasonable alternatives.

## 3. Scoping and Public Involvement

Public involvement will be sought during the scoping and conduct of the study in accordance with NEPA procedures. Public meetings will be held in affected communities during scoping, and during public review of the DEIS. A public scoping process will be initiated to clarify issues of major concern, identify studies that might be needed in order to analyze and evaluate impacts, and obtain public input on the range and acceptability of alternatives. This notice of intent formally commences the joint scoping process under NEPA. As part of the scoping process, all affected Federal, State and local agencies, Native American Tribes, and other interested private organizations, including environmental interest groups, are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. Comments are requested concerning project alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant environmental impacts, and permits or other approvals that may be required.

To date, the following issues of concern have been identified to be analyzed in depth in the draft EIS: (1) Flood control impacts on a local and a system-wide basis; (2) fisheries and other aquatic ecosystem impacts and benefits in affected reservoirs and downstream in the Kootenai and Flathead systems and on the mainstem Columbia; (3) effects of potential increase in frequency of spill and impacts from dissolved gas on aquatic organisms; (4) groundwater seepage in lands from prolonged high spring flows along the Kootenai River in Idaho; (5) levee integrity concerns from prolonged

high spring flows along the Kootenai River in Idaho and British Columbia; (6) potential for increased suspension of sediments due to drawdown of Lake Roosevelt (Grand Coulee); (7) potential aerial transport of contaminants (mainly heavy metals) from exposed Lake Roosevelt sediments; (8) exposure, looting and vandalism of prehistoric artifacts and human remains along Lake Roosevelt; (9) recreational impacts on affected reservoirs; (10) Columbia system power generation impacts; and (11) power generation impacts at Canadian projects downstream of Libby Dam, a treaty issue.

There are fish stocks listed under ESA that would be directly affected by the proposed action, including Kootenai River white sturgeon (endangered), bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*) (threatened); various stocks of chinook (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), chum (*O. keta*) and sockeye (*O. nerka*) salmon, and steelhead (*O. mykiss*).

A notice of scoping meetings will be mailed to all involved agencies and individuals known to have an interest in this project. Scoping meetings are scheduled as follows:

- (1) Grand Coulee, Grant Co., Washington, Oct. 29, 2001.
- (2) Sandpoint, Bonner Co., Idaho, October 30, 2001.
- (3) Bonners Ferry, Boundary Co., Idaho, November 1, 2001.
- (4) Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon, November 8, 2001.
- (5) Libby, Lincoln Co., Montana, November 13, 2001.
- (6) Eureka, Lincoln Co., Montana, November 14, 2001.
- (7) Kalispell, Flathead Co., Montana, November 15, 2001.

These dates, or revised dates, as well as specific times and locations will be published in each town's newspaper approximately 30 days before each meeting. Specific dates and times can also be verified by visiting the Corps of Engineers' website at [www.nws.usace.army.mil/index.cfm](http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/index.cfm). There will also be up to six government-to-government meetings with Tribal council members in affected areas. Verbal or written comments will be accepted at the scoping meetings, or written comments may be sent by regular or electronic mail to Stephen Martin at the above addresses on or before November 2, 2001. Ongoing communication with agencies, Native American tribes, public interest groups, and interested citizens will take place throughout the EIS development through the use of public meetings, mailings, and the Internet.

## 4. Other Environmental Review, Coordination and Permit Requirements

The environmental review process will be comprehensive and will integrate and satisfy the requirements of NEPA, and other relevant Federal, State and local environmental laws. Other environmental review, coordination, and permit requirements may include preparation of a Clean Water Act, Section 404 evaluation by the Corps.

## 5. Schedule

The draft EIS is scheduled for release in Fall, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Bonneville Power Administration

#### Availability of the Bonneville Purchasing Instructions (BPI) and Bonneville Financial Assistance Instructions (BFAI)

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** Copies of the Bonneville Purchasing Instructions (BPI), which contain the policy and establish the procedures that BPA uses in the solicitation, award, and administration of its purchases of goods and services, including construction, are available in printed form for \$30, or without charge at the following Internet address: <http://www.bpa.gov/Corporate/kgp/bpi/bpi.htm>. Copies of the Bonneville Financial Assistance Instructions (BFAI), which contain the policy and establish the procedures that BPA uses in the solicitation, award, and administration of financial assistance instruments (principally grants and cooperative agreements), are available in printed form for \$15 each, or available without charge at the following Internet address: <http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/kgp/bfai/bfai.htm>.

**ADDRESSES:** Unbound copies of the BPI or BFAI may be obtained by sending a check for the proper amount to the Head of the Contracting Activity, Routing CK-1, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Manager, Corporate Communications, 1-800-622-4519.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** BPA was established in 1937 as a Federal Power

Marketing Agency in the Pacific Northwest. BPA operations are financed from power revenues rather than annual appropriations. BPA's purchasing operations are conducted under 16 U.S.C. 832 *et seq.* and related statutes. Pursuant to these special authorities, the BPI is promulgated as a statement of purchasing policy and as a body of interpretative regulations governing the conduct of BPA purchasing activities. It is significantly different from the Federal Acquisition Regulation, and reflects BPA's private sector approach to purchasing the goods and services that it requires. BPA's financial assistance operations are conducted under 16 U.S.C. 832 *et seq.*, and 16 U.S.C. 839 *et seq.* The BFAI express BPA's financial assistance policy. The BFAI also comprise BPA's rules governing implementation of the principles provided in the following OMB circulars:

A-21 Cost Principles for Educational Institutions.

A-87 Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments.

A-102 Grants and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local Governments

A-110 Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Other Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations

A-122 Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations.

A-133 Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations.

BPA's solicitations and contracts include notice of applicability and availability of the BPI and the BFAI, as appropriate, for the information of offerors on particular purchases or financial assistance transactions.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on September 4, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[IC01-1F-000, FERC Form 1-F]

### Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

September 25, 2001.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to comments submitted within 60 days of the publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202)208-1415, by fax at (202)208-2425, and by e-mail at [mike.miller@ferc.fed.us](mailto:mike.miller@ferc.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC Form 1-F "Annual Report for Nonmajor Electric Utilities and Licensees" (OMB No. 1902-0029) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of the Federal Power Act (FPA) 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r. The Commission is authorized and empowered to make investigations, collect and record data, prescribe rules and regulations concerning accounts, records and memoranda as necessary or appropriate for administering the FPA. The Commission may prescribe a system of accounts for jurisdictional companies and, after notice and opportunity for hearing, may determine the accounts in

which particular outlays and receipts will be entered, charged or credited. The FERC Form No. 1-F is a financial and operating report for electric rate regulation. "Nonmajor" is defined as having total sales in each of the last three consecutive years of 10,000 megawatt-hours or less.

FERC staff uses the data in the continuous review of the financial condition of regulated companies, in various rate proceedings and supply programs and in the Commission's audit program. The annual financial information filed with the Commission is a mandatory requirement submitted in a prescribed format which is filed electronically via the Internet. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Parts 41, 101, 141.2.

**Action:** The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with certain changes to the existing collection of data. Based on a review of the FERC's requirements for Form 1-F data and requests from respondents for reductions in the collection, the Commission recommends the elimination of the Form 1-F schedules listed below:

- Data on Security Holders and Voting Powers (Parts X and XI, P. 18)
- Nonutility Property (221, P. 110)
- Capital Stock Sub, Cap Stock Liability for Con, Prem. Cap Stock, & Inst Received (252, P. 112)
- Discount on Capital Stock (254, P. 112)
- Particulars Concerning Certain Income Deduction and Interest Charges (340, P. 117)
- Electric Distribution Meters and Line Transformers (429, lines 63 & 65, P. 206)
- Number of Electric Department Employees (323, page 323)
- Construction Overheads—electric (217, p. 8 Allowance for Funds used During Construction)

**Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this collection has been reduced by the elimination of several schedules and the paper filing format requirement. The burden is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
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