

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 2).
- Reference Docket No. CP00-012-000.
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 2, 2001.

Comments 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 the 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). 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.

Additional information about the proposed project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (202) 208-0004 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 Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Preparing a License Application

December 1, 2000.

Take notice that the following request to use alternative procedures to prepare a license application has been filed with the Commission.

a. *Type of Application*: Request to use alternative procedures to prepare a new license application.

b. *Project No.*: 2100.

c. *Date filed*: November 22, 2000.

d. *Applicant*: California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

e. *Name of Project*: Oroville Project (Feather River Project).

f. *Location*: On the Feather River, in Butte County, California. The project occupies federal lands within the Plumas and Lassen National Forests.

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

h. *Applicant Contact*: Viju Patel, Executive Manager, Power Systems at (916) 653-5913 or Rick Ramirez, State Water Project Analysis Office at (916) 653-1095.

i. *FERC Contact*: James Fargo at (202) 219-2848; e-mail james.fargo@ferc.fed.us

j. *Deadline for Comments*: January 8, 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 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 web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

k. The Oroville facilities consist of the existing Oroville Dam and Reservoir, the Edward Hyatt Powerplant, Thermalito Powerplant, Thermalito Diversion Dam Powerplant, Thermalito Forebay and Afterbay, and associated recreational and fish and wildlife facilities. The project has a total installed capacity of 762,000 kilowatts.

l. DWR has shown that it has made an effort to contact most federal and state resources agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and others affected by the project. DWR has also shown that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. DWR has submitted a proposed communications protocol that is supported by many of the stakeholders.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on DWR's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations. Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date. DWR will complete and file a preliminary Environmental Assessment, in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other parties during preparation of the license application and before filing the application, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the pre-filing consultation and environmental review process into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

DWR has met with federal and state resources agencies, NGOs, elected officials flood control and downstream interests, environmental groups, business and economic development organizations, the boating industry, and members of the public regarding the

Oroville Project. DWR intends to file 6-month progress reports during the alternative procedures process that leads to the filing of a license application by January 31, 2005.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

December 1, 2000.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40

CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. The documents may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Exempt

1. CP00-14-000-11/20/00-Tim Drake
2. Project No. 2042-11/21/00-Timothy Welch
3. CP00-6-000-11/27/00-Jon Schmidt
4. CP00-6-000-11/22/00-Jim Martin
5. CP00-6-000-11/20/00-Jim Martin
6. Project No. 2114-11/20/00-Lynn R. Miles
7. CP98-150-002-11/7/00-Donald J. Stauber
8. CP00-452-000-11/20/00-Ed Martinez
9. CP98-150-000-11/13 & 11/14/00-Juan Polit
10. Project Nos. 5931 and 7282-11/29/00-Donald B. Koch
11. Project No. 8657-11/27/00-CDL Perkins
12. CP00-141-000-11/28/00-Ann Garrett
13. CP00-14-000-11/6, 11/7, 11/8, and 11/9/00-John Wisniewski

Prohibited

1. EL00-95, EL00-98 and EL00-107-11/25/00-Mike Rothkopf

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-100163; FRL-6757-5]

Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) Aerospace; Transfer of Data

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that pesticide related information submitted to EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), including information that may have been claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI) by the submitter, will be transferred to Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) Aerospace in accordance with 40 CFR 2.307(h)(3) and 2.308(i)(2). ASRC Aerospace has been awarded a contract to perform work for OPP, and access to this information will enable

ASRC Aerospace to fulfill the obligations of the contract.

DATES: ASRC Aerospace will be given access to this information on or before December 12, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Erik R. Johnson, FIFRA Security Officer, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 703-305-7248; e-mail address: johnson.erik@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action applies to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document and Other Related Documents?

You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

II. Contractor Requirements

Under contract number 68-W0-0102, work assignment 002, the contractor will perform the following:

The EPA Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) maintains the OPP Public Docket in the Public Response Section of the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB) Information Resources and Services Division (IRSD). The OPP Docket supports the Agency's rulemaking activities as announced in the **Federal Register**, and Agency announcements concerning Special Reviews and Reregistration.

The Docket is open to the public and Agency staff from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The contractor shall identify himself/herself as a contractor to all visitors. The contractor shall be conversant about the history of the