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n. *Scoping Process:* Scoping is intended to advise all parties regarding the proposed scope of the environmental analysis and to seek additional information pertinent to this analysis. The Commission intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

At this time, the Commission staff do not propose to conduct any formal public or agency meetings or an on-site visit. Instead, we will solicit comments, recommendations, information, and alternatives by conducting paper scoping through issuing this scoping document.

Copies of the scoping document outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the scoping document are 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 field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERConline@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659.

As part of scoping the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from comments all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage comments from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis. Consequently, interested entities are requested to file with the Commission any data and information concerning environmental resources and land uses in the project area and the subject project's impacts to the aforementioned.

o. The tentative schedule for preparing the Little Wood River Ranch II EA is:

Major milestone	Target date
Ready for Environmental Analysis Notice.	February 2004
EA Issued	May 2004

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

December 18, 2003.

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

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 382-026.

c. *Date filed:* February 26, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* Southern California Edison Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Borel Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Kern River near the town of Bodfish, Kern County, California. The canal intake for the project is located on approximately 188 acres of Sequoia National Forest Service lands.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Nino J. Mascolo, Senior Attorney, Southern California Edison Co., 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, P.O. Box 800, Rosemead, California 91770.

i. *FERC Contact:* Emily Carter at (202) 502-6512 or Emily.Carter@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

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.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person 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.

Comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions 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 "eLibrary" link.

k. This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis.

l. The existing Borel Hydroelectric Project (Project) consists of: (1) A 158-foot long, 4-foot-high concrete diversion dam with fishway; (2) a 61-foot-long intake structure with three 10- by 10-foot radial gates; (3) a canal inlet structure consisting of a canal intake, trash racks, and a sluice gate; (4) a flowline with a combined total length of 1,985 feet of tunnel, 1,651 feet of steel Lennon flume, 3,683 feet of steel siphon, and 51,835 feet of concrete-lined canal; (5) four steel penstocks—penstocks 1 and 2 are 526 feet long and 565 feet long, respectively with varying diameters between 42 and 60 inches, and penstocks 3 and 4 each have a 60-inch-diameter and extend 622 feet at which point they wye together to form a single 84-inch-diameter, 94-foot-long penstock; (6) a powerhouse with two 3,000-kW generators and one 6,000-kW generator for a total installed capacity of 12,000 kW or 12 MW; and (7) other appurtenant facilities. The Project has no storage capability and relies on water releases from Lake Isabella made by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERConlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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n. Public notice of the filing of the initial development application, which has already been given, established the due date for filing competing applications or notices of intent.

Under the Commission's regulations, any competing development application must be filed in response to and in compliance with public notice of the initial development application. No competing applications or notices of intent may be filed in response to this notice.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "REPLY COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP04-12-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice Of Technical Conference

December 18, 2003.

The Commission, in its order of October 31, 2003 in the referenced docket directed that a technical conference be held to address proposals by Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) regarding shipper reconversion to Rate Schedule SFTS and minimum nominations under Rate Schedule NNTS.¹

Take notice that a technical conference will be held on Wednesday,

January 7, 2004, at 9 a.m., in a room to be designated at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

All interested parties are permitted to attend. For further information please contact: Andrea Hilliard at (202) 502-8288 or Frank Sparber at (202) 502-8335.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7602-7]

Proposed CERCLA Administrative Cost Recovery Settlement; In Re: Old Colony Railroad Superfund Site, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement for recovery of past response costs concerning the Old Colony Railroad Superfund Site in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, with the following settling parties: Karl Fisher, Edith Fisher and West Union Corporation. In the settlement, which is based upon inability-to-pay, the Settling Parties have agreed to provide EPA access to certain site property to conduct any further investigation or response action as may be necessary, and to place, or to cooperate in the placement, of institutional controls on certain site property as may be determined by EPA to be necessary. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the settling parties pursuant to section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a). For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection with the Regional Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Mailcode RCG, Boston, Massachusetts (U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA 01-2003-0039).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 28, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection with the Regional Docket Clerk, One Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Ronald Gonzalez, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Mailcode SES, Boston, Massachusetts 02214, (617) 918-1786. Comments should reference the Old Colony Railroad Superfund Site, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts and EPA Docket No. 01-2003-0039 and should be addressed to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Mailcode RCG, Boston, Massachusetts 02214.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald Gonzalez, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Mailcode SES, Boston, Massachusetts 02214, (617) 918-1786.

Dated: December 5, 2003.

Susan Studlien,

Director, Office of Site Remediation and Restoration.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7602-6]

T.H. Agriculture & Nutrition Company Superfund Site; Notice of Proposed Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement.

SUMMARY: Under section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has entered into an Agreement for Recovery of Past Costs (Agreement) at the T.H. Agriculture & Nutrition Company Superfund Site (Site) located in Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, with Schwerman Trucking Company. EPA will consider public comments on the Agreement until January 28, 2004. EPA may withdraw from or modify the Agreement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the

¹ 105 FERC ¶ 61,171 (2003), at p.