

disposal, in confined aquatic disposal (CAD) cell(s). Major navigation channel improvements (deepening) were made in 1999 through 2001 in the Reserved Channel, the Mystic River, Inner Confluence and the Chelsea River. A Final EIS prepared for this previous navigation improvement project in June of 1995 identified selected use of CAD cells in the Mystic River, Inner Confluence, and Chelsea River were investigated. A new CAD cell for the proposed maintenance project will be constructed in the Mystic River and in the Main Ship Channel just below the Inner Confluence.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before July 1, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to receive a copy of the FSEIS, Executive Summary, or provide comments on the FSEIS, please contact Mr. Michael F. Keegan, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Programs & Civil Project Management Branch, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael Keegan, (978) 318-8087.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is authorized by the various River and Harbor Acts and Water Resources Development Acts to conduct maintenance dredging of the Federal navigation channels and anchorage areas in Boston Harbor.

Dated: May 23, 2006.

**Curtis L. Thalken,**

*Colonel, Corps of Engineers, New England District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the White River Minimum Flow Reallocation Study, AR

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Little Rock District, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed implementation of the White River Minimum Flow, Arkansas. This DEIS is being made available for a 45-day public comment period.

**DATES:** Public meetings for receiving comments on the DEIS are tentatively

scheduled for June 19, 2006 at Springdale, AR; June 20, 2006 at Branson, MO; and June 21, 2006 at Mountain Home, AR. Specific times and locations will be announced at a later date. Written comments on the DEIS should be submitted on or before July 18, 2006.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions or comments concerning the DEIS should be addressed to Mike Biggs, Project Manager, Programs and Project Management Division, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867, telephone 501-324-5842, x1071, e-mail: [mike.l.biggs@swl102.usace.army.mil](mailto:mike.l.biggs@swl102.usace.army.mil).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Setting:** The White River and its tributaries drain a total area of 27,765 square miles (10,620 square miles in Missouri and 17,145 square miles in Arkansas). The White River basin originates in the Boston Mountains of northwest Arkansas (AR), near the city of Fayetteville. Three forks, the White River, the Middle Fork, and the West fork, come together in Washington County, AR to form the mainstem of the White River. The White River is first impounded as Lake Sequoyah, a 500-acre impoundment at the junction of the Middle Fork and the White River, near Fayetteville. The White River flows south out of Lake Sequoyah and joins the West Fork before entering Beaver Lake just west of Eureka Springs, AR. The White flows out of Beaver Dam (the first in a series of four hydroelectric dams) northward into Missouri (MO) near the town of Eagle Rock, Barry County. The White then flows eastward where it has been impounded as Table Rock Lake, just below its confluence with the James River near Branson. The White River below Table Rock Lake is again impounded by Powersite Dam near Forsythia, MO and forms Lake Tenneco. The river flow takes a southerly turn and flows back into Arkansas where it has again been impounded by Bull Shoals Dam near Cotter, Marion County. The White River flows towards the southeast from Bull Shoals Dam. The White river exits the Ozark Plateau and enters the Mississippi Alluvial Plain near Newport, AR. The White River continues to flow in a southerly direction from where it enters the delta until its confluence with the Mississippi River near Montgomery Point, AR, some 720 miles from its origin.

The primary focus of the White River Minimum Flow Reallocation Study was to look at the five USACE reservoirs and associated tailwaters (TW). The TW below Beaver is considered as White River Mile (WRM) 609.0-604.5, Bull

Shoals WRM 418.6-329.1, Table Rock WRM 528.7-506.0, below Norfolk, North Fork River mile (NRM) 4.75 to 0.0, and the Buffalo National River enters at WRM 387.8 and the Norfolk enters at WRM 376.4. The Greers Ferry TW Little Red River mile (LRRM) 78.7-48.7 is below Greers Ferry dam.

**Background:** The Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, published a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 51299), August 23, 2000, stating its intent to prepare an EIS for a proposed water storage reallocation for the 5 White River lakes.

The Corps was directed to complete a study and report to determine if minimum flow reallocations adversely affect other authorized purposes under section 374 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 1999 and section 304 of WRDA 2000.

Under the original authorization, water levels were managed primarily for flood control and hydroelectric power generation at four of the White River Reservoirs as well as water supply at Beaver Lake. WRDA 1999 and 2000 provided minimum flows necessary to sustain tailwater trout fisheries by reallocating the following recommended amounts of project storage: Beaver Lake, 1.5 feet; Table Rock Lake, 2 feet; Bull Shoals Lake, 5 feet; Norfolk Lake, 3.5 feet; and Greers Ferry Lake, 3 feet. The Act further stated that no funds may be obligated to carry out work on the modification under subsection (a) until the Chief of Engineers, through completion of a final report, determines that the work is technically sound, environmentally acceptable, and economically justified.

**Proposed Action and Alternatives:** WRDA 1999 and 2000 authorized the Little Rock District Corps of Engineers to reallocate specific "feet" of storage from each of the five White River reservoirs. WRDA did not specify which storage zone to take the "feet" of storage. Currently the lakes are divided into two zones, flood pool and conservation pool. The volume of storage provided by reallocating "feet" of storage from conservation pool is less than the volume of storage provided by the same "feet" of storage from the flood pool.

The White River Reallocation Study completed in 2004 and the DEIS evaluated three reallocation plans at each reservoir, (1) reallocation from the flood pool, (2) reallocation from the conservation pool and, (3) splitting the reallocation 50:50 from each pool. The study also looked at different methods of water release such as through existing station service units and siphons, new

station service units, through the main turbines, or through siphons only.

After the submittal of the 2004 reallocation study, authorization was included in the FY 2006 Energy and Water Resources Development Act (EWRDA) that selected alternatives BS3 (reallocation at Bull Shoals Lake from the flood pool released through an existing hydropower main turbine) and NF7 (reallocation from a 50:50 split between the flood pool and the conservation pool with releases through existing station service units and siphons). These alternatives were designated the "preferred alternatives" and as such comply with Congressional directives and provide compensation to the hydropower users and affected facilities.

**DEIS Availability:** The DEIS will be available for public review at the following locations:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 700 West Capital Avenue, ATTN: CESWL-PE, Room 7500, Little Rock, AR 72203
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Beaver Lake Project Office, 2260 N. 2nd Street, Rogers, AR 72756
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Table Rock Lake Project Office, 3530 US Highway 165, Branson, MO 65616
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mountain Home Project Office, 324 W. 7th Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Greers Ferry Project Office, 700 Heber Springs Road North, Heber Springs, AR 72543

**Commenting:** Comments received in response to this DEIS, including names and address of those who comment will be considered part of the public record. Comments submitted anonymously will also be accepted and considered. Pursuant to Title 7 of the CFR 1.27(d), any person may request that the Corps withhold a submission from the public record if he or she can demonstrate that the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Corps will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality. If the request is denied, the Corps will return the submission with notification that the comments may be resubmitted either with or without the commenter's name and address.

Affected local, State, or Federal agencies, affected American Indian tribes, and other interested private

organizations and parties may participate in the review process by forwarding written comments to the address given previously or by attending the public meetings.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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**Berrick Gold Corporation; DPL Inc.; AGL Resources Inc.; Hawaiian Electronic Industries; TransCanada Corporation; Broad Street Contract Services, Inc.; DTE Energy Company; Mitsubishi Corporation, et al.; Kandiyohi Power Cooperative; Notice of Effectiveness of Exemptions and Waivers**

May 26, 2006.

Take notice that in March and April 2006 the exemptions and waivers requested in the above-captioned proceedings are deemed to have been granted by operation of law pursuant to 18 CFR 366.4.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-200-153]

**CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing**

May 26, 2006.

Take notice that on May 19, 2006, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CEGT) tendered for filing and approval an amended negotiated rate agreement for wheeling service under Rate Schedule PHS between CEGT and Dynegy Marketing and Trade to be effective May 23, 2006.

CEGT also has submitted as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, First Revised Sheet No. 867, also to be effective May 23, 2006.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in

accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 154.210). Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP06-366-000]

**Cheyenne Plains Gas Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

May 26, 2006.

Take notice that on May 23, 2006, Cheyenne Plains Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Cheyenne Plains) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following