

development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

n. **Notice of Intent**—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

o. **Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit**—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

p. **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.

q. **Filing and Service of Responsive Documents**—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers.

Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing an original and eight copies to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Comments, protests, and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

r. **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.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1927-008]

Notice of Amendment to Settlement Agreement and Soliciting Comments, Reply Comments, and Any Revised Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

February 6, 2003.

Take notice that the following Amendment to the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project Settlement Agreement has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment to Settlement Agreement

b. *Project No.:* 1927-008

c. *Date Filed:* November 4, 2002; supplemented February 3, 2003.

d. *Applicant:* PacifiCorp

e. *Name of Project:* North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project

f. *Location:* On the North Umpqua River, in Douglas County, Oregon. The

project occupies about 2,725 acres of land within the Umpqua National Forest, and about 117 acres of land administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.

h. *Applicant Contact:* John Sample, Senior Hydropower Attorney, PacifiCorp 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 1500, Portland, OR 97232, (503) 813-6688, and James M. Lynch, Stoel Rives LLP, 600 University Street, Suite 3600, Seattle, WA 98101-3197, (206) 624-0900.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Smith, 202-502-8972, john.smith@ferc.gov.

j. **Deadline for filing comments:** February 25, 2003. Reply comments and any revised recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions are due March 7, 2003.

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. Comments 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 (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

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.

k. *Description of Filing:* PacifiCorp filed the Amendment to the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project Settlement Agreement (Amendment) and an explanatory statement supporting the Amendment on behalf of itself and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, U.S. Department of Commerce's National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Oregon Water Resources Department (Governmental Parties). The purpose of the Amendment is to revise and modify sections 5.1, 7.1, 7.2, and 8.3 of the Settlement Agreement filed June 21, 2001. The signatories request that the Commission accept and incorporate, without material modification, as

license articles in the new license all relevant provisions of the Settlement Agreement, Amendment, and the Governmental Parties' Final Terms and Conditions filed with the Commission in connection with this agreement. Comments, reply comments, and any revised recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions are due on the dates listed above in item j.

l. A copy of the Amendment 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 "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 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.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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EPA Science Advisory Board; Executive Committee Teleconference; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Executive Committee of the U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on Wednesday, March 5, 2003 from 11 am–2 pm Eastern Time. The meeting will be coordinated through a conference call connection in Room 6013 in the USEPA, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting in the conference room noted above. However, the public may also attend through a telephonic link, to the extent that lines are available. Additional instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained by calling Ms. Betty Fortune (see contact information below). The meeting is open to the public, however, seating is limited and available on a first come basis. **Important Notice:** Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the SAB Office—information concerning availability of

documents from the relevant Program Office is included in the FR citations given below.

Purpose of the Meeting—In this meeting, the Executive Committee plans to review reports from some of its Committees/Subcommittee, most likely including the following:

- (a) *Science and Technology Review Panel (S&TRP) (EC)*—Review of the FY2004 Science and Technology (S&T) Budget: An SAB Report (see 67 FR 79912, December 31, 2002 for further details).
- (b) *Contaminant Sediment Science Plan Review Panel (EC)*—Review of the Contaminated Sediment Science Plan: An SAB Report (see 67 FR 61622, October 1, 2002 for further details).
- (c) *Human Health Research Strategy Review Panel (EC)*—Review of the Human Health Research Strategy (HHRS): An SAB Report (see 67 FR 63422, October 11, 2002 for further details).

Please check with Ms. Betty Fortune (see contact information below) prior to the meeting to determine which reports will be on the agenda as last minute changes can take place.

Availability of Review Materials: Drafts of the SAB reports that will be reviewed at the meeting will be available to the public at the SAB Web site under the heading for the Executive Committee Public Teleconference, March 5, 2003 (<http://www.epa.gov/sab/whatsnew.htm>) approximately two weeks prior to the meeting.

Charge to the Executive Committee: The focus of the EC review of these reports will be on the following questions: (a) Has the SAB adequately responded to the questions posed in the Charge? (b) Are the statements and/or responses in the draft report clear? And (c) Are there any errors of fact in the report?

In accord with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the public and the Agency are invited to submit written comments on these three questions that are the focus of the review. Written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office by February 27, 2003. Forward comments to Ms. Betty Fortune (see contact information below).

The SAB will have a brief period available for applicable public comment. Therefore, anyone wishing to make oral comments on the three focus questions above, but that are not duplicative of the written comments, should contact the Designated Federal Officer for the Executive Committee, Mr. A. Robert Flaak (see contact information below).

For Further Information—Any member of the public wishing further

information concerning this meeting or wishing to submit brief oral comments (3 minutes or less) must contact Mr. A. Robert Flaak, Designated Federal Officer, EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4546; FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at flaak.robert@epa.gov. Requests for oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Mr. Flaak no later than noon Eastern Standard Time on February 27, 2003. Written comments should be sent to: Ms. Betty Fortune, EPA Science Advisory Board, Mail Code 1400A, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460 (Telephone (202) 564-4533, FAX (202) 501-0323; or via e-mail at: fortune.betty@epa.gov. Submission by e-mail to Ms. Fortune will maximize the time available for review by the Executive Committee.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the EPA Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The EPA Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. **Oral Comments:** In general, each individual or group requesting an oral presentation at a face-to-face meeting will be limited to a total time of ten minutes (unless otherwise indicated above). For teleconference meetings, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Deadlines for getting on the public speaker list for a meeting are given above. Speakers should bring at least 35 copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the reviewers and public at the face-to-face meetings. **Written Comments:** Although the SAB accepts written comments until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office at least one week prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the committee for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to the appropriate DFO at the address/contact information noted above in the following formats: one hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 95/98 format).