

of Sacramento access to San Francisco Bay Area harbors and the Pacific Ocean. This navigational improvement project was analyzed in the Feasibility Report and Final Environmental Impact Statement (1980), the General Design Memorandum and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (1986), and Environmental Assessments (1988, 1991, 1992). Navigational improvements to the SRDWSC were authorized in the Supplemental Appropriations of 1985, Public Law 99-88. Construction to deepen the existing channel to 35 feet was initiated in 1989, but work was suspended in 1990 at the request of the Port of Sacramento. Two of six construction contracts, from River Mile 43 to 35 (approximately eight miles near the Port of Sacramento), have been completed. The Corps was directed to prepare a reevaluation report in a Conference Report, H. Rept. 105-749, 105th Congress, 2nd Sess., 1998, by the Committee of Conference that resolved differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill that became the Energy and Water Appropriations Act of 1999.

2. *Proposed Action.* The proposed project would complete the deepening and widening of the navigation channel to its authorized depth of 35 feet. Deepening of the existing ship channel is anticipated to allow for movement of cargo via larger deeper draft vessels. Widening portions of the channel would increase navigational safety by increasing maneuverability.

3. *Project Alternatives.* Alternatives that are anticipated to be evaluated in this SEIS/SEIR include, but are not limited to, the following: (A) No action alternative. (B) Increased use of lighter aboard ship (LASH); lighters (barges) would be used to transport cargo from ports in shallow water to larger ocean going vessels birthed in deeper water. (C) Increased use of intermodal transportation; cargo would be loaded at other terminal facilities and transported by truck or railroad, and (D) project depths shallower than 35 feet.

4. *Environmental Considerations.* The SEIS/SEIR will update the 1980 EIS and the 1986 SEIS and will evaluate changes to project conditions. The SEIS/SEIR will determine if there are significant new issues, information, or environmental concerns bearing on the proposed project and alternatives. The SEIS/SEIR being prepared will reexamine water and air quality issues, fish and wildlife impacts, and effects to endangered or threatened species; potential impacts from dredging and placement of dredged material at upland disposal sites; and the potential impact of deepening on salinity intrusion in the

Delta. Additionally, the economic benefits of the proposed project and alternatives will be examined.

5. *Scoping Process.* The Corps is seeking participation and input of all interested federal, state, and local agencies, Native American groups, and other concerned private organizations or individuals on the scope of the draft SEIS/SEIR through this public notice. The purpose of the public scoping meeting is to solicit comments regarding the potential impacts, environmental issues, and alternatives associated with the proposed action to be considered in the draft SEIS/SEIR. The meeting place, date and time will be advertised in advance in local newspapers, and meeting announcement letters will be sent to interested parties. The draft SEIS/SEIR will be available for public review and comment in May 2009. The final SEIS/SEIR will be available for review in October 2009.

6. *Availability of SEIS/SEIR.* The public will have an additional opportunity to comment on project alternatives once the draft SEIS/SEIR is released. The Corps will announce availability of the draft SEIS/SEIR in the **Federal Register** and other media, and will provide a 45-day public review period for the public, organizations, and agencies to review and comment on the SEIS/SEIR. All submitted comments will be addressed in the final SEIS/SEIR.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Inland Waterways Users Board

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In Accordance with 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the forthcoming meeting.

Name of Committee: Inland Waterways Users Board (Board).

Date: July 31, 2008.

Location: Marcus Whitman Hotel and Conference Center, Six West Rose Drive, Walla Walla, WA 99362, (509-525-2200 or 866-826-9422).

Time: Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 1 p.m.

Agenda: The Board will hear briefings on the status of the funding for inland navigation projects and studies, an assessment of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, and be provided updates of various inland waterways projects.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark R. Pointon, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CECW-IP, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314-1000; *Ph:* 202-761-4258.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-341]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Photovoltaic Technologies, LLC

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Application.

SUMMARY: Photovoltaic Technologies, LLC (Photovoltaic) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before July 14, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-586-5860).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the FPA (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On June 9, 2008, DOE received an application from Photovoltaic for authority to transmit electric energy