

We all hold two scoping meetings to receive input on the appropriate scope of the environmental analysis. A public meeting will be held on September 20, 2000, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers, Building A, 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA. The second meeting will be held on September 21, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1209 L Street, Sacramento, CA. The public and agencies may attend either or both meetings.

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staffs preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EIS; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal record for this Commission proceeding.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EIS.

The applicant and Commission staff will conduct a project site visit beginning on Tuesday, September 19 and continuing on Wednesday, September 20, 2000. We will meet at the El Dorado Project forebay recreational area in Pollock Pines on September Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. on September 19, 2000 and at the Caples Lake Resort on Highway 88 at 9:00 a.m. on September 20, 2000. More information on the meetings and site visit is provided in the SD1.

Please review the SD1 and, if you wish to provide oral or written input, follow the instructions in section 3.0. Please note that scoping comments must be received by the close of business on October 23, 2000. All correspondence should clearly show at the top of the first page "El Dorado Project, FERC No. 184-065." Address all communications to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Please direct any questions about the scoping process to John M. Mudre at (202) 219-1208.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent to Surrender Exemption

August 17, 2000.

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

- a. *Application Type:* Surrender of Exemption.
- b. *Project No.:* P-6630-004.
- c. *Date Filed:* July 17, 2000.
- d. *Applicant:* Y-8 Hydro Partnership.
- e. *Name of Project:* Y-8 Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* The Y-8 Hydroelectric Project is located on Y Canal in Gooding County near Bliss, Idaho.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(c)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Blaine A. Graff, Y-8 Hydro, P.O. Box 7867, Boise, ID 83707, (208) 395-8930.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Stefanie Damiani at *stefanie.damiani@ferc.fed.us*, or telephone (202) 219-2684.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions, or protests:* September 18, 2000.

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.

Please include the project number (P-6630-004) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Project:* The project consists of: (1) a reinforced concrete diversion/intake structure at the Y-8 Canal headworks; (2) a 130-foot-long, 36-inch-diameter buried steel pipe; (3) a powerhouse containing 1 turbine connected to 2 generators with a combined capacity of 75 kW; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The project has experienced periodic maintenance and operating problems and has not operated since August 1997, therefore the exemptee requests surrender of the exemption.

l. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the notices and letters are available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room,

located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

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.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "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 the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

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.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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