

Time: 9 a.m.–12 p.m. (e.s.t.).
Place: Jackson County Justice and Administration Building,
Address: 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, NC 28779.

West Fork Site Visit

Date: Thursday, December 9, 2004.
Time: 9 a.m.–12 p.m. (e.s.t.).
Place: Jackson County Justice and Administration Building,
Address: 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, NC 28779.

Scoping Meetings: Commission staff will conduct four public scoping meetings in the project area to solicit comments and viewpoints the public may wish to offer concerning project effects associated with the East Fork and West Fork Hydroelectric Projects and the Dillsboro Surrender. Two afternoon meetings (one for East Fork/Dillsboro and one for West Fork/Dillsboro) will focus on resource agency concerns and two evening meetings (one for East Fork/Dillsboro and one for West Fork/Dillsboro) will focus on input from the public. All interested individuals, organizations, Indian tribes, and agencies are invited to attend any or all of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

East Fork/Dillsboro Agency Scoping Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2004.
Time: 2 p.m.–4 p.m. (e.s.t.)
Place: Jackson County Justice and Administration Building, Courtroom # 2, 2nd Floor.
Address: 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, NC 28779.

East Fork/Dillsboro Public Scoping Meeting

Date: Wednesday December 8, 2004.
Time: 6 p.m.–9 p.m. (e.s.t.).
Place: Jackson County Justice and Administration Building, Courtroom # 2, 2nd Floor.
Address: 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, NC 28779.

West Fork/Dillsboro Agency Scoping Meeting

Date: Thursday December 9, 2004.
Time: 2 p.m.–4 p.m. (est).
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Copies of the Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA are being distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of the SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings or may be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link [see item (m) above]. These meetings are posted on the Commission's calendar located on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Objectives: At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially empirical data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and participants 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 do not require a detailed analysis.

Procedures: The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

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

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM05-1-000]

Regulations Governing the Conduct of Open Seasons for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects; Notice of Technical Conference

October 29, 2004.

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will host a

technical conference in this proceeding on December 3, 2004 in Anchorage, Alaska. As previously announced on October 26, 2004, the Commission has initiated a rulemaking to establish regulations governing the conduct of open seasons for capacity on any Alaska natural gas transportation projects. These regulations are required by section 103(e) of the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act of 2004, enacted into law on October 13, 2004. The Commission must issue regulations within 120 days of enactment of the Act, that is, by February 10, 2005. The Commission will provide further public notice with details of the rulemaking proceeding, including the specific location of the technical conference in Anchorage, Alaska, in the near future. All interested parties and the public are invited to attend.

Registration for the December 3rd technical conference is not required, but it is encouraged to assist with the conference planning process. Those electing to register are asked to do so online by close of business, Friday, November 26, 2004 at: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/alaska-1203-form.asp>.

Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646) for a fee. They will be available for the public on the Commission's eLibrary system seven calendar days after FERC receives the transcript. For information about this proceeding, interested persons may go to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.ferc.gov>, and search under the docket number for this proceeding, Docket No. RM05-1. Materials for the conference will also be posted on the Commission's monthly calendar page for this event. Any questions or comments about this technical conference may be directed to: Edwin Holden, 202-502-8089, Edwin.Holden@ferc.gov or Richard Foley, 202-502-8955, Richard.Foley@ferc.gov.

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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