

announcing that an Environmental Assessment (EA) would be developed for this project. In preparing the EA, BPA and USFS identified issues that may be significant in the context of NEPA and, therefore, the agencies decided that an EIS should be prepared.

Alternatives Proposed for Consideration: (1) The application of fish-killing toxins, either with Rotenone or Antimycin, by aircraft and motorboat, with transportation to the lakes by aircraft, livestock, or vehicle. (2) Alternative methods for removing fish include angling, genetic "swamping," introducing predatory fish, construction of fish passage barriers, gill netting, seining, trap netting, electrofishing, explosives, and lake dewatering. (3) Not removing the fish (or the No-Action Alternative) is also proposed for consideration.

Identification of Environmental Issues: The potential environmental issues identified for most fish and wildlife projects include land use, cultural resources, sensitive plants and animals, erosion/soils, wetlands, floodplains, and fish and water resources. The significant environmental issues for this project may include the use of helicopters and motorized equipment in the wilderness, and potential impacts to amphibians and other non-targeted species from the use of fish toxins.

Public Participation: The scoping process will help BPA ensure that a full range of issues related to this proposal is addressed in the EIS, and also will identify significant or potentially significant impacts that may result from the proposed project. This notice of intent is a major component of the scoping process and guides the development of the EIS. BPA has established a 45-day scoping period during which affected landowners, concerned citizens, special interest groups, local governments, and any other interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the proposed EIS. Public and internal scoping on this project will also include, in addition to the information gathered during BPA's related EA process, one public open house meeting; one mailing to Federal, State and local agencies, organizations, and individuals; personal conversations between interdisciplinary team members and the public; and news media releases.

When completed, the Draft EIS will be circulated for review and comment for 45 days, and a meeting will be held with the public to discuss the Draft EIS. BPA and the cooperating agencies will consider and respond in the Final EIS to comments received on the Draft EIS.

Maps and further information are available from BPA at the address above.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on April 25, 2003.

Stephen J. Wright,

Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC03-70-000]

Almagre Power Holdings, LLC, Mesquite Colorado HoldCo, L.L.C., Mesquite Investors, L.L.C.; Notice of Filing

April 28, 2003.

Take notice that on April 23, 2003, Mesquite Colorado HoldCo, L.L.C. (Mesquite Colorado) and Mesquite Investors, L.L.C. (Mesquite Investors) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission a Notice of Withdrawal of the application filed in the above-referenced docket on March 21, 2003, to effectuate a transfer of all of Mesquite Colorado's membership interests in Front Range Power Company, L.L.C. to Almagre Power Holdings, LLC, a direct wholly owned subsidiary of ArcLight Energy Partners Fund I, L.P. Mesquite Colorado and Mesquite Investors state that the application is being withdrawn because the underlying transaction has been terminated.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, 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 motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission 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 (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. 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.

Comment Date: May 5, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-53-000 and GP98-29-000]

Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission, LLC ONEOK Resources Co.; Notice of Settlement Conference

Issued April 28, 2003.

A settlement conference will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2003, to address the outstanding ad valorem tax issues in the above dockets. The conference will begin at 10 a.m. and will be held in the offices of Kinder Morgan, 370 Van Gordon Street, Lakewood, Colorado, 80228.

Steven A. Rothman, a mediator with the Commission's Dispute Resolution Service, will mediate the conference. He will be available to communicate in private with any party prior to the conference. If a party has any questions regarding the conference, please call Mr. Rothman at (202) 502-8643 or send an e-mail to Steven.Rothman@ferc.gov. Parties may also communicate with Richard Miles, the Director of the Commission's Dispute Resolution Service at 1 877 FERC ADR (337-2237) or (202) 208-8702. Mr. Miles is also available at Richard.Miles@ferc.gov. If you plan on attending the conference, please contact Bud J. Becker at Kinder Morgan at (303) 763-3496. Kinder Morgan also will arrange for telephone conferencing.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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