

accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b), and 385.2010.

o. The current schedule for preparing the subject EA is as follows:

Milestone: Target Date.

Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis: January 2003.

Deadline for Filing Agency Recommendations March 2003.

Issue Notice of availability of EA: May 2003.

Public Comments on EA Due: August 2003.

Ready for Commission decision on the application September 2003.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM02-16-000]

Hydroelectric Licensing Regulations Under the Federal Power Act; Notice of Post-Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Regional Workshops and Post-Workshop Drafting Session

February 4, 2003.

After the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issues its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) for a new hydroelectric licensing process, Commission staff will host regional stakeholder workshops and conduct a post-workshop stakeholder drafting session.

Both the regional stakeholder workshops and the post-workshop stakeholder drafting session are not intended to address issues pending in individually docketed hydropower cases before the Commission. Therefore, all participants are requested to address the agenda topics and avoid discussing the merits of individual proceedings.

Post-NOPR Regional Stakeholder Workshops

Five, two-day regional stakeholder workshops, and the one, one-day workshop will be held in the cities and on the dates and times listed in the following table. With the exception of the one-day workshop in Washington, DC, each two-day regional stakeholder workshop provides separate days for tribal and public attendance, although anyone may attend either or both of the workshops. Specific details regarding the structure and procedures for the regional stakeholder workshops will be posted on the Commission's Web site by February 27, 2003.

Location	Date/Time
Portland, Oregon Doubletree Hotel Columbia River 1401 N. Hayden Island Drive (503) 283-2111.	Public: March 13, 2003, 9 am—4 pm Tribes: March 14, 2003, 9 am—4 pm
Sacramento, California Red Lion Hotel Sacramento 1401 Arden Way (916) 922-8041.	Tribes: March 24, 2003, 9 am—4 pm Public: March 25, 2003, 9 am—4 pm
Charlotte, North Carolina Marriott Charlotte City Center 100 West Trade Street (704) 333-9000.	Public: March 27, 2003, 9 am—4 pm Tribes: March 28, 2003, 9 am—4 pm
Manchester, New Hampshire Holiday Inn Center of New Hampshire 700 Elm Street (603) 625-1000.	Tribes: March 31, 2003 9 am—4 pm Public: April 1, 2003, 9 am—4 pm
Milwaukee, Wisconsin Hyatt Regency Milwaukee 333 West Kilbourn Avenue (414) 276-1234.	Public: April 3, 2003, 9 am—4 pm Tribes: April 4, 2003, 9 am—4 pm
Washington, DC Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426.	April 10, 2003, 9 am—4 pm

The goals of the post-NOPR regional stakeholder workshops are for Commission staff to: (1) Hear and consider stakeholder concerns about proposed rule language; and (2) find avenues for stakeholder consensus on solutions to those concerns. All interested persons are invited to attend these workshops.

Post-Workshop Stakeholder Drafting Session

A four-day post-workshop stakeholder drafting session will be held on April 29 and 30, and May 1 and 2, 2003., at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC.

The goal of the four-day post-workshop stakeholder drafting session is to develop proposed final rulemaking language. In addition to a full group discussion at the beginning of the first post-workshop drafting day, and at other appropriate times to be decided, participants will again be asked to take part in one of several drafting groups. Specific details regarding the time and location for the drafting session, as well as the subject matter and structure of the full group discussion, and drafting groups will be determined after the last regional workshop on April 10, and posted on the Commission's Web site soon thereafter.

All interested persons are invited to participate in the drafting session, and will need to pre-register on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov/hydro/hydro2.htm>, between April 18, and April 25, 2003.. Anyone without access to the web will need to pre-register by contacting Susan Tseng at (202) 502-6065. In both pre-registration procedures, participants must indicate their preference for a particular drafting group.

Obtaining Transcripts of the Regional Stakeholder Workshops, and Opportunities for Listening and Viewing the April 10, 2003, Workshop from Offsite

The Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening and viewing of the April 10, 2003, regional stakeholder workshop held in Washington, DC, which is available for a fee, live over the Internet, via C-Band Satellite. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast, or who need information on making arrangements should contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection (703-993-3100) as soon as possible or visit the Capitol Connection Web site at <http://www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu> and click on "FERC".

The regional stakeholder workshops will be transcribed. Those interested in obtaining a copy of the transcript immediately for a fee should contact Ace-Federal Reporters, Inc. at (202) 347-3700, or (800) 336-6646. Two weeks after each regional workshop, the transcript will be available for free on the Commission's FERRIS system.

Anyone without access to the Commission's Web site and who have questions about the regional stakeholder workshops, and post-workshop stakeholder drafting session should

contact Tim Welch at (202) 502-8760, or e-mail timothy.welch@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

January 31, 2003.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of

a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires.

Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the

document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. These filings are 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

EXEMPT

Docket No.	Date Filed	Presenter or Requester
ER02-2330-001/002/003, EL00-62-052/053/054	1-28-03	Deborah B. Goldberg
CP02-396-000	1-30-03	Tony Froomjian
CP02-396-000	1-30-03	Jeff Wakefield
Project No. 184-000	1-31-03	Sharon Waechter

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Financial Assistance for an Environmental Professional Intern Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The programmatic objective of this Environmental Professional Intern Program is to provide unique research training opportunities in cooperative study, applied research, research techniques, and developmental activities that would be of major benefit in advancing the number and diversity of environmental professionals in the workforce.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the availability of Federal Assistance to conduct an Environmental Professional Intern Program (Intern Program) to provide-on-the-job training for graduate and undergraduate students interested in careers in the environmental area. The need for wise stewardship of the Nation's environmental resources is increasing and with it a need to enlarge the pool of skilled environmental professionals while, at the same time, increasing the diversity of this pool. The EPA recognizes that there is a shortage of skilled environmental professionals. The programmatic objective of this Intern Program is to provide unique opportunities for cooperative study, research, and development that would increase the number and diversity of skilled engineers, scientists, policymakers, legal professionals, and managers in the environmental area.

This solicitation is to find a recipient organization to carry out this Intern Program. The student interns will be considered employees of the recipient organization rather than of the EPA

during their training period. All student interns must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program, or accepted into an undergraduate or graduate program that will commence within nine months of selection as a student intern. This recipient organization would be responsible for locating candidate interns, selecting the interns and administering the funding to the interns.

The EPA would identify the intern's opportunities at the Agency or at an EPA stakeholder facility, provide advice to the organization in the selection of the candidate interns, and provide space, technical guidance and training to the interns during their internship period at either an EPA facility or an EPA stakeholder facility. All projects awarded under this agreement must be of a research nature. They must relate to the detection, assessment, and evaluation of the effects on and risks to human health from hazardous substances and the detection of hazardous substances in the environment. The internships must be to conduct a survey or to research,