

The trial-type hearing rule and interagency memorandum of understanding

The Trial-type Hearing and Alternative Rule was published in the Federal Register on November 17, 2005. The TTH rule adds an appeals-type process to hydropower review. The rule provides an opportunity for all parties to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydropower licensing process to submit alternative conditions or prescriptions in response to the Service's, and other resources agencies, mandatory conditioning authority under Sections' 18 and 4(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).

Next steps associated with the interim rule are to amend and finalize. The TTH rule should be in final form sometime in 2008.