

k. *Description of Drought Plan:* By letter dated December 20, 2002, the Commission stated that if precipitation during the winter of 2002/2003 is below average and ground water tables have not completely recharged, severe drought conditions could return to the region during the summer of 2003. To minimize any adverse impacts associated with a drought, the Commission required the licensee to file a drought contingency plan for the summer of 2003.

The licensee's Drought Contingency Plan discusses competing demands for water in the Yadkin-Pee Dee River Basin and describes a process for monitoring and responding to drought conditions. The licensee's plan includes: (1) Declaring the existence of a drought when the U.S. Drought Monitor elevates 10% or more of the Yadkin—Pee Dee River basin to a drought severity classification of D1 or higher; (2) developing action and communication plans should drought conditions emerge; (3) holding meetings with officials from North and South Carolina, Progress Energy and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to monitor conditions; (4) implementing operational changes to balance competing interests; and (5) continuing to study salt-water intrusion at fresh water intakes on the coast of South Carolina.

l. *Location of the Application:* A copy of the application is 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) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. Enter Project No. 2197 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. 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.

n. *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, 385.211, 385.214. 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.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* All filings must bear in capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number to which the filing refers.

p. *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 deadline specified, it will be presumed to have no comments other than any included with the licensee's filing. One copy of an agency's comments should be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

q. Comments, 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 at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 184-065]

El Dorado Irrigation District, California; Notice of Public Meetings

February 26, 2003.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is reviewing the application for a new license for the El Dorado Project (FERC No. 184), filed on February 22, 2000. The El Dorado Project, licensed to the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID), is located on the South Fork American River, in El Dorado, Alpine, and Amador counties,

California. The project occupies lands of the Eldorado National Forest.

The EID, several state and federal agencies, and several non-governmental agencies are working collaboratively with a facilitator to resolve certain issues relevant to this proceeding. These meetings are a part of that collaborative process. Meetings will be held as follows:

March 10 Plenary Meeting—9 a.m.—4 p.m.;

March 11 Plenary Meeting—9 a.m.—4 p.m.;

March 18 Plenary Meeting—9 a.m.—4 p.m.; and

March 19 Plenary Meeting—9 a.m.—4 p.m.

We invite the participation of all interested governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the general public in these meetings.

All meetings will be held in the El Dorado Board of Directors Meeting Room, located at EID Headquarters, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, California.

For further information, please contact Elizabeth Molloy at (202) 502-8771 or John Mudre at (202) 502-8902.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Post-2005 Resource Pool, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Eastern Division

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed procedures and call for applications.

SUMMARY: Western Area Power Administration (Western), Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region, a Federal power marketing agency of the Department of Energy (DOE), is publishing this notice to seek comments on proposed procedures and call for applications from preference entities interested in an allocation of Federal power. The Energy Planning and Management Program (Program) provides for establishing project-specific resource pools and allocating power from these pools to new preference customers and other purposes as determined by Western. Western, in accordance with the Program, proposes allocation procedures for comment and consideration for entities interested in a Federal power resource pool increment