

Environmental Impact Statements—a no-action and two action alternatives, including the National Park Service preferred alternative. The preferred alternative would preserve untrailed expanses, unfragmented natural systems, and relatively pristine conditions throughout much of the park. It would protect Walnut Canyon as a critical wildlife corridor. Visitation would be managed with the goal of providing quality learning opportunities in an intimate atmosphere while maintaining the health of the canyon ecosystem. The natural soundscape and tranquil setting of the canyon would be enhanced through strategic placement of facilities. The full range of foreseeable environmental consequences was assessed, and appropriate mitigating measures were identified.

The Record of Decision includes a statement of the decision made, synopses of other alternatives considered, the basis for the decision, a description of the environmentally preferable alternative, a finding of no impairment of park resources and values, a listing of measures to minimize environmental harm, and an overview of public involvement in the decision-making process.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Todd Metzger, Acting Superintendent, Flagstaff Area Monuments, 6400 N. Highway 89, Flagstaff, Arizona 86004, (928) 526-1157.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the Record of Decision may be obtained from the contact listed above.

Dated: August 22, 2007.

**Michael D. Snyder,**

*Intermountain Regional Director, National Park Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before October 20, 2007. Pursuant to § 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded, by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., 2280,

Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St., NW., 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20005; or by fax, 202-371-6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by November 19, 2007.

**J. Paul Loether,**

*Chief, National Register of Historic Places/ National Historic Landmarks Program.*

### CALIFORNIA

#### Santa Cruz County

Cowell Lime Works Historic District, 1156 High St, Santa Cruz, 07001220

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

#### District of Columbia

Foxhall Village Historic District, (Historic Residential Suburbs in the United States, 1830-1960 MPS) Bounded by Reservoir Rd NW, Glover-Archibald Park, P St NW & Foxhall Rd NW, Washington, 07001221

### KANSAS

#### Chautauqua County

Bradford Hotel, 103 N Chautauqua, Sedan, 07001222

#### Cheyenne County

Hickert, Henry, Building, 104 W 4th, Bird City, 07001223

#### Dickinson County

Naroma Court Historic District, 800 N Buckeye; 801, 803, 805 Spruceway; 106 Naroma Ct, Abilene, 07001224

#### Jewell County

Burr Oak United Methodist Church, NE corner Pennsylvania & Washington Sts, Burr Oak, 07001225

#### Johnson County

Foster, Herman B., House, 204 W Main St, Gardner, 07001226

#### Marion County

Meehan, P.H., House, Address Restricted, Tampa, 07001227

#### Sedgwick County

Bond—Sullivan House, 936 Back Bay Blvd, Wichita, 07001228

Fresh Air Baby Camp, 1229 W 11th St, Wichita, 07001229

Holyoke Cottage, 1704 N Holyoke, Wichita, 07001230

### MISSOURI

#### Jackson County

U.S. Courthouse and Post Office—Kansas City, MO, 811 Grand Blvd, Kansas City, 07001231

### MONTANA

#### Rosebud County

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 701 Main St, Rosebud, 07001232

### NEW YORK

#### New York County

Van Tassell and Kearney Horse Auction Mart, 126-128 E 13th St, New York, 07001233

### TEXAS

#### Harris County

Alameda Road Bridge over Brays Bayou, (Historic Bridges of Texas MPS) Alameda Rd at Brays Bayou, Houston, 07001234

Telephone Road Bridge over Brays Bayou, (Historic Bridges of Texas MPS) Telephone Rd at Brays Bayou, Houston, 07001235

### VIRGINIA

#### Albemarle County

Southern Albermarle Rural Historic District, Roughly bounded by Rivanna R, VA 20, Green Mt, James R., Blenheim, Jefferson Mill Rolling & Milton Rds & Monroe Pkwy, Charlottesville, 07001236

A request for REMOVAL has been made for the following resource:

### NORTH DAKOTA

#### Walsh County

Odalen Lutherske Kirke, 6 mi W and ¼ mi N of Jct ND 32 and Cty Rte 9, Edinburg vicinity, 05001517

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

[FES-07-37]

#### Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior (Department), acting through the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), has issued a final environmental impact statement (Final EIS) on the proposed adoption of specific Colorado River Lower Basin shortage guidelines and coordinated reservoir management strategies to address operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead, particularly under low reservoir conditions. This action is proposed in order to provide a greater degree of certainty to U.S. Colorado River water users and managers of the Colorado River Basin by providing

detailed and objective guidelines for the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead, thereby allowing water managers and water users in the Lower Basin to know when, and by how much, water deliveries will be reduced in drought and other low reservoir conditions. The Department proposes that these guidelines be interim in duration and extend through 2026.

Cooperating agencies are the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the Western Area Power Administration, and the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission.

**DATES:** The Department will issue a Record of Decision implementing the proposed interim guidelines no sooner than December 3, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The Final EIS is electronically available for viewing and copying at Reclamation's project Web site at: <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/strategies.html>. Alternatively, a compact disc or hard copy is available upon written request to: Regional Director, Lower Colorado Region, Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: BCOO-1005, P.O. Box 61470, Boulder City, Nevada 89006-1470; fax at (702) 293-8156; or e-mail at [strategies@lc.usbr.gov](mailto:strategies@lc.usbr.gov).

See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for locations and addresses where copies of the document may be viewed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terrance J. Fulp, Ph.D., at (702) 293-8500 or e-mail at [strategies@lc.usbr.gov](mailto:strategies@lc.usbr.gov); and/or Randall Peterson at (801) 524-3633 or e-mail at [strategies@lc.usbr.gov](mailto:strategies@lc.usbr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** During the period from 2000-2007, the Colorado River has experienced the worst drought conditions in 100 years of recorded history. During this period, storage in Colorado River reservoirs dropped from nearly full to less than 55 percent of capacity as of September 30, 2007. Currently, the Department does not have specific operational guidelines in place to address the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead during drought and low reservoir conditions.

Accordingly, through a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process initiated by a **Federal Register** notice dated September 30, 2005 (70 FR 57322), the Department proposed the adoption of specific interim guidelines for Lower Basin shortages and coordinated operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead. It is anticipated that the proposed federal action will be implemented through the adoption of interim guidelines in effect through

2026 that would be used each year by the Department in implementing the Criteria for Coordinated Long-Range Operation of Colorado River Reservoirs Pursuant to the Colorado River Basin Project Act of September 30, 1968, through issuance of the Annual Operating Plan for Colorado River Reservoirs.

The proposed federal action considers four operational elements that collectively are designed to address the purpose and need for the proposed federal action. These elements are addressed in each of the alternatives described and analyzed in the Final EIS. The interim guidelines would be used by the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to:

- Determine those circumstances under which the Secretary would reduce the annual amount of water available for consumptive use from Lake Mead to the Colorado River Lower Division states (Arizona, California, and Nevada) below 7.5 million acre-feet (a "Shortage") pursuant to Article II(B)(3) of the United States Supreme Court Decree in the case of *Arizona v. California*, 547 U.S. 150 (2006);
- Define the coordinated operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead to provide improved operation of these two reservoirs, particularly under low reservoir conditions;
- Allow for the storage and delivery, pursuant to applicable federal law, of conserved Colorado River system and non-system water in Lake Mead to increase the flexibility of meeting water use needs from Lake Mead, particularly under drought and low reservoir conditions; and
- Determine those conditions under which the Secretary may declare the availability of surplus water for use within the Lower Division states.

The proposed federal action would modify the substance of the existing Interim Surplus Guidelines (ISG), published in the **Federal Register** on January 25, 2001 (66 FR 7772), and would change the term of the ISG from 2016 to 2026.

*The purpose of the proposed federal action is to:* (1) Improve Reclamation's management of the Colorado River by considering the trade-offs between the frequency and magnitude of reductions of water deliveries, and considering the effects on water storage in Lake Powell and Lake Mead, water supply, power production, recreation, and other environmental resources; (2) provide mainstream U.S. users of Colorado River water, particularly those in the Lower Division states, a greater degree of predictability with respect to the

amount of annual water deliveries in future years, particularly under drought and low reservoir conditions; and (3) provide additional mechanisms for the storage and delivery of water supplies in Lake Mead.

The Final EIS presents five action alternatives for potential implementation, plus a No Action Alternative. The action alternatives reflect input from Reclamation staff, the cooperating agencies, stakeholders, members of the general public and other interested parties. The preferred alternative was identified by Reclamation by publication on June 15, 2007, on the dedicated project Web site: (<http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/strategies.html>), following public comments on the Draft EIS and further analysis.

*The preferred alternative proposes:* (1) Discrete levels of shortage volumes associated with Lake Mead elevations to conserve reservoir storage and provide water users and managers in the Lower Basin with greater certainty to know when, and by how much, water deliveries will be reduced in drought and other low reservoir conditions; (2) a coordinated operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead determined by specified reservoir conditions that would minimize shortages in the Lower Basin and avoid the risk of curtailments in the Upper Basin; (3) a mechanism to encourage and account for augmentation and conservation of water supplies, referred to as Intentionally Created Surplus, that would minimize the likelihood and severity of potential future shortages; and (4) the modification and extension of the ISG through 2026.

A Record of Decision implementing the interim guidelines is anticipated to be completed before the end of 2007.

Following publication of this **Federal Register** notice, additional and updated information regarding the content and development of guidelines is anticipated to be provided to the public through the dedicated project Web site, (<http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/strategies.html>).

#### **Locations Where the Final EIS Is Available for Public Review**

- Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Regional Office, 400 Railroad Avenue, Boulder City, Nevada.

- Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Regional Office, 125 South State Street, Room 7220, Salt Lake City, Utah.

- Bureau of Reclamation, Phoenix Area Office, 6150 West Thunderbird Road, Glendale, Arizona.

- Bureau of Reclamation, Yuma Area Office, 7301 Calle Agua Salada, Yuma, Arizona.
- Bureau of Reclamation Library, Denver Federal Center, 6th Avenue and Kipling, Building 67, Room 167, Denver, Colorado.
- Department of the Interior, Natural Resources Library, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC.
- Yuma County Library, 185 South Main Street, Yuma, Arizona.
- Palo Verde Valley Library, 125 West Chanslor Way, Blythe, California.
- Mohave County Library, 1170 Hancock Road, Bullhead City, Arizona.
- Laughlin Library, 2840 South Needles Highway, Laughlin, Nevada.
- Las Vegas Clark County Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard N, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- James I. Gibson Library, 280 Water Street, Henderson, Nevada.

#### Public Disclosure

Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

#### Willie R. Taylor,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-458; License No. NPF-47]

### In the Matter of: Entergy Gulf States, Inc., Entergy Operations, Inc. (River Bend Station, Unit 1); Order Approving Transfer of Facility Operating License and Conforming Amendment

#### I.

Entergy Gulf States, Inc. (EGS) and Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) are the holders of Facility Operating License NPF-47, issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities." The license authorizes the operation of River Bend Station, Unit 1 (RBS or facility), in accordance with terms and

conditions specified therein. The facility is located in St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana. The license authorizes EGS to possess the facility with respect to EGS's ownership of RBS, and EOI to use and operate the facility.

#### II.

By letter dated May 29, 2007, as supplemented by letters dated August 30 and September 19, 2007, EOI, acting on behalf of EGS and itself, submitted an application to the NRC requesting, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, approval of the direct transfer of the license for RBS from EGS to Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, LLC (EGS-LA). EOI also requested, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.90, approval of a conforming license amendment to the RBS, Unit 1, Operating License (NPF-47) to reflect the transfer. The transfer is associated with the planned restructuring of EGS under which ownership of RBS will be transferred from EGS, a Texas corporation, to EGS-LA, Louisiana limited liability company. EOI will continue to operate RBS, and thus there is no transfer of operating authority under the license proposed in the application.

Notice of the requests for approval and an opportunity for a hearing was published in the **Federal Register** on July 9, 2007 (72 FR 37266). No comments or hearing requests were received.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.80, no license, or any right thereunder, shall be transferred, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of the license, unless the Commission shall give its consent in writing. Upon review of the information in the application and other information before the Commission, and relying upon the representations and agreements contained in the application, the NRC staff has determined that EGS-LA is qualified to hold the license for RBS to the extent now held by EGS, and that the transfer of the license to EGS-LA described in the application is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto, subject to the conditions set forth below. The NRC staff has further found that the application for the proposed license amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I; the facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and

regulations of the Commission; there is reasonable assurance that the activities authorized by the proposed license amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public and that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations; the issuance of the proposed license amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or the health and safety of the public; and the issuance of the proposed amendment will be in accordance with 10 CFR part 51 of the Commission's regulations and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

The findings set forth above are supported by a safety evaluation dated October 26, 2007.

#### III.

Accordingly, pursuant to sections 161b, 161i, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2201(b), 2201(i), and 2234, and 10 CFR 50.80, *it is hereby ordered* that the transfer of the license to EGS-LA, as described herein is approved, subject to the following conditions:

(1) At the time of the closing of the transfer of ownership of and the license for RBS from EGS to EGS-LA, the RBS decommissioning trust agreement(s) shall be amended to reflect EGS-LA as the owner of all the decommissioning trust funds accumulated as of the date of the closing.

(2) Prior to completion of the transfer of ownership of and the transfer for RBS, EGS-LA shall provide the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation satisfactory documentary evidence that it has obtained the appropriate amount of insurance required of licensees under 10 CFR part 140 of the Commission's regulations.

*It is further ordered* that, consistent with 10 CFR 2.1315(b), a license amendment that makes changes, as indicated in Enclosure 2 to the cover letter forwarding this Order, to conform the license to reflect the subject license transfer, is approved. The amendment shall be issued and made effective at the time the proposed license transfer is completed.

*It is further ordered* that EOI shall inform the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation in writing of the date of closing of the transfer no later than 5 business days prior to such action. Should the transfer of the license not be completed by October 25, 2008, this Order shall become null and void, provided, however, that upon written application and for good cause shown, such date may be extended by order.

This Order is effective upon issuance.