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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Everglades National Park Seepage Management Project, Miami-Dade County, FL

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Jacksonville District, intends to prepare an integrated Project Implementation Report/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (PIR/DEIS) for the Everglades National Park (ENP) Seepage Management Project. The study is a cooperative effort between the Corps and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), which is also a cooperating agency for this DEIS. The project seeks to reduce eastward water seepage from the Everglades system for the benefit of wetland communities within ENP. The ENP Seepage Management Project is comprised of three components that were recommended as a part of the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Project Comprehensive Review Study Feasibility Report and Integrated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) dated April 1999 (Restudy), and is part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). The project includes an aboveground recharge area, a wetland buffer area, relocation and enhancement of levee L-31N, a sheetflow delivery system, and other features located adjacent to ENP in Miami-Dade County.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Environmental Branch, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL, 32232-0019; Attn: Mr. Ernest Clarke or by telephone at 904-232-1199 or e-mail at ernest.clarke@saj02.usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. *Authorization:* The authority for this project is contained within the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2000.

b. *Study Area:* The study area is along a portion of the L-30 and L-31N canals

located north of structure G-211, south of structure S-335, and west of structure S-380 in Miami-Dade County.

c. *Project Scope:* The scope includes conducting a watershed assessment of the study area and developing alternative plans for reducing seepage from ENP. The assessment will refine project components developed in the Restudy. The evaluation of the alternatives and selection of a recommended plan will be documented in the PIR/EIS. The alternative plans will be reviewed under provisions of appropriate laws and regulations, including the Endangered Species Act, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, Clean Water Act, and Farmland Protection Policy Act.

d. *Preliminary Alternatives:* The ENP Seepage Management Project includes three components of the C&SF Restudy: (1) S-356 Structures, (2) L-31N Improvements for Seepage Management, and (3) Bird Drive Recharge Area. The project described in the Restudy includes an aboveground recharge area, a wetland buffer area, relocation and enhancement of levee-canal L-31N, a sheetflow delivery system, and other features located adjacent to ENP in Miami-Dade County. Further formulation will determine the locations, sizes, configurations, and operations of facilities.

e. *Issues:* The EIS will address the following issues: the relation between this project and related projects including Modified Water Deliveries to ENP; impacts to Miami-Dade West Wellfield and Biscayne Bay, impacts to aquatic and wetland habitats; water flows; hazardous and toxic waste; water quality; flood protection; the impacts of land acquisition on the tax base; aesthetics and recreation; fish and wildlife resources, including protected species; cultural resources; and other impacts identified through scoping, public involvement and interagency coordination.

f. *Scoping:* A scoping letter and multiple public workshops will be used to invite comments on alternatives and issues from Federal, State, and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and individuals. Additionally, a scoping meeting will be held on March 14, 2006 in Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Auditorium, 9300 NW., 41st Street, Miami, FL 33178. Additional public meetings are anticipated during the study. The exact location, dates, and times of future meetings will be announced in public notices and local newspapers.

g. *DEIS Preparation:* The integrated PIR, including a DEIS, is currently

estimated for publication in September 2008.

Dated: February 10, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC06-585-000; FERC-585]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

February 14, 2006.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due April 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Copies of sample filings of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filings/elibrary.asp>) or from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-34, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filing, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and refer to Docket No. IC06-585-000.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> and click on "Make an E-filing", and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the eLibrary link. For user assistance, contact *FERCOlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll-free at (866) 208-3676. or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at *michael.miller@ferc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-585 "Reporting of Electric Energy Shortages and Contingency Plans under PURPA" (OMB No. 1902-0138) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of section 206 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1979 (PURPA) Pub. L. 95-617, 92 Stat. 3117. Section 206 of PURPA amended the Federal Power Act (FPA) by adding a new subsection (g) to section 202, under which the Commission by rule, was to require each public utility to (1) report to the Commission and appropriate state

regulatory authorities of any anticipated shortages of electric energy or capacity which would affect the utility's capability to serve its wholesale customers; and (2) report to the Commission and any appropriate state regulatory authority contingency plan that would outline what circumstances might give rise to for such occurrences.

In FERC Order No. 575 (60 FR 4859, January 25, 1995) the Commission modified the reporting requirements in 18 CFR 294.101(b) to provide that if a public utility includes in its rates schedule provisions that: (a) during electric energy and capacity shortages it will treat firm power wholesale customers without undue discrimination or preference; and (b) it will report any modifications to its contingency plan for accommodating shortages within 15 days to the appropriate state regulatory agency and to the affected wholesale customers, then the utility need not file with the Commission an additional statement of contingency plan for accommodating such shortages. This revision merely

changed the reporting mechanism; the public utility's contingency plan would be located in its filed rate rather than in a separate document.

The Commission uses the information to evaluate and formulate appropriate an option for action in the event an unanticipated shortage is reported and/or materializes. Without this information, the Commission and State agencies would be unable to: (1) Examine and approve or modify utility actions, (2) prepare a response to anticipated disruptions in electric energy and (3) ensure equitable treatment of all public utility customers under the shortage situations. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 294.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
7	1	73	511 hours

Estimated cost burden to respondents is \$27,704. (511 hours/2080 hours per year times \$112,767 per year average per employee = \$ 27,704). The cost per respondent is \$3,958.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or

overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology *e.g.* permitting electronic submission of responses.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PH06-3-000]

AGL Resources Inc.; Notice of Petition for Exemption From the Requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005

February 14, 2006.

Take notice that on February 8, 2006, AGL Resources Inc. filed a petition seeking, pursuant to 18 CFR 366.4(b)(1), exemption from the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005 pursuant to 18 CFR 366.3(a) or 18 CFR 366.3(b).

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file 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 notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, pursuant to 18 CFR