

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EL01-47-000]

Removing Obstacles To Increased Electric Generation and Natural Gas Supply in the Western United States; Notice of Intent To Convene a Conference To Consult With State Commissioners and Other State Representatives From Western States¹

March 23, 2001.

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will meet with state commissioners and other state representatives from Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming for the purpose of discussing price volatility in the West, as well as other FERC-related issues recently identified by the Governors of these states.² The Commission invites two participants from each state listed above, and asks that at least one of the participants from each state be from the state's utility regulatory commission.

The conference is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2001 in Boise, Idaho, beginning at 8:00 a.m. All interested parties are permitted to attend, although seating will be limited. An additional notice will issue at a later time providing information about participants, content, and logistics. For additional information, please contact Saida Shaalan at (202) 208-0278.

David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

March 23, 2001.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt

¹ This notice changes the date of the conference to April 10, 2001 and replaces the previous notice issued on March 16, 2001.

² See Western Governors' Association, "Suggested Action Plan to Meet the Western Electricity Crisis and Help Build the Foundation for a National Energy Policy" (March 2001). A copy of this document was filed in this docket. See also Western Governors' Association website at <http://www.westgov.org/wieb/power/index.htm>.

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 received in the Office of the Secretary within the preceding 14 days. The documents may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Exempt

1. CP00-6-000, 3-21-01, Jeff Shenot
2. Project No. 11243, 3-9-01, Jon Miyashiro
3. Project No. 11243, 3-9-01, David Ryland
4. Project No. 2401-007, 3-2-01, Susan Pengilly Neitzel
5. Project No. 10865 and 11495, 3-13-01, Carol Gleichman
6. Project No. 1962, 3-13-01, Nicholas Jayjack

7. Project Nos. 10865 and 11495, 3-15-01, Carol Gleichman
8. CP00-6-000, 3-20-01, Ken Huntington
9. Project No. 2661-000, 3-20-01, Daniel Abeyta

David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Western Area Power Administration****Notice of Floodplain/Wetlands Involvement for the Charlie Creek-Williston Transmission Line Fiber Optic Overhead Ground Wire Installation Project**

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of floodplain/wetlands involvement.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western) intends to add new fiber optic communication capabilities to the existing Charlie Creek-Williston 115-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line in west central North Dakota. This will require rebuilding many of the existing wood pole H-frame structures to carry the additional weight. The line crosses two major drainages in the area—the Little Missouri River on lands managed by the National Park Service, and the Missouri River south of Williston, North Dakota.

Following the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Floodplain/Wetland Review Requirements (10 CFR part 1022), Western will prepare a floodplain assessment and will perform the proposed actions in ways that avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain. The floodplain assessment will be included in an Environmental Assessment being prepared by Western, under the provisions of the DOE National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021).

DATES: Comments on the proposed floodplain action are due to the address below by May 1, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Mr. Theodore Anderson, Environmental Specialist, Upper Great Plains Region, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 35800, Billings, Montana 59107-5800, e-mail tanderso@wapa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on DOE Floodplain/Wetlands Environmental Review

Requirements, contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, NEPA Policy and Compliance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Charlie Creek-Williston 115-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line is approximately 72 miles long, approximately 50 years old, and has an existing 100-foot right-of-way. Fiber optic communications will be added by installing a new overhead ground wire with a fiber optic cable as a replacement for one of the existing overhead ground wires. The other existing overhead ground wire will be replaced with a new, conventional ground wire at the same time. To carry the added weight of the new cable, a number of transmission structure upgrades are required. A total of 514 wood poles on the existing H-frame structures will be replaced with poles that are 5 feet taller. This will prevent the heavier cable from sagging into the conductor wire. As part of the transmission line rebuild, all insulators on the line will be replaced.

Most of the line is on private land (grazing and cultivated lands), but it also crosses lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service (Little Missouri National Grasslands) and the National Park Service (Theodore Roosevelt National Park North Unit). The line crosses McKenzie and Williams counties, and will pass near Watford City, North Dakota.

The action will entail removing existing poles and reinstalling new, taller poles. Once the poles are replaced, the existing overhead ground wire will be removed and the new fiber and conventional cables installed. Along the route, splice points will also be established where the lengths of the fiber optic cable will be fused together. The splice points will be used for pulling the cable through the structures. Most ground disturbances will occur where the structures are replaced, and at the splicing and pulling sites. Access roads for the line exist and may need to be improved. There may be a need for additional access trails or roads to some structure locations. Western employees will perform this work over 3 years.

Dated: March 20, 2001

Michael S. Hacskaylo,

Administrator.

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FEDERAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

Preliminary Views on Eliminating the Category "Required Supplementary Stewardship Information"; Notice of Public Hearing and Request for Written Comments

AGENCY: Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing on April 27, 2001.

Public Hearing: April 27, 2001 (extension to an additional date or dates may be announced at the hearing), beginning at 9 a.m., Room 6N30, U.S. General Accounting Office, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20548.

The Deadline for Written Notice of Intent to Speak on April 27 is April 13, 2001.

Basis for Hearing: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board will be held on Friday, April 27, 2001 beginning at 9 a.m. in room 6N30 of the General Accounting Office, 441 G St., NW., Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain information from interested individuals, organizations, and groups about the issues discussed in Preliminary Views on Eliminating the Category "Required Supplementary Stewardship Information." Copies of this document were mailed in December to those on FASAB's mailing list. Additional copies are available on request from FASAB or on the World Wide Web at <http://www.financenet.gov/financenet/fed/fasab/exposure.htm>. Members of the Board and its staff will conduct the hearing. Interested parties are encouraged to participate.

Public Hearing Oral Presentation Requirements

Individuals, organizations, or groups that want to make an oral presentation at the public hearing should provide, by April 13, 2001, a written notification of intent and written comments addressing the issues in Preliminary Views. The notification and written submission should be addressed to Wendy Comes, Executive Director, at comesw@gao.gov or at: Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, 441 G Street NW., Mailstop 6K17V, Washington, DC 20548.

The hearing may be canceled if insufficient interest is expressed by the deadline. The Board intends to schedule all who want to make oral presentations

and will notify them of the time of the presentation. The time allotted each individual, organization, or group will be limited to about 30 minutes—10 minutes to summarize or elaborate on the written submissions, or to comment on the written submissions or presentations of others; and 20 minutes to respond to questions from those conducting the hearings. Please contact FASAB by e-mail as shown above or by calling 202-512-7350 at least 24 hours before the meeting for information on building security and requirements for admission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wendy M. Comes, Executive Director, 441 G Street, NW., Mail Stop 6K17V, Washington, DC 20548, or call (202) 512-7357. Fax: (202) 512-7366.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, Section 10(a)(2), 86 Stat. 770, 774 (1972) (current version at 5 U.S.C. app. Section 10(a)(2) (1988); 41 CFR 101-6.1015 (1990).

Dated: March 23, 2001.

Wendy M. Comes,

Executive Director.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 2:10 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2001, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's corporate and supervisory activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director John M. Reich, seconded by Ms. Carolyn Buck, acting in the place and stead of Director Ellen S. Seidman (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), concurred in by Chairman Donna Tanoue, and Director John D. Hawke, Jr. (Comptroller of the Currency), that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no notice earlier than March 15, 2001, of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2); (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A)(ii), (c)(9)(B), and (c)(10) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b)(c)(2),