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The FEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the FEA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference room at (202) 208-1371.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4316-027 Colorado]

Galloway, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

August 7, 1998.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the license surrender application for the Blue Valley Ranch Project, No. 4316-027. The Blue Valley Ranch Project is located on the Blue River in Grand County, Colorado. The license is being surrendered because the licensee has determined that it is not feasible to rehabilitate the project. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared, and the EA finds that surrendering the license would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For further information, please contact Ms. Hillary Berlin, at (202) 219-0038.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Meeting on Midwest Electric Pricing Issues

August 7, 1998.

Take notice that members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will meet with Midwest

state utility commission members and officials of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners to discuss pricing issues arising from circumstances that existed in electric power markets in the Midwest during the last week of June, 1998.

The meeting will be open to the public. State and federal commissioners and their representatives will participate in the discussion. In addition, the Commission expects to hear presentations from representatives of the Edison Electric Institute, the American Public Power Association, the Electric Power Supply Association, the Electricity Consumers Resource Council, and the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association. A transcript will be made of the proceedings.

The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon (CDT) on August 14, 1998. The location of the meeting will be the Rosemont Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois 60018 (Phone: (847) 692-2220).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board, Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notification is hereby given that two committees of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Eastern Time. All meetings are open to the public, however, due to limited space, seating at meetings will be on a first-come basis. For further information concerning specific meetings, please contact the individuals listed below. Documents that are the subject of SAB reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are *not* available from the SAB Office.

1. Integrated Human Exposure Committee (IHEC)

The Integrated Human Exposure Committee (IHEC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) will meet on Thursday, September 3 and Friday

September 4, 1998, beginning no earlier than 9 am and ending no later than 5 pm on each day. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel at 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037. The hotel is Metro accessible. For directions, please call the hotel at 202-775-0800.

Purpose—The purpose of the meeting is to review the methodologies for the Basic Relative Burden Analysis Methodology (BRBA), the Enhanced Relative Burden Analysis Methodology (ERBA), and the Cumulative Outdoor Toxics Concentration and Exposure Methodology (COATCEM) for scientific merit.

Charge—The IHEC has been asked to respond to the following Charge questions presented in the document, Questions for the Science Advisory Board on the Title VI Relative Burden Analyses and the Cumulative Outdoor Air Toxics Concentration and Exposure Methodology, referred hereafter as “the review document.” The following charge questions are from the review document which provides the necessary context for each question. Instructions for obtaining copies of the review document are provided below.

I. Regarding the Relative Burden Analyses

Charge Question #1: The Risk Screening Environmental Indicators (RSEI) toxicity weights that Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) developed have been reviewed and commented upon by the SAB within the past year (EPA-SAB-EEC-98-007). OPPT has addressed the major concerns of the SAB as to having the weights ordered on a continuous scale directly related to their toxicity values rather than in order of magnitude “bins” and avoiding truncation of the value range. The use of these weights for the specific purpose of doing relative burden analyses in the way outlined in the review document has not been commented upon by the SAB. What are the strengths and weaknesses of this approach, which applies the toxicity weights to a number of chemicals released into the air, for the purpose of developing a burden measure?

Charge Question #2: The Basic Relative Burden Analysis (BRBA) method is relatively simple and may not consider important parameters such as relative proximity, weather, stack height. Please provide comment on the strengths, weaknesses, and utility of the “basic” method in estimating the distribution of burden to areas proximate to facilities with air emissions.