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Upper Peninsula Power Company; Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

[Project No. 1864-005]

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The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has received an application for a new license (relicense) for the existing project operated by the Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCo) on the Ontonagon River system in the western part of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and a small portion of neighboring Wisconsin. The project includes four developments: Bond Falls, Bergland, Cisco, and Victoria.

Upon review of the application, supplemental filings and intervenor submittals, the Commission staff concludes that, given the location and interaction of the project with other projects nearby, staff will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that describes and evaluates the probable impacts of the applicant's proposals and alternatives for the project.

One element of the EIS process is scoping. Scoping activities are initiated early to:

- Identify reasonable alternative operational procedures and environmental enhancement measures that should be evaluated in the EIS;
- Identify significant environmental issues related to the operation of the existing project;
- Determine the depth of analysis for issues that will be discussed in the EIS; and
- Identify resource issues that are of lesser importance and, consequently, do not require detailed analysis in the EIS.

Scoping Meetings

Commission staff will conduct three public meetings for the Bond Falls Project. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend any of the planned meetings and help staff identify the scope of environmental issues that should and should not be analyzed in the Bond Falls EIS.

Two scoping meetings will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 1996, at the Best Western Porcupine Mountain Lodge in Silver, City, MI. The first meeting will be held from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, EST, and will be oriented toward resource agency concerns. The second meeting will be held in the evening from 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM, EST, and will be oriented toward public participation.

A third scoping meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 1996, at the Sylvania Visitor Center in Watersmeet, MI. The meeting will be held in the evening from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, EST, and will be oriented toward public participation.

Procedures

The meetings, which will be recorded by a stenographer, will become part of the formal record of the Commission's proceeding on the Bond Falls Project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to identify themselves for the record.

Concerned parties are encouraged to speak during the public meeting. Speaking time allowed for individuals will be determined before each meeting, based on the number of persons wishing to speak and the approximate amount of time available for the session. All speakers will be provided at least 5 minutes to present their views.

Objectives of the Scoping Meetings

At the scoping meetings, the staff will:

- Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EIS;
- Identify resource issues that are of lesser importance and, therefore, do not require detailed analysis;
- Solicit from the meeting participants all available information, especially quantifiable data, concerning significant local resources; and
- Encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EIS.

Information Requested

Federal and state resource agencies, local government officials, interested groups, area residents, and concerned individuals are requested to provide any information they believe will assist the Commission staff to analyze the environmental impacts associated with relicensing the project. The types of information sought include the following:

- Data, reports, and resource plans that characterize the baseline physical, biological, or social environments in the vicinity of the projects; and

- Information and data that helps staff identify or evaluate significant environmental issues.

Scoping information and associated comments should be submitted to the Commission no later than January 31, 1996. Written comments should be provided at the scoping meeting or mailed to the Commission, as follows: Lois Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

All filings sent to the Secretary of the Commission should contain an original and 8 copies. Failure to file an original and 8 copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefits of your comments in a timely manner. See 18 CFR 4.34(h).

All correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page:

FERC Project No. 1864: Bond Falls

Intervenors and interceders (as defined in 18 CFR 385.2010) who file documents with the Commission are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure requiring them to serve a copy of all documents filed with the Commission on each person whose name is listed on the official service list for this proceeding. See 18 CFR 4.34(b).

For further information, please contact Frankie Green at (202) 501-7704.

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West Texas Gas, Inc.; Notice of Filing

December 6, 1995.

Take notice that on December 1, 1995, West Texas Gas, Inc. (WTG) filed Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 4 to its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, proposed to be effective January 1, 1996. WNG states that this tariff sheet and the accompanying explanatory schedules constitute WTG's quarterly PGA filing submitted in accordance with the Commission's purchased gas adjustments regulations.

WTG states that copies of the filing were served upon WTG's customers and interested state commissions.

Any persons desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211

and 385.214. Pursuant to Section 154.210 of the Commission's regulations, all such motion or protests must be filed not later than 12 days after the date of filing noted above. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Request for Comments: Information Collection Request for the 1996 Metal Products and Machinery—Phase II Survey; Agency Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct a survey of industries included in the Metal Products and Machinery (MP&M) Phase II industrial categories. These categories are motor vehicles (i.e., automotive industry activities—excluding automotive filling stations), bus & truck, railroad, office machines, household equipment, instruments (i.e., measurement and control instruments), precious metals, and ships & boats. Before submitting the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments from the public on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments and requests for information must be received by EPA no later than February 12, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The public may contact Mr. Mark Ingle at the EPA for a copy of the proposed survey instruments. Mr. Ingle may be reached by mail at U.S. EPA, Engineering and Analysis Division, Mail Code 4303, Office of Science and Technology, 401 M Street SW.,

Washington, DC 20460; or by telephone at (202) 260-7191. The survey instruments will be available as draft documents that include all pertinent instructions, information request questions, and definitions.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Affected Entities:* Entities affected by the proposed survey include industrial activities that manufacture, maintain, or repair metal products and machinery included in the following industry categories: motor vehicles (i.e., automotive industry activities—excluding automotive filling stations), bus & truck, railroad, office machines, household equipment, instruments (i.e., measurement and control instruments), precious metals, and ships & boats. Such entities may be privately owned, or may be owned by the federal government and/or state/local governments. The survey instruments will be sent to entities in these categories, regardless of the ownership status of the parts they are manufacturing, maintaining, or repairing. The survey is intended to identify and collect data from MP&M Phase II industrial sites that generate and discharge process wastewater from unit operations associated with potential water-using industrial activities (selected examples of water-using industrial activities are electroplating, painting, machining, grinding, conversion coating).

In addition to the directly affected entities listed above, the EPA also plans to collect information related to regulatory burden that would be created by implementation of a final MP&M Phase II rule on other federal agencies (e.g., Department of Defense, Department of Energy, etc.), and the state/local governmental authorities responsible for operating the affected publicly owned treatment works. Impacts on these other government entities could include either increased costs to issue additional permits or cost savings realized from using the proposed national standards instead of local pollutant limits.

Title: 1996 Metal Products and Machinery Industry—Phase II Survey.

Abstract: The survey is intended to collect, from industry and other affected parties, the type of technical and economic information required by EPA to develop effluent limitations guidelines for the Metal Products and Machinery, Phase II industry categories described above. EPA is required under Section 304(m) of the Clean Water Act of 1987 (Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. 1314(m)) to promulgate new effluent limitations

guidelines. As the result of a lawsuit by the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. (NRDC) and Public Citizen, Inc. (*NRDC et al. v. Reilly*, Civ. No. 89-2980), a Consent Decree was entered by the Court on January 31, 1992 that established the schedule for promulgating numerous effluent limitations guidelines including the MP&M Phase II rule. Thus, EPA is required under a court order stemming from the CWA to promulgate the MP&M Phase II rule. Because this survey will be issued under authority of Section 308 of the Clean Water Act of 1987 (Federal Water Pollution Control Act, U.S.C. Section 1318), responses from data collection survey instrument recipients are mandatory. The survey instruments will be mailed after OMB approves the ICR. The ICR that will be submitted by EPA to OMB will include discussion of the comments EPA has already received to date and the comments received as the result of today's announcement. The proposed survey instruments are a necessary part of the data collection portion of the effluent limitations guidelines development process. The proposed survey instruments will provide EPA with the technical and economic data required to effectively evaluate pollution control technologies and the economic achievability of the final rule. EPA will consider both technical performance and economic achievability (including cost effectiveness analyses of alternative pollution control technologies) when developing the final regulations.

Burden Statement: The proposed survey instruments were developed by improving upon the MP&M Phase I survey in such a manner as to reduce burden and improve clarity. EPA has already conducted an outreach program to industry and other government entities with the objective of minimizing reporting burden. The outreach program included distribution of draft survey instruments to industry and governmental associations, outreach to community groups, and direct presentations at meetings. The following are the industry/government associations already contacted as part of the EPA outreach program: Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute, American Ambulance Association, American Automotive Manufacturers Association, American Bus Association, American Electronics Association, American Electroplaters and Surface Finishers Society, American Furniture Manufacturing Association, American Public Transit Association, American Short Line Railroad Association, American Trucking Association,