NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508), and the DOE regulations for compliance with NEPA (10 CFR Part 1021) to describe the potential environmental consequences of the range of reasonable marketing plan alternatives.

The Sierra Nevada Region will accept written and oral comments during the public hearing, and a court reporter will record the proceedings. Those wishing to make oral comments will be asked to register at the door prior to the beginning of the hearing. The Sierra Nevada Region will respond to comments in the final EIS. There will be an informal public information session before the hearing to describe the results of the analysis outlined in the draft EIS. Interested persons can discuss aspects of the draft EIS with Sierra Nevada Region representatives at this session.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The public information session and hearing will be held on June 13, 1996, at the Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, California. The public information session will begin at 9 a.m., and the public hearing will begin an hour later at 10 a.m.

Copies of the draft EIS have been distributed to interested parties on the EIS mailing list and to various reading rooms. Copies of the draft EIS and supporting documents are available for public review at the locations listed below:

Shasta County Public Library, Reference Desk, 1855 Shasta Street, Redding, CA 96001

Sacramento Public Library, Central Branch, Reference Desk, 828 ''I'' Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Fresno Public Library, Reference Desk, 2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno, CA 93721

University of California, Berkeley, General Library, Berkeley, CA 94720

Washoe Public Library, Reference Desk, 301 South Center Street, Reno, NV 89501

California State Library, Sacramento Branch, 914 Capital Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814

San Francisco Public Library, Civic Center (Main Library), Reference Desk, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

Copies of the draft EIS and supporting documents are also available for public review at Western's offices at:

Sierra Nevada Region, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630

Corporate Services Office, 1627 Cole Boulevard, Building 19, Room 175, Golden, CO 80401

U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Reading Room 1E–190, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585

Referenced material is contained in the official project file located at the Sierra Nevada Regional Office at the above-listed address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Sierra Nevada Region maintains a mailing list of those interested in the 2004 Power Marketing Program EIS. For further information, to submit written comments, or to request a copy of the draft EIS, please call or write: Jerry W. Toeynes, Project Manager, Western Area Power Administration, Sierra Nevada Customer Service Region, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630–4710, (916) 353–4455.

Written comments on the draft EIS may be sent to the Project Manager by July 31, 1996.

For general information on DOE's NEPA review process, or for status on the review of a specific project, please contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH–42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW. Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586–4600 or (800) 472–2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sierra Nevada Region currently markets about 1,480 MW of long-term power to approximately 80 preference customers in northern and central California. Sources for this power include CVP powerplants, the Washoe Project powerplant at Stampede Dam, and other suppliers. Washoe Project power is sold as nonfirm energy. On December 31, 2004, all of the Sierra Nevada Region's long-term CVP power sales contracts will expire, along with its current resource integration and transmission contract with Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The Sierra Nevada Region is developing a 2004 Power Marketing Plan to analyze options for replacing the expiring contracts.

The Sierra Nevada Region's power resources are also subject to change. Determination of the electric capacity and energy to be marketed will be influenced by expected generation at reservoirs which have water storage and releases controlled by the Bureau of Reclamation. Pursuant to Title 34 of Public Law 102–575, the CVP Improvement Act of 1992, the Department of the Interior is preparing a programmatic EIS addressing water facilities and potential changes in CVP water operations and allocations.

On August 10 and 13, 1993, Western announced in the Federal Register (58 FR 42536 and 43105) its intent to prepare an EIS on the Sierra Nevada Region's electric power marketing activities extending beyond the year 2004. Following extensive public involvement and analysis, the draft EIS was prepared to analyze and describe the environmental consequences of a range of marketing plan alternatives. The Sierra Nevada Region developed four alternatives for analysis in the draft EIS that are structured around operations of the CVP hydroelectric system. The four alternatives are identified as No Action, Maximize Hydropower Peaking, Baseload, and Renewable Resource Acquisition. Each alternative includes possible power purchase and power cost analysis options. Also, an analysis of allocations to customer groups was done under each alternative to determine the range of impacts that may result from changing the quantity of resources available to different customer groups. The draft EIS evaluates the potential impacts of these alternatives, including no action, on water resources (water quality, temperature, pool fluctuation), biological resources, recreation, cultural resources, socioeconomic resources, air resources, solid wastes, and land use.

The Sierra Nevada Region is actively seeking public input on the draft EIS in order to make a decision on a preferred alternative. No preferred alternative is identified in the draft EIS for this reason. A decision on a preferred alternative will be made after considering comments on the draft EIS, and that alternative will be recommended in the final EIS.

Issued at Golden, Colorado, May 16, 1996.

J.M. Shafer,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Acid Rain Program: Draft Opt-in Permits and Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of draft opt-in permits and public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is issuing for comment two draft opt-in permits: one for the DuPont-Johnsonville Plant facility (Dupont) in Tennessee and one for the Warrick Power Plant facility (Warrick) in Indiana, in accordance with the Acid Rain Permits and Opt-in regulations (40 CFR parts 72 and 74, respectively).

DATES: Comments on the draft opt-in permits must be received no later than

June 24, 1996 or 30 days after the publication date of a similar notice in local newspapers.

ADDRESSES: Administrative Records. The administrative records for the draft opt-in permits, except information protected as confidential, may be viewed during normal operating hours at the following locations:

For Dupont: EPA Region 4 Library, EPA Region 4, 345 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30365.

For Warrick: EPA Region 5, Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Bldg., 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604.

Comments. Send comments to the following addresses:

For Dupont: Winston Smith, Director, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, EPA Region 4 (address above).

For Warrick: David Kee, Director, Air and Radiation Division, EPA Region 5 (address above).

Submit comments in duplicate and identify the commenter's name, address, and telephone number, and the commenter's interest in the matter and affiliation, if any, to the owners and operators of the units covered by the permits. All timely comments will be considered, except those pertaining to standard provisions under 40 CFR 72.9 and issues not relevant to the permits.

Hearings. To request a public hearing, state the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. EPA may schedule a hearing if EPA finds that it will contribute to the decision-making process by clarifying significant issues affecting the draft permits.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Dupont: Jenny Jachim, (404) 347–3555, extension 4166, EPA Region 4; for Warrick: Cecilia Mijares, (312) 886–0968, EPA Region 5.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Opt-in Program, as part of the Acid Rain Program, is designed to allow certain non-utility units that are otherwise not obligated to participate in the Acid Rain Program (''unaffected'' units) to voluntarily elect to become affected and subject to the requirements of the Acid Rain Program. As such, opt-in units must hold allowances to account for sulfur dioxide emissions, monitor emissions in the same way that other affected sources do, and apply for and obtain an opt-in permit. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is issuing for comment draft opt-in permits for the DuPont and Warrick facilities in accordance with the Acid Rain Permits and Opt-in regulations (40 CFR parts 72 and 74, respectively). The draft permit for DuPont specifies the following allowances to be allocated annually by EPA to each boiler (unit) at DuPont: 889 for 1996 and 1,778 for each year 1997 through 1999 to unit JVD–1; 889 for 1996 and 1,778 for each year 1997 through 1999 to unit JVD–2; 889 for 1996 and 1,777 for each year 1997 through 1999 to unit JVD–3; 888 for 1996 and 1,777 for each year 1997 through 1999 to unit JVD–4. These allowances will be transferred annually from the EPA Allowance Tracking System (ATS) accounts for DuPont-Johnsonville Plant, units JVD–1, JVD–2, JVD–3 and JVD–4, into the ATS accounts for Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)-Johnsonville Plant, units 1, 2, 3, and 4, because the TVA-Johnsonville units are replacing the thermal energy formerly produced at the Dupont-Johnsonville Plant, as specified in the opt-in permit application and Thermal Energy Plan between DuPont-Johnsonville Plant and TVA-Johnsonville Plant in the draft permit. The allowance transfer will be adjusted according to the actual level of replacement documented in the opt-in source's and the replacement units' annual compliance certification report.

The draft permit for Warrick specifies the following allowances to be allocated annually by EPA to each boiler (unit) at Warrick: 15,272 for 1996 and 30,372 for each year 1997 through 1999 to unit 1; 15,895 for 1996 and 30,732 for each year 1997 through 1999 to unit 2; 13,777 for 1996 and 27,668 for each year 1997 through 1999 to unit 3. The 1996 allowance allocation for Warrick units 1–3 is contingent upon the successful completion of monitor system certification under 40 CFR part 75 no later than June 30, 1996.

These opt-in permits do not affect the responsibility of units at DuPont-Johnsonville, TVA-Johnsonville, or Warrick to meet all other existing local, state, and federal requirements related to sulfur dioxide. The designated representatives are J. Michael Edenfield for DuPont-Johnsonville facility, Joseph W. Dickey for TVA-Johnsonville facility, and J. Gordon Hurst for Warrick facility.

Dated: May 20, 1996.

Brian J. McLean,

Director, Acid Rain Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation.

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Proposed Settlement Agreement, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement; Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended, (''Act''), notice is hereby given of a proposed partial consent decree, which was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (''EPA'') on May 9, 1996, in a lawsuit filed by the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund. This lawsuit, which was filed pursuant to section 304(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7604(a), concerns, among other things, EPA's alleged failure to meet a mandatory deadline under section 112(g) of the Clean Air Act. The proposed partial consent decree provides that EPA shall promulgate the guidance identified in section 112(g) of the CAA, with respect to constructions and reconstructions of major sources of hazardous air pollutants, no later than December 15, 1996.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed partial consent decree from persons who were not named as parties to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed partial consent decree if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determines, following the comment period, that consent is inappropriate, the final partial consent decree will establish a deadline for the promulgation of the guidance provided for in § 112(g).

A copy of the proposed partial consent decree was lodged with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on May 9, 1996. Copies are also available from Sonja Lee, Air and Radiation Division (2344), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, (703) 235–5330. Written comments should be sent to Jan M. Tierney at the address above and must be submitted on or before June 24, 1996.

Dated: May 10, 1996.

Scott C. Fulton,

Acting General Counsel.

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