

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 19, 26 and February 9, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (61 FR 1362, 2494 and 4962) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the military resale commodities and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the military resale commodities and services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the military resale commodities and services to the Government.
2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the military resale commodities and services.
3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the military resale commodities and services to the Government.
4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the military resale commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following military resale commodities and services are hereby added to the Procurement List:

Military Resale Commodities

Cup, Drinking, Styrofoam
M.R. 537
M.R. 539

Services

Laundry Service, Fort Sam Houston/Fort Hood, Texas
Recycling Service, Basewide, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas
Switchboard Operation, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Denver, Colorado
Toner Cartridge Remanufacturing, Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Puget Sound, Bremerton, Washington

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective

date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

E. R. Alley, Jr.,

Deputy Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title: West Point Graduates Study—1996.

Type of Request: New collection.

Number of respondents: 1,826.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 1,826.

Average Burden Per Response: 35 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,059.

Needs and Uses: The perceptions of graduates of the U.S. Military Academy on the effectiveness of Academy programs and curricula are needed for periodic accreditation by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET). ABET considers this graduate feedback process essential to the accreditation program. The information collected hereby, will be used to evaluate programs and curricula, and to formulate changes deemed available.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C.

Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. William Pearce.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Pearce, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: March 27, 1996.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Department of the Army

Army Science Board; Notice of Closed Meeting

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB).

Date of Meeting: 2 & 3 April 1996.

Time of Meeting: 0800-1800 (both days).

Place: Pentagon—Washington, DC.

Agenda: The Army Science Board's (ASB) 1996 Summer Study of "Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)" will meet for briefings and discussions on the study subject. These meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c) of Title 5, U.S.C., specifically paragraph (1) thereof, and Title 5, U.S.C., Appendix 2, subsection 10(d). The classified and unclassified matters to be discussed are so inextricably intertwined so as to preclude opening any portion of these meetings. For further information, please contact Michelle Diaz at (703) 695-0781.

Michelle P. Diaz,

Acting Administrative Officer, Army Science Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Oliver Delivery Project

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and notice of floodplain and wetland involvement.

SUMMARY: To meet the obligation of the Columbia River Treaty (Treaty) between Canada and the United States of America (U.S.), BPA on behalf of the U.S. Entity proposes to construct a single-circuit 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from either the Grand Coulee Switchyard or Chief Joseph Substation to a point on the U.S.-Canada border near Oliver, British Columbia (B.C.). According to the Treaty and subsequent agreements, all power to which Canada is entitled under the Treaty is due to be delivered by April 1, 2003.

Potential Federal cooperating agencies with expertise and/or jurisdiction within the north central Washington study area include the U.S. Department of Interior—Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and National Park Service (NPS); U.S. Department of Agriculture—Forest Service, Okanogan National Forest (ONF); and the Department of Defense—U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE).

BPA and those Federal agencies wishing to participate as cooperating agencies will prepare an EIS on this action to fulfill National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. As the lead agency, BPA will consult with the Colville Confederated Tribes, the State of Washington, Okanogan County, Douglas County, other local governments, interested individuals and groups, and affected landowners to identify feasible routing alternatives and to analyze and select a suitable route. The State of Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council will review the EIS to assure that the analysis contains sufficient information to determine consistency with pertinent state and local environmental standards and guidelines.

To ensure that the full range of issues, concerns, and opportunities relating to this proposal are addressed, BPA is establishing a 4-month public scoping period to identify suitable transmission line routes and to define the environmental issues and studies that will be addressed in the EIS. BPA has not identified specific proposed or alternative routes at this time. Public workshops will be held in early spring of 1996 to gather information needed for locating suitable transmission line routes through the Okanogan County and Douglas County, Washington, study area. Interested and affected citizens, interest groups, local governments, and civic organizations are encouraged to participate in identifying alternatives and issues to be evaluated in the EIS. People are particularly encouraged to identify areas that may or may not be suitable for transmission line development; sensitive resources that the EIS preparers may be unaware of; and any other issues that will assist in identifying and evaluating viable transmission line routes. Once alternative routes for the proposed transmission line have been identified, a second series of public workshops will be held, possibly in early to mid-summer. These meetings will focus on more detailed issues, including the scope of environmental studies and site-specific issues and concerns that should be addressed in the EIS.

DATES: Because planning and consultation with other Federal agencies, Okanogan County, Douglas County, and Colville Tribal officials has only recently been initiated, the number, location, and dates of public involvement activities including meetings or workshops has not been determined. All future public meeting times and locations, however, will be publicized by advertisements, by news releases in local media, and by written notice to all known interested parties. All comments, whether oral or written, will be given equal consideration. Comment deadlines will be announced during initial meetings and through project fact sheets.

ADDRESSES: To receive a copy of any current or future project documents, such as the System Operation Review (SOR) EIS, Canadian Entitlement EIS, the Oliver Delivery Project scoping report, or the draft EIS, when they become available, call toll free 1-800-622-4520, or 230-3478 (Portland). To have your name placed on the mailing list for this project, call 1-800-622-4519; to submit comment letters, write to the Public Involvement Manager, Bonneville Power Administration—CKP, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, OR 97212. Comments may also be sent to the BPA Internet address: comment@bpa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Mike Johns, Project Manager, at 1-800-662-6963; or write him at Bonneville Power Administration—TE, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, OR 97208-3621.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 17, 1961, the United States signed a Treaty with Canada (which was ratified in 1964) regarding international cooperation in the water resource development of the Columbia River Basin. The Treaty provided for Canada to construct three storage dams on the Columbia River in Canada, and gave the United States the option of constructing Libby Dam in Montana (which backs up into Canada). The dams help control floods in both countries and enable dams downstream in the United States to produce additional power, defined as the "downstream power benefits," which Canada and the United States share equally under the Treaty. Canada sold its half of the downstream power benefits (the "Canadian Entitlement") to a consortium of U.S. utilities for a 30-year period. The 30-year sales will begin to expire in 1998. In 1992, an Interim Agreement was signed that provides for the Canadian Entitlement to be delivered to Canada over existing facilities during the period from April 1, 1998, to March 31, 2003. After this

interim agreement expires, the Treaty requires that the Entitlement shall be delivered "to Canada at a point on the Canada-United States of America boundary near Oliver, British Columbia, or at such other place as the entities may agree upon" (Article V(2)).

The U.S. Entity's Delivery of the Canadian Entitlement Final EIS (January 1996) analyzed the effects in Canada and the United States of various options to deliver the Canadian Entitlement to British Columbia. After several years of negotiations, the U.S. and Canadian Entities were unable to mutually agree on an alternative to the Treaty-specified delivery at Oliver. Because no agreement was reached, BPA must begin the environmental and engineering studies necessary to meet the U.S. Treaty obligation to deliver the full Entitlement (between 1200 to 1500 megawatts (MW) of capacity and 550 to 600 average megawatts (aMW) of energy) by April 1, 2003. The purpose of the proposed transmission line is to:

- Fulfill the U.S. obligation under the Treaty;
- Limit the adverse environmental effects of locating, operating, and maintaining a new single-circuit 500-kV line; and
- Minimize the costs for construction, operation, and maintenance of a new single-circuit 500-kV line.

Proposed Action. BPA proposes to construct a single-circuit 500-kV transmission line from Grand Coulee Switchyard or Chief Joseph Substation in north central Washington to the U.S.-Canada border near Oliver, B.C. The project would consist of:

- 135 to 155 kilometers (85 to 95 miles) of transmission line;
- New and expanded right-of-way up to 38 to 49 meters (125 to 160 feet) wide;
- New and upgraded access roads at a ratio of one to two kilometers of roads for each kilometer of line (one to two miles of roads for each mile of line); and
- Improvement or expansion of existing substations.

Upon completion, the line would be capable of carrying between 1200 to 1500 MW of capacity and 550 to 600 aMW of energy as required to meet the U.S. obligation of delivering the full Entitlement to Canada. Any construction north of the border would be the responsibility of the Canadian Entity.

Related Actions. Two other decision making processes in which BPA is engaged are related to Oliver Delivery decisions: the SOR and the BPA Business Plan.

The SOR Final EIS (November 1995) evaluated the environmental impacts of a variety of river operations and

constraints for all uses of the system including Treaty obligations. The SOR process also considered new allocation agreements that specify how the Canadian Entitlement costs will be allocated to each of the 11 Federal and non-Federal projects of Treaty storage following expiration of existing agreements.

BPA's Business Plan (September 1995) defined the basic business direction BPA intends to pursue as it responds to the challenges of the dynamic electric utility industry. The Business Plan Final EIS (June 1995) provides the information on current electric utility market conditions, loads, resources, and costs used for development, evaluation, and potential amendment of alternatives for the Delivery of the Canadian Entitlement Final EIS (January 1996).

Alternatives. Alternatives other than the physical return of the downstream benefits at the Canadian border near Oliver, B.C., will not be addressed in the site-specific Oliver Delivery Project EIS because they were previously analyzed in the U.S. Entity's Delivery of The Canadian Entitlement Final EIS (January 1996). The alternative to the proposed action identified for possible evaluation in the Oliver Delivery Project EIS includes the No-Action Alternative (not to build a 500-kV transmission line). As various transmission line routing options between either Grand Coulee Switchyard or Chief Joseph Substation to the U.S.-Canada border near Oliver, B.C., are developed, one route will become the agency's preferred alternative. Because the Oliver Delivery Project EIS is tiered directly to the Delivery of the Canadian Entitlement Final EIS and Record of Decision (March 1996), any future negotiated alternatives to delivery at Oliver would necessarily require the U.S. Entity to revisit the programmatic EIS to determine whether it adequately covers the environmental inputs of that alternative, or whether a supplement to the programmatic EIS needs to be prepared. Copies of any of the above-referenced documents may be obtained by calling BPA's toll-free document request line at 1-800-622-4520.

Identification of Environmental Issues. Significant issues presently identified relating to this proposal include: (1) potential impacts to land uses, including agricultural lands, residential areas, and recreational resources; (2) potential impacts to endangered species, wildlife, and vegetation; (3) visual impacts from the addition of a new 500-kV transmission line to the landscape; (4) potential impacts to soils (erosion), aquatic

habitats, wetlands, and floodplains; (5) potential impacts on cultural resources and Native American sacred sites; (6) socioeconomic effects including property value impacts arising from the construction of the new line; (7) potential public concern with health and safety effects associated with electric and magnetic fields, fire, or hazardous materials; (8) concerns with requirements for new road and transmission line rights-of-way and potential acquisition of land for associated facilities; and (9) consistency with Tribal reserved rights, and Tribal, State, and local environmental and land-use plans, policies, and regulations. These issues, together with any additional significant issues identified through the public scoping process, will be examined in detail and documented in the EIS.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on March 25, 1996.

Randall W. Hardy,

Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. MT96-10-000]

Crossroads Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 26, 1996.

Take notice that on March 20, 1996, Crossroads Pipeline Company (Crossroads) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, First Revised Sheets 1, 80, 86 and 87, proposed to become effective on April 22, 1996.

Crossroads states that these tariff sheets were revised to update information regarding operating personnel and to correct a typographical error.

Crossroads also states that copies of this filing were served upon its jurisdictional customers and the relevant regulatory commissions. Crossroads requests an effective date of April 22, 1996.

Any person 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 214 or 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR Sections 385.214 and 385.211). All such motions to intervene and protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210

of the Commission's Regulations. 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 motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. ES96-21-000]

IES Utilities Inc.; Notice of Application

March 26, 1996.

Take notice that on March 20, 1996, IES Utilities Inc. filed an application under § 204 of the Federal Power Act seeking authorization to issue and sell for cash up to \$250 total principal amount of long-term indebtedness in the form of Notes, Bonds or Subordinated Debentures over a two-year period, beginning April 19, 1996, with final maturities not later than 30 years from the date of issue.

Any person 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, NE., Washington, DC 20426 in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before April 17, 1996. 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.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. ES96-19-000]

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation; Notice of Application

March 26, 1996.

Take notice that on March 15, 1996, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation filed an application under § 204 of the