

- two compressor stations totaling 60,000 horsepower;
- 20 new mainline values, two internal tool or "pig" launchers and one pig receiver; and
- permanent roads for access to compressor stations and valves.

The Vector Pipeline Project also includes the lease of 58.8 miles of an existing 36-inch-diameter pipeline from Oakland County to St. Clair County, Michigan.

The purpose of the proposed facilities would be to transport about 1 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas from the Chicago hub to the Dawn hub; deliver significant volumes of gas to markets in Michigan; and to provide increased access to the Dawn hub and markets in Canada and the eastern U.S.

Specific Comment Request

The staff has identified and evaluated in detail two compressor station

alternative sites, and evaluated eight route variations to the proposed facilities. Of these compressor station alternatives and route variations, the staff has not recommended the use of any at this time. Area residents, local or state governments, intervenors, Vector, and other interested parties are asked to provide specific comments on whether these alternatives and variations are reasonable, practicable, and environmentally preferable to the proposed facilities. Comments should also address any effect on project timing and related cost/benefits.

Comment Procedures and Public Meeting

Any person wishing to comment on the DEIS may do so. To ensure reconsideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before

the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send two copies of your comments to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE, Room 1A Washington, DC 20426;
- Label one copy of the comments for the attention of the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1;
- Reference Docket Nos. CP98-131-000 and CP98-133-000;
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before October 19, 1998.

In addition to accepting written comments, four public meetings to receive comments on the DEIS will be held at the following times and locations:

Date/time	Location
Monday, October 5, 1998 7:00 pm	Leslie High School Auditorium, 4141 Hull Road, Leslie, MI, (517) 589-8200.
Monday, October 5, 1998 7:00 pm	Milford High School, 2380 S. Milford Road, Milford, MI, (248) 684-8091.
Tuesday, October 6, 1998 7:00 pm	Three Rivers Community Center, 103 Postage Avenue, Three Rivers, MI, (616) 279-9231.
Tuesday, October 6, 1998 7:00 pm	Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza, 800 E. 81st Avenue, Merrillville, IN, (219) 757-3537.

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the environmental impacts described in the DEIS. Transcripts of the meetings will be prepared. Additional information about the meetings is available from Paul McKee in the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (202) 208-1088.

After these comments are reviewed, any significant new issues are investigated, and modifications are made to the DEIS, a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will be published and distributed by the staff. The FEIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments filed on the DEIS.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commenter a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this DEIS. You must file your request to intervene as specified above. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

The DEIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for distribution and public inspection

at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the DEIS have been mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies, public interest groups, individuals who have requested the DEIS, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding. A limited number of copies of the DEIS are available from the above address.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10725-002]

Little Horn Energy Wyoming Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Public Scoping Meetings and a Site Visit

September 1, 1998.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is reviewing the hydropower application for an original license for the 1,000-megawatt Dry Fork Energy Storage Project No.

10725. The proposed pumped storage project, to be constructed by Little Horn Energy Wyoming, Inc. (Little Horn Energy), would be located on 1,055 acres of United States lands within the Bighorn National Forest in Sheridan County, Wyoming. The project would include two reservoirs. The lower reservoir would be created by impounding the Dry Fork of the Little Bighorn River with a 265-foot-high dam. The upper reservoir would be created by constructing a perimeter dam that would be up to 100 feet high on Dry Fork Ridge.

The Commission staff has determined that licensing this project would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the Commission staff intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. In the EIS, the Commission staff will consider reasonable alternatives to Little Horn Energy's proposed action and analyze both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts of the project, including economic and engineering impacts.

A draft EIS will be issued and circulated to those on the mailing list for this project, and the Commission staff will hold a public meeting to discuss the draft EIS. All comments

filed on the draft EIS will be analyzed by the staff and considered in a final EIS. The staff's conclusions and recommendations presented in the final EIS will then be presented to the Commission to assist in making a licensing decision.

Scoping

The Commission staff is asking the resource agencies, Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations, and the public to help them identify the scope of environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS and to provide them with information that may be useful in preparing the EIS.

To help focus comments on the environmental issues, a scoping document outlining subject areas to be addressed in the EIS will be mailed to those on the mailing list for the project.

Those with comments or information pertaining to this project should file it with the Commission at the following address within 60 days of the issuance date of the scoping document: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All filings should clearly show the following on the first page: Dry Fork Energy Storage Project, FERC No. 10725.

Intervenors are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure which require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

In addition to asking for written comments, the Commission staff will hold two scoping meetings to solicit any verbal input and comments that you may wish to offer on the scope of the EIS. An agency scoping meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. on September 30, 1998, at the Holiday Inn, Sheridan, Wyoming. A public scoping meeting will begin at 5:00 PM on September 30, 1998, at the Sheridan Jr. High School Auditorium, 600 Adair Street, Sheridan, Wyoming. The first hour of the public scoping meeting will be an informal session where the public will have the opportunity to meet with the Commission staff and the applicant to discuss the proposed project. The public and agencies may attend either meeting.

There will also be a visit to the project site on September 29, 1998, to allow the parties to become more familiar with the project area. Those planning on attending the site visit should bring a four-wheel-drive vehicle, blaze orange clothing (if possible), and lunch. We plan to hike from the proposed lower reservoir site to the proposed upper reservoir site and to one alternative reservoir location.

More information about the scoping meetings and site visit is available in the scoping document. If you have any questions about this notice or need a copy of the scoping document, please contact Mr. Doug Hjorth at (781) 444-3330 ext. 283 or Mr. Nick Jayjack at (202) 219-2825.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Surrender of Exemption

September 1, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. Type of Application: Surrender of Exemption

b. Project No: 7454-005

c. Date Filed: February 27, 1997, supplemented on June 13, 1997, and July 17, 1998

d. Applicant: El Dorado Irrigation District

e. Name of Project: Weber Dam

f. Location: North Fork Weber Creek, El Dorado County, California

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC Section 791(a)-825(r)

h. Applicant Contact: Steven Hutchings, 2890 Mosquito Road, Placerville, CA 95667 (916) 622-4534

i. FERC Contact: Dave Cagnon, (202) 219-2693

j. Comment Date: October 9, 1998

k. Description of Application: El Dorado Irrigation District has applied to surrender its exemption because of difficulties in operating the hydroelectric facility in an efficient and economic manner and due to its changing priorities. The project consists of: (1) 30-inch-diameter, 100-foot-long penstock, joining a 24-inch diameter outlet pipe; (2) 90-foot-high, 308-foot-

long Weber Dam on the north fork of Weber Creek at an elevation of 2,275 feet; a powerhouse with an installed capacity of 175 kW under an operating head of 71 feet; and (3) a 7000-foot-long, 21-kV transmission line of Pacific Gas and Electric. The exemptee proposes to remove the existing hydroelectric works, rebuild the dam, and utilize the reservoir as a future domestic water supply.

1. The notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C2, and D2.

*B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—*Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

*C2. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—*Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable, and the project number of the particular application to which the filing is in response. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and 8 copies to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular notice.

*D2. Agency Comments—*Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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