

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions concerning this project and requests to be included on the project mailing list may be submitted to Tyler Stalker, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attn: Public Affairs Office (CESPK-PAO), 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tyler Stalker via telephone at (916) 557-5107, email at Tyler.M.Stalker@usace.army.mil, or mail at (see

ADDRESSES). Study information will also be posted periodically on the Internet at: <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/FolsomDamRaise.aspx>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Proposed Action.* The Corps is preparing a Supplemental Draft EIS/EIR to analyze Project alternatives to improve flood risk management, specifically by increasing the height of the right and left wings of the main dam, MIAD, and associated dikes by 3.5 feet and refining the three emergency spillway gates to withstand probable maximum flood conditions. The Project would improve flood risk management while also addressing certain dam safety issues associated with passing the probable maximum flood.

2. *Alternatives.*

Emergency Spillway Gate Modifications Alternatives

- **No Action:** Under the No Action Alternative, the Federal government would not implement the emergency spillway gate modifications and improved flood risk management benefits would not occur.

- **Replacement of Emergency Tainter Gates:** Complete replacement of the existing three emergency gates with newly fabricated, taller tainter gates and associated pier modifications.

- **Vertical Top Seal Bulkheads with Existing Emergency Tainter Gates:** Make use of existing strengthened gates (due to Reclamation's structural improvements) and incorporate a top seal bulkhead feature that allows the emergency spillway bays to hold back a higher flood pool.

- **Horizontal Top Seal Bulkheads with Existing Emergency Tainter Gates:** Adds a top seal feature similar to the "Vertical Top Seal Concept," but with a different configuration and includes removable steel bulkhead elements with the most significant segment mounted horizontally.

- **Refined Emergency Gate Replacement:** Complete replacement of the existing three emergency gates, with newly fabricated, larger tainter gates; the gate geometry for this concept would

not require extensive pier modifications such as those required for the original replacement concept.

Dam Raise Alternatives

- **No Action:** Under the No Action Alternative, the Federal government would not implement the 3.5 foot raise and improved flood risk management benefits would not occur.

- **Earthen Raise:** Raise the dams and dikes 3.5 feet through placement of fill derived from the auxiliary spillway excavation and/or from other borrow sources.

- **Concrete Floodwall:** Construct a 3.5-foot high reinforced concrete floodwall that would be placed near the waterside edge of the existing embankment crests.

- **Combination Earthen Raise and Concrete Floodwall:** Dams and dikes would be raised 3.5 feet by either an earthen raise or a concrete floodwall, depending on location and feasibility of either option.

- **Various Additional 3.5 Foot Raise Options:** As the 3.5 foot dam raise is further studied, various other options may be analyzed for technical feasibility.

3. *Scoping Process.*

a. Two public scoping meetings will be held to present an overview of the Dam Raise and the EIS/EIR process, and to afford all interested parties with an opportunity to provide comments regarding the scope of analysis and potential alternatives. The first public scoping meeting will be held at the Folsom Community Center, 52 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA on February 19th, 2014, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. The second public scoping meeting will be held at the Sacramento Library Galleria, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA on February 24th, 2014, from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

b. Potentially significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the Supplemental Draft EIS/EIR will include: Hydrology, water quality, air quality, special status species, fisheries and aquatic resources, terrestrial vegetation and wildlife, soils, recreation, transportation, noise, visual resources, utilities, and cultural resources. The document will also evaluate cumulative effects.

c. USACE will consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to comply with the Endangered Species Act and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. USACE will consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act.

d. A 45-day public review period will be provided for individuals, interested parties, and agencies to review and comment on the Draft EIS/EIR. All

interested parties are encouraged to respond to this notice and provide a current address if they wish to be notified of the Draft EIS/EIR circulation.

4. *Availability.* The Draft EIS/EIR is scheduled to be available for public review and comment in Spring 2015.

Dated: January 24, 2014.

Michael Farrell,

Colonel, U.S. Army, Commander and District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Wind and Water Power Technologies Office

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of External Merit Review Meeting for the Atmosphere to Electrons Initiative.

SUMMARY: The Atmosphere to Electrons (A2e) Initiative within the U.S.

Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy intends to hold an External Merit Review in Washington, DC, on February 4–5, 2014. The External Review Panel will review the current program planning and provide suggestion on the formulation of A2e strategy, goals and implementation approaches. The review panel will also assess the initiative's potential impact on the wind power industry and identify additional research initiatives and resources that might be required in the future.

DATES: DOE will hold the External Merit Review on Tuesday, February 4, from 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, February 5, from 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center, 775 12th Street NW., Washington, DC, 20005.

You may submit comments, identified by any of the following methods:

- **Email:** [samantha.rooney@nrel.gov]. Include "A2e External Merit Review" in the subject line of the message.

- **Postal Mail:** [Samantha Rooney, 15013 Denver West Parkway, MS 3811, Golden CO, 80401] Due to the potential delays in DOE's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, DOE encourages respondents to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Atmosphere to Electrons (A2e) is a multi-year Department of Energy (DOE) research initiative targeting significant reductions in the cost of wind energy through an improved understanding of the complex physics of the wind resource and interaction with wind farms. Better insight into the flow physics and resource forecasting has the potential to increase wind farm energy capture, reduce annual operational costs, and improve project financing. Achieving these objectives requires a diverse set of expertise and significant R&D resources. The Wind and Water Power Technologies Office (WWPTO) has selected subject matter experts from its national laboratories at NREL, SNL, and PNNL to assist in the integrated program planning for the initiative based on DOE investments in world class computational and testing facilities as well as core expertise in topics critical to the success of the A2e initiative available at these laboratories. These national laboratories are engaging the wider wind energy stakeholder community (e.g., industry, other national labs, other government agencies, universities, international partners) to develop a multi-year strategic plan that addresses wind plant performance under the A2e initiative.

Public Participation

The event is open to the public based upon space availability. DOE will also accept public comments as described above for purposes of developing the A2e portfolio, but will not respond individually to comments received.

Participants should limit information and comments to those based on personal experience, individual advice, information, or facts regarding this topic. It is not the object of this session to obtain any group position or consensus from the meeting participants. To most effectively use the limited time, please refrain from passing judgment on another participant's recommendations or advice, and instead, concentrate on your individual experiences.

Following the meeting a summary will be compiled by DOE and posted for public comment. For those interested in providing additional public comment, the summary will be posted at wind.energy.gov.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

Individuals requiring special accommodations at the meeting, please contact Samantha Rooney no later than the close of business on February 3, 2014.

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Jose Zayas,

Director, Wind and Water Power Technologies Office, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC14-3-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (Ferc-549d); Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collection FERC-549D (Quarterly Transportation and Storage Report for Intrastate Natural Gas and Hinshaw Pipelines) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 69843, 11/21/2013) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-549D and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by March 10, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0253, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oira_submission@omb.gov. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202-395-4718.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, identified by the Docket

No. IC14-3-000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, by telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Quarterly Transportation and Storage Report for Intrastate Natural Gas and Hinshaw Pipelines.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0253.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-549D information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

Abstract: The reporting requirements under FERC-549D are required to carry out the Commission's policies in accordance with the general authority in Sections 1(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)¹ and Sections 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA).² This collection promotes transparency by collecting and making available intrastate and Hinshaw pipeline transactional information. The Commission collects the data upon a standardized form with all requirements outlined in 18 CFR 284.126.

The FERC Form 549D collects the following information:

- Full legal name and identification number of the shipper receiving service;
- Type of service performed for each transaction;
- The rate charged under each transaction;
- The primary receipt and delivery points for the transaction, specifying the rate schedule/name of service and docket were approved;

¹ 15 U.S.C. 717-817-w.

² 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432.