

Daytime Scoping Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, May 25, 2006, 9 a.m.

Location: Green Island Municipal Center, 9 George Street, Green Island, NY 12183. (518) 273-2201.

For Directions: please call Ms. Veronica Weigand at (518) 456-7712, or via e-mail at veronica@albanyengineering.com.

SD1, which outlines the subject areas to be addressed in the environmental document, was mailed to the individuals and entities on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meetings, or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Follow the directions for accessing information in paragraph n. Depending on the extent of comments received, Scoping Document 2 may or may not be issued.

Site Visit

Green Island will conduct a site visit of the project on Wednesday, May 24, 2006, starting at 2 p.m. All participants should meet at the Green Island Project powerhouse located at the corner of Tibbits Avenue and George Street on the west side of the Hudson River. All participants are responsible for their own transportation. Anyone with questions about the site visit should contact Ms. Veronica Weigand of Albany Engineering Corporation at (518) 456-7712, or via e-mail at veronica@albanyengineering.com on or before May 19, 2006.

Scoping Meeting Objectives

At the scoping meetings, staff will: (1) Present a proposed list of issues to be addressed in the EA; (2) review and discuss existing conditions and resource agency management objectives; (3) review and discuss existing information and identify preliminary information and study needs; (4) review and discuss the process plan and schedule for pre-filing activity that incorporates the time frames provided for in Part 5 of the Commission's regulations and, to the extent possible, maximizes coordination of federal, state, and tribal permitting and certification processes; and (5) discuss requests by any federal or state agency or Indian tribe acting as a cooperating agency for development of an environmental document.

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss their issues and/or concerns. Please review the PAD in preparation for the scoping meetings. Directions on how to obtain a copy of the PAD and SD1 are included in item n of this document.

Scoping Meeting Procedures

The meetings will be recorded by a stenographer and will become part of the formal Commission record on the project.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Approval of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permits for Newmont Nevada Energy Investment, LLC (Nevada Department of Environmental Protection No. AP4911-1349), Hawaii Electric Light Company (Hawaii CSP No.0007-01-C), and Title V Operating Permit for Peabody Western Coal Co. (EPA Region 9 No. NN-OP 99-07)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the following permits have been issued:

The Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, acting under authority of a PSD delegation agreement, granted approval to Newmont Nevada Energy Investment, LLC to construct the TS Power Plant, a 200 megawatt pulverized coal-fired boiler plant to be located near Dunphy, NV. The permit became effective on June 4, 2005.

The Hawaii Department of Health, acting under authority of a PSD delegation agreement, granted approval to Hawaii Electric Light Company to construct two 20 MW combustion turbine generators (Keahole Units 4 & 5) at Keahole Generating Station, Keahole, Hawaii. The permit became effective on June 5, 2001.

EPA Region 9, acting under the title V operating permit regulations in 40 CFR part 71, granted approval to Peabody Western Coal Company to operate two contiguous coal mines (Kayenta and Black Mesa) in northeastern Arizona on the reservations of the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe. The permit became effective on July 1, 2004, except for the opacity monitoring conditions, which became effective on March 28, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the permits are available for public inspection and can be obtained by contacting: Roger Kohn (AIR-3), U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. (415) 972-3973. e-mail: kohn.roger@epa.gov.

DATES: The PSD and Part 71 permits are reviewable under Section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act only in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. A petition for review must be filed by July 5, 2006.

Dated: April 26, 2006.

Deborah Jordan,

Director, Air Division, Region 9.

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 7, 2006 (71 FR 17845).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20060002, ERP No. D-BLM-L65500-ID, Coeur d'Alene Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai and Shoshone Counties, ID.

SUMMARY: EPA supports the goals described in preferred alternative which strives to balance resource protection with active management of commodity resources. However, EPA expressed environmental concerns about water quality impacts, and requested more information about how source water could be protected and recommended including additional discussion on protecting air quality related to prescribed burning.

Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20060053, ERP No. D-AFS-K65299-CA, Slapjack Project, Protect Rural Communities from Fire Hazards by Constructing Defensible Fuel Profile Zones (DFPZS), Feather River Ranger District, Plumas National Forest, Butte and YubaCounties, CA.

SUMMARY: EPA expressed environmental concern about the potential for cumulative watershed effects, impacts from the use of