Land Requirements for Construction

The proposed project has been designed to minimize impacts by replacing existing pipeline and installing crossovers at previously existing aboveground facilities within and directly adjacent to Texas Eastern’s existing right-of-way. Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb about 16.2 acres of land for the aboveground facilities and the pipeline. Following construction, Texas Eastern would maintain 12.9 acres for permanent operation of the project’s facilities. The entire proposed 0.8-mile Delmont Loop pipeline route parallels existing pipeline, utility, or road rights-of-way with the exception of the proposed launcher and receiver barrels, which will convert 3.6 acres of land use from open land to industrial/commercial.

The EA Process

The EA will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- geology and soils;
- water resources and wetlands;
- vegetation and wildlife;
- threatened and endangered species;
- cultural resources;
- land use;
- air quality and noise;
- public safety; and
- cumulative impacts.

Commission staff will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

The EA will present Commission staff’s independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in electronic format in the public record through eLibrary and the Commission’s website (https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis.asp). If eSubscribed, you will receive instant email notification when the EA is issued. The EA may be issued for an allotted public comment period. Commission staff will consider all comments on the EA before making recommendations to the Commission. To ensure Commission staff have the opportunity to address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section, beginning on page 2 of this notice.

With this notice, the Commission is asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate in the preparation of the EA. Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation’s implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Commission is using this notice to initiate consultation with the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office, and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project’s potential effects on historic properties. The EA for this project will document findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission’s regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantees, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. Commission staff will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that Commission notices related to this environmental review are sent to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If the Commission issues the EA for an allotted public comment period, a Notice of Availability of the EA will be sent to the environmental mailing list and will provide instructions to access the electronic document on the FERC’s website (www.ferc.gov). If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached “Mailing List Update Form” (appendix 2).

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on General Search and enter the docket number in the Docket Number field, excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP20–436). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission’s calendar located at www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx along with other related information.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for three years with ministerial changes. The current OMB control number 1910–5136 for WAPA’s Applicant Profile Data (APD) form expires November 30, 2020. WAPA intends to extend the APD form under the OMB control number to November 30, 2023.

WAPA is seeking comments on this proposed information collection extension.
DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before the end of the comment period that closes on July 21, 2020, WAPA must receive comments by the end of the comment period to ensure consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Mr. Christopher O. Magee, Records and Information Management Program Manager, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 281213, Lakewood, CO 80228, or by email to records@wapa.gov. Please refer to “Paperwork Reduction Act Information Collection” as the subject of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Ms. Erin Green, Power Marketing and Energy Services Specialist, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 281213, Lakewood, CO 80228, telephone (720) 962–7016, or email egreen@wapa.gov. The proposed APD form is available on WAPA’s website at www.wapa.gov/PowerMarketing/Pages/applicant-profile-data.aspx.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request relates to: (1) OMB No.: 1910–5136; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Western Area Power Administration Applicant Profile Data; (3) Type of Review: Renewal; (4) Purpose: The proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of WAPA’s power marketing functions. WAPA markets a limited amount of Federal hydropower and has discretion to determine who will receive an allocation of Federal hydropower. Due to the limited quantity and high demand for WAPA’s hydropower available under established marketing plans, WAPA may need to collect information using the APD to evaluate the entities applying to receive allocations of Federal hydropower; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 33.3; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 33.3; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 250; and (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: $32,046.98.

I. Statutory Authority

The Reclamation Act of 1902 established the Federal reclamation program.1 The basic principle of the Reclamation Act of 1902 was that the United States, through the Secretary of the Interior, would build and operate irrigation works from the proceeds of public land sales in sixteen arid Western states (a seventeenth—Texas—was added in 1906). The Reclamation Project Act of 1939 expanded the purposes of the reclamation program and specified certain terms for contracts that the Secretary of the Interior enters into to furnish water and power.2 Congress enacted the Reclamation Laws for purposes that include enhancing navigation, protection from floods, reclaiming the arid lands in the Western United States, and for fish and wildlife.3 Congress intended that the production of power would be a supplemental feature of the multi-purpose water projects authorized under the Reclamation Laws.4 Section 9 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 provides that no contract entered into by the United States for power may, in the judgment of the Secretary, “impair the efficiency of the project for irrigation purposes.” 5 Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, as amended,6 is read in pari materia with the Reclamation Laws with respect to WAPA.7 In 1977, section 302 of the Department of Energy Organization Act transferred the power marketing functions of the Department of the Interior to the Secretary of Energy, acting by and through a separate Administrator for WAPA.8 Under this authority, WAPA markets Federal hydropower. As part of WAPA’s marketing authority, WAPA needs to obtain information from interested entities who desire an allocation of Federal power using the APD form. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires WAPA to obtain a clearance from OMB before collecting this information through the APD form.9

II. This Process Determines the Format of the APD and Is Not a Call for Applications

This public process and the associated Federal Register notice only determine the information that WAPA will collect from an entity desiring to apply for a Federal power allocation. This public process is a legal requirement that WAPA must fulfill before WAPA can request information from potential preference customers. This public process is not the process whereby interested parties request an allocation of Federal power. The actual allocation of power is outside the scope of this proceeding. Please do not submit a request for Federal power in this process. Later, and as appropriate, WAPA will issue calls for applications as part of project-specific marketing plans. When WAPA issues a call for applications, the information WAPA proposes to collect is voluntary. WAPA will use the information collected, in conjunction with its project–specific marketing plans, to determine an entity’s eligibility, and ultimately which entities will receive an allocation of Federal power.

III. Invitation for Comments

WAPA intends to extend and reuse the APD form approved under OMB control number 1910–5136. The extension would continue use of the form through November 30, 2023. WAPA is proposing some ministerial changes to the APD. The proposed APD form, including a list of ministerial changes and the reason for such changes, is available on WAPA’s website. Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated electronic, mechanical or other collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. After considering all public comments, WAPA will publish a second notice in the Federal Register submitting the APD to OMB.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on May 15, 2020, by Mark A. Gabriel, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document, with the original signature and date, is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the
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Release of Policy Assessment for the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: On or about May 29, 2020, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will make available the document, Policy Assessment for the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (PA, EPA–452/R–20–001). This document was prepared as part of the current review of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for photochemical oxidants including ozone (O3). The PA serves to “bridge the gap” between the currently available scientific and technical information and the judgments required of the Administrator in determining whether to retain or revise the existing O3 NAAQS. The primary and secondary O3 NAAQS are set to protect the public health and the public welfare from O3 and other photochemical oxidants in ambient air.

DATES: This document will be available on or about May 29, 2020.

ADDRESSES: This document will be available on the EPA’s website at https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/ozone-o3-air-quality-standards. The document will be accessible under “Policy Assessments” from the current review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Deirdre L. Murphy, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, (Mail Code C504–06), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone number: 919–541–0729, fax number: 919–541–0237; or email: murphy.deirdre@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Two sections of the Clean Air Act (CAA or the Act) govern the establishment and revision of the NAAQS. Section 108 directs the Administrator to identify and list certain air pollutants and then issue “air quality criteria” for those pollutants. The air quality criteria are to “accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge useful in indicating the kind and extent of all identifiable effects on public health or welfare which may be expected from the presence of such pollutant in the ambient air.” (CAA section 108(a)(2)). Under section 109 of the Act, the EPA is then to establish primary (health-based) and secondary (welfare-based) NAAQS for each pollutant for which the EPA has issued air quality criteria. Section 109(d)(1) of the Act requires periodic review and, if appropriate, revision of existing air quality criteria. Revised air quality criteria are to reflect advances in scientific knowledge on the effects of the pollutant on public health and welfare. Under the same provision, the EPA is also to periodically review and, if appropriate, revise the NAAQS, based on the revised air quality criteria.

The EPA serves to “bridge the gap” between the scientific and technical information in the final ISA and any air quality, exposure and risk analyses available in the review, and the judgments required of the Administrator in determining whether to retain or revise the existing ozone NAAQS. The PA builds upon information presented in the ISA and quantitative air quality, exposure and risk analyses (presented in appendices to the PA). The PA document will be available on or about May 29, 2020, on the EPA’s website at https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/ozone-o3-air-quality-standards. The document briefly described here does not represent and should not be construed to represent any final EPA policy, viewpoint, or determination.


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