

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PUBLIC FORUM TO PROVIDE COMMENT ON A NEW HYDROPOWER LICENSING PROCESS Docket No. RM02-16-000

Commission Meeting Room
888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C.
November 7, 2002

I. Opening Remarks and Introductions 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Chairman Pat Wood III, Commissioner Nora Mead Brownell,
Commissioner William Massey, and Commissioner Linda Breathitt
U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
U.S. Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service

II. Overview - Proposals for a New Licensing Process 9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Introduction - Tim Welch, Office of Energy Projects
Interagency Hydropower Committee Proposal - David Diamond,
Office of Policy Analysis, U.S. Department of the Interior
National Review Group Proposal - Julie Keil, Director,
Hydropower Licensing, Portland General Electric

III. Need for a New Licensing Process 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Is there a need for a new licensing process and, if so, what key issues should a new process address?

How might a new process be structured to address the key issues?

Should the Traditional Licensing and/or the Alternative Licensing process be retained?

What provisions should be made for settlement agreements?

Five minute presentation by each panelist followed by 45 minute panel discussion and Commissioners' questions followed by audience response to Panel Discussion

- Nino Mascolo, Senior Counsel, Southern California Edison
- John Suloway, Director of Licensing, New York Power Authority
- Donald G. Sampson, Executive Director, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- State Government representative
- Richard Roos-Collins, Senior Attorney, Natural Heritage Institute

Lunch Break

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

IV. Integrating Processes

12:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

How can a new licensing process improve the timing of recommendations and mandatory conditions?

How might a new licensing process better accommodate state certification processes?

How can a new licensing process accommodate the interests of Indian Tribes?

Five minute presentation by each panelist followed by 45 minute panel discussion and Commissioners' questions followed by audience response to Panel Discussion

- John Prescott, Vice President, Idaho Power Company
- Toby Freeman, Manager, Hydro Licensing, PacifiCorp
- Jim Canaday, Senior Scientist, California Division of Water Rights
- Joe Hovenkotter, Attorney, Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes
- Andrew Fahlund, Director, Dam Programs, American Rivers

V. Information Development

2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

How can license study requests be accomplished in a timely and cost effective manner?

What process should be initiated to resolve study disputes?

Five minute presentation by each panelist followed by 45 minute panel discussion and Commissioners' questions followed by audience response to Panel Discussion

- Mark Oakley, Relicensing Project Manager, Duke Power
- Michael Swiger, Attorney, Van Ness Feldman
- William Sarbello, Head, Habitat Protection Section, New York State
Department of Environmental Conservation
- Tribal Representative
- Ken Kimball, Director of Research, Appalachian Mountain Club

VI. Closing Statement

3:45 p.m.

Chairman Pat Wood