

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

City of Wadsworth, Ohio

Project No. 12796-004

NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE

(April 3, 2015)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Ohio Ecological Services Field Office and West Virginia Field Office (FWS) requested a teleconference regarding Commission staff's March 11, 2015, request for formal consultation on the pink mucket pearly mussel (*Lampsilis abrupta*), eastern fanshell mussel (*Cyprogenia stegaria*), snuffbox mussel (*Epioblasma triquetra*), sheepnose mussel (*Plethobasus cyphus*), and Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) for the proposed R.C. Byrd Hydroelectric Project. The FWS requested a discussion of: 1) the Commission's hydropower licensing process; 2) the recent action listing the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act; 3) FWS' information needs to complete section 7 consultation for listed bats and mussels; and 4) possible solutions to gathering the information needed by FWS.

The teleconference will be held on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time). All local, state, and federal agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested parties are invited to participate by phone. Please call Andy Bernick at (202) 502-8660 by Monday, April 13, 2015, to RSVP and to receive specific instructions on how to participate.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.