ceasing to impose the underwriting ban as a condition of approving the type of interlock at issue in this proceeding, and the absence of any prejudice or delay. 10

We will dismiss as moot the request for rehearing. As noted above, subsequent to the August 13 Letter Order and Mr. Lientz’s request for rehearing, Congress amended section 305(b). Section 305(b)(2)(B) now provides, in relevant part, that the section 305(b) ban on holding interlocking directorates, absent Commission authorization, does not apply if the person holding the interlock:

(i) does not participate in any deliberations or decisions of the public utility regarding the selection of a bank, trust company, banking association, or firm to underwrite or participate in the marketing of securities of the public utility, if the person serves as an officer or director of a bank, trust company, banking association, or firm that is under consideration in the deliberation process;

(ii) the bank, trust company, banking association, or firm of which the person is an officer or director does not engage in the marketing of securities of the public utility involved in an interlock or in an underwriting firm, in any decisions affecting the financing of the public utility (or its affiliate(s)) by such underwriting firm.” 14 We interpret Mr. Lientz’ proposed condition as effectively agreeing to the first condition of section 305(b)(2)(B), and we direct Mr. Lientz to notify the Commission within 30 days if he believes that further Commission action is required.

In light of the new legislation pertaining to section 305(b)(2)(B) and our understanding that Mr. Lientz meets at least one of the conditions of section 305(b)(2)(B), he no longer needs Commission authorization to hold the interlocking directorate. Thus, we will dismiss as moot Mr. Lientz’s request for rehearing.

We also take this opportunity to state that if there are other individuals who have been granted authorization to hold interlocking directorates, but believe that they now do not need such Commission authorization because of section 305(b)(2)(B), they should notify the Commission of this within 30 days of the date of publication in the Federal Register, pursuant to section 45.5(b) of the Commission’s regulations. 15

The Commission orders:

(A) Georgia Power’s and First Union’s untimely motions to intervene are hereby granted.

(B) Mr. Lientz’s request for rehearing of the August 13 Order is hereby dismissed as moot, as discussed in the body of this order.

(C) Any individual who has been granted authorization to hold an interlock who believes he is affected by the Financial Modernization Act is hereby directed to so notify the Commission, within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this order in the Federal Register, as discussed in the body of this order.

(D) The Secretary is hereby directed to publish this order in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564–7167 or www.epa.gov/oeca/oa

14 Request for Rehearing at 43.

15 18 CFR 45.5(b) (2000).
Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements.
Filed September 25, 2000 Through September 29, 2000
Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 000335, Final EIS, FHW, WI, WI–113 Wisconsin River Crossing at Merrimac, Improvements, US Coast Guard and COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Columbia and Sauk Counties, WI, Due: November 06, 2000, Contact: Peter Garcia (608) 829–7513.

EIS No. 000336, Draft EIS, BLM, MA, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, General Management Plan, Implementation, Bristol County, MA, Due: December 01, 2000, Contact: John Pillzceker (508) 996–4005.

EIS No. 000337, Draft Supplement, IBR, CA, East Bay Municipal Utility District Supplemental Water Supply Project and Water Service Contract Amendment, New and Additional Information on Alternatives, American River Division of the Central Valley Project (CVP), Sacramento County, CA, Due: November 20, 2000, Contact: Rob Schroeder (916) 988–1707.


EIS No. 000340, Final EIS, AFS, ID, Warm Springs Ridge Vegetation Management Project, Improve Forest Condition, Boise National Forest, Cascade Resource Area, Boise County, ID, Due: November 06, 2000, Contact: Kathy Ramirez (208) 392–6681.

EIS No. 000341, Final Supplement, COE, CA, Port of Los Angeles Channel Deepening Project, To Improve Navigation and Disposal of Dredge Material for the Inner Harbor Channels, Los Angeles County, CA, Due: November 06, 2000, Contact: Larry Smith (213) 452–3846.

EIS No. 000342, Draft EIS, NOAA, AK, Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Stock, Federal Actions Associated with the Management and Recovery, Implementation, Cook Inlet, AK, Due: November 20, 2000, Contact: P. Michael Payne (907) 586–2735.

EIS No. 000343, Draft EIS, UAF, TX, Brooks City Base Project, To Improve Mission Effectiveness and Reduce Cost of Quality Installation Support, Implementation, Brooks Air Force Base, Bexar County, TX, Due: November 20, 2000, Contact: Jonathan D. Farthing (210) 536–3668.


Amended Notices


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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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 14, 2000 (65 FR 20157).

Draft EISs


Summary: EPA expressed concerns related to purpose and need and the timing of the plan amendment in advance of the 15 year deadline for Forest Plan revision set for June 23, 2001. Specific concerns were expressed regarding the lack of standards and guidelines promoting road decommissioning pursuant to Chief’s Natural Resource Agenda and the Clean Water Action Plan.

ERP No. D–AFS–E30041–NC Rating EC2, Dare County Beaches (Bodie Island Portion) Hurricane Wave Protection and Beach Erosion Control, The towns of Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills, Kitty Hawk, Dare County, NC.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns due to the open-ended loss of biotic stability along the project shoreline which was not mitigated by the incremental gain in sea turtle nesting habitat.

ERP No. D–FRC–F03008–00 Rating EO2, Guardian Pipeline Project, Proposal to Construct and Operate an Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline that would extend from Joliet (Will County), IL and Ixonia (Jefferson County), WI.

Summary: EIS raised objections and identified several issues that were not adequately addressed in the Draft EIS, including the cumulative impacts analysis, mitigation measures, and the definition of the project purpose and need.


Summary: EPA expressed concern that there was minimal discussion and commitment to available tools for enhancing water management flexibility/reliability and providing long-term sustainable use of the allocated water. EPA also had concerns regarding the potential impacts to soil salinity, land subsidence, sustainable groundwater yields, and the specifics of the long-term water supply contracts. EPA did express strong support for the underlying goal of a long-term sustainable water supply by achieving a balance between water use/demand and available water resources. EPA also urged Reclamation to take a role beyond...