

Under the no-action alternative, the fielding of the AAV and the demolition, modification, and construction of maintenance and training facilities at MCB Camp Pendleton would not occur. AAV training exercises would not be conducted at SCIRC. The use of the AAV fleet would be continued at MCB Camp Pendleton and SCIRC. However, the continued use of the AAV would not meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action and would not satisfy the need for the newer technology required to meet the mission of the Department of the Navy. It has been determined that the proposed action is the preferred alternative.

Impacts to archeological resources at MCB Camp Pendleton associated with training and operations in the mechanized maneuver areas would be potentially significant. To mitigate this impact, the Marine Corps will complete a cultural resource inventory of the mechanized maneuver areas pursuant to a multi-year condition assessment, site monitoring, and effects treatment plan. The California State Historic Preservation Officer approved this Plan. MCB Camp Pendleton supports 18 species Federally listed as threatened or endangered. Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Corps consulted with USFWS and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries). These agencies issued a biological opinion (USFWS) and a letter (NOAA Fisheries) in support of AAV training at Camp Pendleton. The Marine Corps will conduct training in accordance with the provisions of the biological opinion and letter, copies of which are included in the final EIS. Under the Clean Air Act General Conformity rule, the emissions caused by the proposed action would be below *de minimis* levels and would not be regionally significant. Therefore, the Marine Corps has determined that the proposed action will conform with the State Implementation Plan. The Marine Corps has determined and the California Coastal Commission concurred that the proposed action will be consistent with the State Coastal Zone Management Plan.

The draft EIS was provided to the public for a 53-day review period. During this period three comment letters were received from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Interior, and San Diego County Archaeological Society. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency submitted comments primarily on air and water quality concerns. The U.S. Department of Interior submitted comments primarily on the use of

SCIRC and sensitive biological resources potentially affected at MCB Camp Pendleton. These comments were addressed in the final EIS, which was distributed to the public on May 9, 2003, for a 30-day public review period. During this period, one letter was received from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. Their concerns involved compliance with appropriate laws and regulations governing hazardous substances. The final EIS addresses these issues in detail and appropriate regulations governing hazardous substances will be followed during construction activities. In addition, USFWS verbally requested clarification of how unresolved issues for the AAV on SCIRC would be resolved. As discussed in the final EIS, AAV training would be conducted in accordance with protocols developed during preparation of the SCIRC EIS/OEIS.

On behalf of the Department of the Navy, I have decided to implement introduction of the AAV at MCB Camp Pendleton, including construction of associated support facilities. In making this decision I considered the requirements of the Marine Corps, the potential environmental impacts of this action, social and economic concerns, and other comments received during the EIS process. All practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm from implementing introduction of the AAV at MCB Camp Pendleton have been adopted. After carefully weighing all of these factors I have determined that introduction of the vehicle at MCB Camp Pendleton best meets the requirements of the proposed action.

Dated: June 18, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER00-980-007, et al.]

Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Filings

June 18, 2003.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

1. Bangor Hydro-Electric Company

[Docket No. ER00-980-007]

Take notice that on June 13, 2003, Bangor-Hydro Electric Company (Bangor Hydro) pursuant to Section 2.11 of the Settlement Agreement filed on November 1, 2000, in Docket No. ER00-980-000, and accepted and modified by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on February 26, 2001, submitted an informational filing showing the implementation of Bangor Hydro's open access transmission tariff formula rate for the charges that became effective on June 1, 2003.

Bangor Hydro states that copies of this filing were sent to Bangor Hydro's open access transmission tariff customers, the Commission Trial Staff, the Maine Public Utilities Commission, and the Maine Public Advocate.

Comment Date: July 7, 2003.

2. Idaho Power Company

[Docket No. ER03-953-000]

Take notice that on June 16, 2003, Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission seven agreements or amendments to agreements between Idaho Power and PacifiCorp, Bonneville Power Administration, Washington Water Power Company, Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems, Avista Corporation and Sierra Pacific Power Company. Idaho Power seeks effective dates commensurate with the dates of the letter agreements and amendments.

Comment Date: July 7, 2003.

3. Idaho Power Company

[Docket No. ER03-954-000]

Take notice that on June 16, 2003, Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission six letter agreements between Idaho Power and Bonneville Power Administration; Montana Power Company, PacificCorp, Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Oregon Trail Electric Consumers Cooperative, Inc. Idaho Power seeks effective dates commensurate with the dates set forth in the letter agreements.

Comment Date: July 7, 2003.

4. NRG Marketing Services LLC

[Docket No. ER03-955-000]

Take notice that on June 16, 2003, NRG Marketing Services LLC filed, under section 205 of the Federal Power Act, an application requesting that the Commission (1) accept for filing its proposed market-based FERC Rate Schedule No. 1; (2) grant blanket authority to make market-based wholesale sales of capacity and energy