

Press Release

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Announces Public Scoping Meeting

The next step in the multi-year process of applying for a new federal license for Loup Power District's Hydroelectric Project involves a scoping meeting by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

On December 12, 2008, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued its Notice of Commencement for relicensing the Loup River Hydroelectric Project and its first Scoping Document, which describes the Project and identifies the proposed action (to continue to operate the Project as it operates today), alternatives to the proposed action, and protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures that will be considered during relicensing. Additionally, the Scoping Document identifies the issues to be evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) during relicensing.

Scoping, part of the NEPA process, provides an opportunity for stakeholders to comment on the proposed action and alternatives to be considered as well as to identify issues and concerns that should be addressed prior to issuing a new license.

As part of the scoping process, FERC will hold a public scoping meeting in January to receive input on the scope of the Project:

Public Scoping Meeting

January 12, 2009

7:00 PM

Holiday Inn Express

524 E. 23rd Street, Columbus, NE

Meeting participants should come prepared to discuss issues and/or concerns as they pertain to the Loup River Hydroelectric Project relicensing. In addition, FERC will hold a separate scoping meeting on January 13th at 9:00 am with resource agencies and non-governmental organizations. Loup Power District is also hosting a tour of the Project facilities for FERC. To request more information about the agency meeting or tour, call (866) 869-2087. The public is welcome to attend any or all events.

FERC's Scoping Document as well as the District's Notice of Intent and Pre-Application Document for the Project can be found at www.loup.com/relicense. Copies of all documents are also available for review at the District's General Office at 2404 15th Street in Columbus, NE.