



FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Multi-Stakeholder ILP Effectiveness Technical Conference

Thursday, June 23, 2005
11:00 a.m. (EDT) – 3:00 p.m.

Objectives

- Share feedback from ILP Effectiveness Evaluation
 - 62 Telephone Interviews (Applicants, Agencies, Tribes, and NGOs)
 - By-Sector Teleconferences
 - Regional Workshops
- Hear from “pioneers” on what is working and what future ILPs might consider doing

Agenda

- 11:00 Welcome, Introductions,
Objectives, Agenda, and Ground Rules
- 11:10 PAD and Process Plan
- Stakeholder Comments Received So Far
 - Panel Discussion and Audience Feedback
- 12:10 Scoping
- Stakeholder Comments Received So Far
 - Panel Discussion and Audience Feedback
- 12:30 Lunch Break

Agenda

1:00 Study Plan Development Process

- Stakeholder Comments Received So Far
- Panel Discussion and Audience Feedback

2:15 ILP Overview

- Stakeholder Comments Received So Far
- Panel Discussion and Audience Feedback

2:45 Wrap-up

3:00 Adjourn

Ground Rules

- Please state your name and affiliation before speaking
- Wait for a microphone before speaking
- Programmatic-level discussions- avoid project-specific merits
- De-personalize discussion of issues
- Forward looking; focus on solutions
- Please turn off cell phones

PRE-APPLICATION DOCUMENT AND PROCESS PLAN

Effectiveness Evaluation



Stakeholder Comments Received So Far

Stakeholder Comments PAD and Process Plan

General

- Invite FERC to participate in any pre-NOI/PAD activities (trainings, workshops)
- Early preparation and communication are key to the success of the ILP
- Cast a wide net for stakeholders and information (don't assume all are involved)

Stakeholder Comments PAD and Process Plan

PAD Preparation

- An organized, well-developed, and user-friendly PAD is crucial to get the process off to the right start
- Time needed to develop the PAD depends on a number of variables

Stakeholder Comments PAD and Process Plan

PAD Preparation

- A PAD questionnaire is a useful tool to:
 - Engage stakeholders
 - Ask for information
 - Identify potential issues and studies
 - Consider including in the PAD questionnaire a list of data/information already compiled in the PAD

Stakeholder Comments PAD and Process Plan

PAD Preparation

- Emphasize the inclusion of all “existing, relevant, and reasonably available information” in the PAD
 - In some cases, stakeholders have suggested a few studies may be appropriate prior to the PAD
- Consider structuring the PAD like an EA document

Stakeholder Comments

PAD and Process Plan

PAD Preparation

- The more detail in the PAD, the greater its utility and the more efficient the study plan discussions should be
- The process plan is most helpful when:
 - it is developed with buy-in by all participants
 - it integrates other regulatory processes (401; ESA)

Stakeholder Comments PAD and Process Plan

Communications

- A positive, energetic, open attitude by all participants is key to a more efficient, quality process
- Establishing relationships before filing the PAD can be helpful

Stakeholder Comments PAD and Process Plan

Communications

- Pre-NOI outreach meetings can help get the process off to the right start
- A project website is a helpful way to access information for all involved

Stakeholder Comments

PAD and Process Plan

Communications

- Clearly establishing a Distribution Protocol up front is very helpful
 - Follow up after sending emails with important attachments
- Some recommend a Communications Protocol in addition to the Distribution Protocol

Panel Discussion and Q/A

PAD and Process Plan

Panelists

- **Lauri Vigue** (via telephone)
 - Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife
 - Packwood Project
- **Liz Hatzenbuehler** (via telephone)
 - The Nature Conservancy
 - Tacoma Ames Project
- **Bea Nelson** (via telephone)
 - Alnobak Heritage Preservation Center
 - Canaan Project
- **Frank Simms**
 - American Electric Power
 - Smith Mountain Project

SCOPING

Effectiveness Evaluation



Stakeholder Comments Received So Far

Scoping

- Help stakeholders understand the purpose of FERC scoping meeting
 - Interactive scoping meetings facilitate thorough issue identification
- Stick to the purposes of the scoping meeting
 - Identify the new issues, seek clarification on existing issues, and eliminate unimportant ones
 - Discuss existing conditions and information (other information available?)
 - Explore additional information needs
 - Discuss process plan

Scoping

- Become familiar with the project and the PAD prior to the scoping meeting
- Be prepared to discuss new issues or eliminate or refine issues
 - Don't rehash issues adequately addressed in the PAD

Scoping

- Multiple locations and times increase public involvement
- Participant preparation enhances meeting success

Panel Discussion and Q/A Scoping

Panelists

- **Chris Levine** (via telephone)
 - Montana DEQ
 - Mystic Lake Project
- **Robbin Marks**
 - American Rivers
 - Smith Mountain Project
- **George Martin**
 - Georgia Power
 - Morgan Falls Project
- **Jeff Gildehaus** (via telephone)
 - US Forest Service
 - Mystic Lake Project

STUDY REQUESTS AND STUDY PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Effectiveness Evaluation



Stakeholder Comments Received So Far

Stakeholder Comments Study Plan Development Process

- Many stakeholders want the applicant to include as much study detail as possible in the PAD
- Use the study criteria to explain why the information is needed; the criteria are helpful and should be used constructively

Stakeholder Comments Study Plan Development Process

- Stakeholders might consider working together during the study request phase
 - Combine expertise and resources
- Consider posting revisions of study plans on the project website for faster and more efficient stakeholder review

Stakeholder Comments Study Plan Development Process

- A study plan template in the PAD can be helpful to stakeholders in drafting their requests
- Informal study plan workshops before the release of the Proposed Study Plan (PSP) can be helpful

Panel Discussion and Q/A Study Plan Development Process

Panelists

- **Jim Canaday** (via telephone)
 - CA State Water Resources Control Board
 - DeSabra-Centerville Project
- **Jon Jourdonnais**
 - PPL Montana
 - Mystic Lake Project
- **Elizabeth Nicholas**
 - Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
 - Morgan Falls Project
- **Kathy Turner** (via telephone)
 - US Forest Service
 - DeSabra-Centerville Project

ILP OVERVIEW

Effectiveness Evaluation



Stakeholder Comments Received So Far

Stakeholder Comments

ILP Overview

- FERC involvement early (pre-NOI/PAD) and throughout the process is very helpful
- Applicant is in best spot to help everyone be ready for when the train leaves the station
 - be inclusive and helpful and
 - try to get everyone involved early in the process
- ILP is a front-loaded process; planning ahead and preparing for active participation are essential

Stakeholder Comments

ILP Overview

- Utilize resources on FERC's web page (www.ferc.gov); E-subscribe and E-file
- The ILP timeframes and deadlines-while demanding- are valued by all

Stakeholder Comments

ILP Overview

- Training on the ILP is invaluable in getting everyone prepared from the start; consider an ILP training meeting early on (pre-PAD/NOI)
- An applicant's attitude and willingness to collaborate and engage participants up-front could make for a smoother process down the road

Panel Discussion and Q/A ILP Overview

Panelists

■ **Jeff Duncan**

- National Park Service
- Morgan Falls Project

■ **Jim Kearns**

- Public Service Company of New Hampshire
- Canaan Project

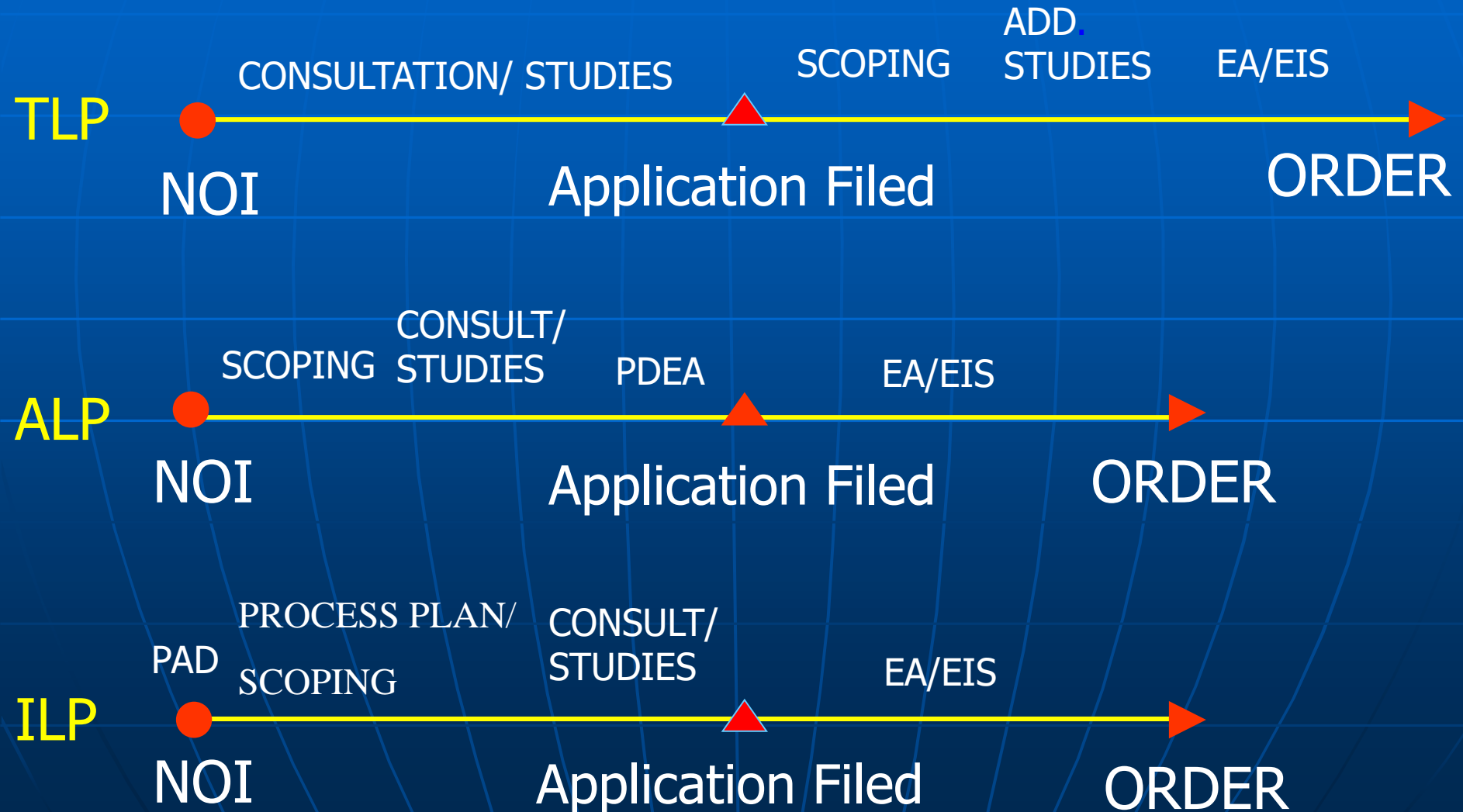
■ **David Moller** (via telephone)

- Pacific, Gas, and Electric
- DeSabra Centerville Project

■ **John Seebach**

- Hydro Reform Coalition

Licensing Process Comparison



What's Next

“Best Practices”
guidance document

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