

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Eagle Crest Energy Company

Project No. 13123-002 - California

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE EAGLE  
MOUNTAIN PUMPED STORAGE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT AND NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC MEETINGS

(December 23, 2010)

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)(18 CFR Part 380 [FERC Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897]), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the Eagle Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 13123), located on the site of the inactive Eagle Mountain mine in Riverside County, California, near the town of Desert Center and prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the project. The project would occupy 1,059.26 acres of federal lands administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and 1,162 acres of private land owned by Kaiser Eagle Mountain, LLC.

The draft EIS contains staff's analysis of the applicant's proposal and the alternatives for a licensee for the Eagle Mountain Project. The draft EIS documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicant, and Commission staff.

A copy of the draft EIS is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "e-Library" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

All comments must be filed by **Monday, February 28, 2011**, and should reference Project No. 13123-002. Comments may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 C.F.R. 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website

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(<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp>) under the “eFiling” link. For a simpler method of submitting text-only comments, click on “eComment.” For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and eight copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS (18 CFR 380.10). You must file your request to intervene as specified above.<sup>1</sup> You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, you are invited to attend a public meeting that will be held to receive comments on the draft EIS. The time and location of the meeting is as follows:

Daytime Meeting:

Date: February 3, 2011  
 Time: 1:00 PM  
 Place: University of California at Riverside  
 Palm Desert Graduate Center  
 Address: 75-080 Frank Sinatra Drive, **Room B114/117**  
 Palm Desert, California 92211

Evening Meeting:

Date: February 3, 2011  
 Time: 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
 Place: University of California at Riverside  
 Palm Desert Graduate Center  
 Address: 75-080 Frank Sinatra Drive, **Room B200**  
 Palm Desert, California 92211

At these meetings, resource agency personnel and other interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral and written comments and recommendations regarding the draft EIS. The meetings will be recorded by a court reporter, and all statements (verbal and written) will become part of the Commission’s public record for the project. This meeting is posted on the Commission’s calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

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<sup>1</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

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Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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