

Works Authority (Mannford) in Creek County, Oklahoma, for purposes other than NGA Section 311 transportation, under WNG's blanket certificate authorization issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

WNG explains that after the Section 311 facilities were installed and the Section 311 agreement was signed with Mannford, a local distribution company, an end-user behind Mannford asked about the possibility of arranging transportation on his own behalf. WNG states that it is now seeking authority to deliver Section 284 gas through the facilities as well.

WNG describes the facilities as consisting of a 3-inch tap connection, a single-run positive displacement meter with two pressure cuts, and over-pressure protection, located in Section 20, Township 19 North, Range 8 East, Creek County Oklahoma. WNG says it began delivering gas to Mannford through these Section 311 facilities on November 22, 1996, with the initial delivery being 311 Dth. WNG states that the cost to construct these facilities was approximately \$50,848, which will be recouped through a new production area TSS agreement, which replaced Mannford's previous STS-P agreement. WNG explains that these facilities are an additional delivery point for Mannford and will handle all of Mannford's load through the summer and will be used in conjunction with the existing orifice meter setting through the winter months. WNG asserts that the use of the two meter settings will enable WNG to more accurately measure fluctuating gas volumes.

WNG states that the requested change is not prohibited by an existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accomplish the deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to its other customers. WNG asserts that the operation of these facilities will have no impact on WNG's peak day or annual

deliveries. WNG states it has sent a copy of this filing to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 137-002-CA]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

December 19, 1996.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 19 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for relicensing the Mokelumne River Hydroelectric Project, located in Alpine, Amador, and Calaveras Counties, California, and has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the project. In the DEA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the existing project and has concluded that approval of the project, with appropriate environmental

protection measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street N.E., Room 1-A, Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix "Mokelumne River Hydroelectric Project No. 137" to all comments. For further information, please contact Tom Dean at (202) 219-2778.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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Notice of Cases Filed With the Office of Hearings and Appeals; Week of November 18 Through November 22, 1996

During the Week of November 18 through November 22, 1996, the appeals, applications, petitions or other requests listed in this Notice were filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy. Submissions inadvertently omitted from earlier lists have also been included.

Any person who will be aggrieved by the DOE action sought in any of these cases may file written comments on the application within ten days of publication of this Notice or the date of receipt of actual notice, whichever occurs first. All such comments shall be filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585-0107.

Dated: December 17, 1996.

George B. Breznay,
Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.

LIST OF CASES RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

[Week of November 18 through November 22, 1996]

Date	Name and location of applicant	Case No.	Type of submission
November 15, 1996.	William H. Payne, Washington, DC	VFA-0243	Appeal of an information request denial. If granted: The October 10, 1996 Freedom of Information Request Denial issued by the Office of Inspector General would be rescinded, and William H. Payne would receive access to certain Department of Energy Information.
November 20, 1996.	Personnel security hearing	VSO-0124	Request for hearing under 10 CFR Part 710. If granted: An individual employed by a Contractor of the Department of Energy would receive a hearing under 10 CFR Part 710.

LIST OF CASES RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS—Continued

[Week of November 18 through November 22, 1996]

Date	Name and location of applicant	Case No.	Type of submission
November 20, 1996.	Personnel security hearing	VSO-0125	Request for hearing under 10 CFR Part 710. If granted: An individual employed by a Contractor of the Department of Energy would receive a hearing under 10 CFR Part 710.
November 21, 1996.	James L. Hecht, Wilmington, DE	VFA-0244	Appeal of an information request denial. If granted: The October 29, 1996 Freedom of Information Request Denial issued by the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy would be rescinded, and James L. Hecht would receive access to certain DOE information.
November 22, 1996.	Personnel security hearing	VSO-0126	Request for hearing under 10 CFR Part 710. If granted: An individual employed by a Contractor of the Department of Energy would receive a hearing under 10 CFR Part 710.
November 22, 1996.	Personnel security hearing	VSA-0103	Request for review of opinion under 10 CFR Part 710. If granted: The October 24, 1996 Opinion of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Case No. VSO-0103, would be reviewed at the request of an individual employed by the Department of Energy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-30112A; FRL-5396-3]

Chlorothalonil; Notice of Withdrawal of Administrative Exception Request to Worker Protection Standard's Prohibition of Early Entry Into Pesticide-Treated Areas to Harvest Muskmelons by Hand

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal of petition.

SUMMARY: The State of Indiana has notified EPA that it is withdrawing its petition for an exception to the 48-hour restricted entry interval (REI) for chlorothalonil on muskmelon fields.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This document became effective December 9, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua First, Office of Pesticide Programs, Field Operations Division (7506C), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location, telephone number, and e-mail address: Rm. 1121, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Mall 1B2, Arlington, VA, 703-305-7437, e-mail: first.joshua@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On August 21, 1992 (57 FR 38102), EPA issued a final rule revising the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for

agricultural pesticides (40 CFR part 170). The WPS became fully implemented on January 1, 1995. The WPS contains requirements for training, notification of pesticide applications, use of personal protective equipment (PPE), decontamination, and emergency medical assistance. The WPS also set new restricted entry intervals (REIs) for thousands of pesticide products; many of the REIs were increased. Chlorothalonil's REI on muskmelons increased from 12 hours to 48 hours.

II. Early Entry Exceptions

In general, § 170.112 of the WPS prohibits agricultural workers from entering a pesticide-treated area during a REI. REIs are specified on the pesticide product label and typically range from 12 to 72 hours. Product-specific longer REIs have been set for a few pesticides.

Under § 170.112(e) of the WPS, EPA may establish exceptions to the Standard's provision of prohibiting early entry to perform routine hand labor tasks. Before implementing such changes, however, EPA is required to provide a 30-day public comment period. EPA will grant or deny a request for an exception based on a risk-benefit analysis. However, as required by 40 CFR 170.112(e)(3), the analysis must take into account both the added risks and the benefits from allowing early entry to perform hand labor tasks.

III. Indiana's Petition for an Exception and Subsequent Retraction of the Petition

Late in March 1996, EPA received a petition from the State of Indiana. Indiana petitioned the Agency under § 170.112(e) to allow early entry by

workers into chlorothalonil-treated muskmelon fields to perform hand labor harvesting. The current REI for chlorothalonil remains at 48 hours after application. Although a specific REI was not requested in the petition, Indiana requested entry as soon as feasible following the application of the fungicide, before the expiration of the REI. Indiana's petition stated that muskmelon growers would suffer substantial economic losses if they could not harvest their crop on a daily basis. The requested time period for the exception was from June 15 through August 30, 1996. EPA published a Notice of Receipt for the petition in the Federal Register of June 7, 1996 (61 FR 29096) (FRL-5373-8) and provided a 30-day public comment period.

In early July 1996, following the 30-day public comment period on the petition, EPA began its analysis of the comments that were received. On July 17, 1996, Indiana officially withdrew its petition in a retraction letter to Daniel M. Barolo, Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Occupational safety and health, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: December 9, 1996.

Lynn R. Goldman,
Assistant Administrator for Prevention,
Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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