

26. New York Power Authority

[Docket No. NJ97-4-000]

Take notice that on December 30, 1996, the New York Power Authority (NYPA) tendered for filing a petition for Declaratory Order. NYPA asserts that it seeks the Declaratory Order necessary to implement its open access transmission tariff that it has filed with the Commission.

Comment date: January 30, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

27. Green Mountain Power Corporation

[Docket No. OA96-37-002]

Take notice that on January 2, 1997, Green Mountain Power Corporation tendered for filing its modified Pro Forma Tariff in the above-referenced docket.

Comment date: January 27, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

28. Dayton Power & Light Company

[Docket No. OA96-64-001]

Take notice that on January 2, 1997, Dayton Power & Light Company tendered for filing an amendment to Open Access Transmission Tariff.

The modifications are being made to comply with FERC's Order Granting in Part, and Denying in Part, Waivers of Non-Rate Terms and Conditions of Open Access Tariffs and Directing Modifications issued December 18, 1996.

Copies of the filing were served on the intervenors to this docket and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Comment date: January 27, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

29. Puget Sound Power & Light Company

[Docket No. OA96-161-001]

Take notice that on January 2, 1997, Puget Sound Power & Light Company tendered for filing its proposed Open Access Transmission Tariff, in accordance with the Commission's Rule No. 888 issued April 26, 1996 in Docket No. RM95-8-000 and Docket No. RM94-74-001.

Comment date: January 27, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

30. Indiantown Cogeneration, L.P.

[Docket No. QF90-214-002]

On January 3, 1997, Indiantown Cogeneration, L.P. (Applicant), of 7500 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-6161 submitted for filing an application for recertification of a facility pursuant to Section

292.207(b) of the Commission's Regulations. No determination has been made that the submittal constitutes a complete filing.

According to the applicant, the topping-cycle cogeneration facility is located in Indiantown, Florida. The Commission previously certified the facility as a qualifying cogeneration facility, *Indiantown Cogeneration, L.P.*, 60 FERC ¶ 62,133 (1992). A notice of self-certification was filed on August 22, 1990. The instant request for recertification is due to the reconfiguration of the facility.

Comment date: February 5, 1997 in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding.

Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 8296-043]**Malacha Hydro Limited Partnership; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment**

January 14, 1997.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is for an amendment of license application for the Muck Valley Hydroelectric Project, located in Lassen County, California. The amendment application concerns minor structural modifications to the project's existing diversion and intake structures. The EA finds that the modifications to the project would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Copies of the EA are available for review at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2-A, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, D.C. 20426. Additional information can be obtained by calling the project manager, Jon Cofrancesco at (202) 219-0079.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Project No. 11500-001, Tennessee]**Armstrong Energy Resources; Notice of Surrender of Preliminary Permit**

January 14, 1997.

Take notice that Armstrong Energy Resources, permittee for the Reynolds Creek Pumped Storage Project No. 11500, located on the Reynolds Creek and Big Brush Creek in Sequatchie County, Tennessee, has requested that its preliminary permit be terminated. The preliminary permit was issued on December 16, 1994, and would have expired on November 30, 1997. The permittee states that it has decided to concentrate its efforts on another project.

The permittee filed the request on January 3, 1997, and the preliminary permit for Project No. 11500 shall remain in effect through the thirtieth day after issuance of this notice unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday as described in 18 CFR 385.2007, in which case the permit shall remain in effect through the first business day following that day. New applications involving this project site, to the extent provided for under 18 CFR Part 4, may be filed on the next business day.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**Toxic Chemicals; PCBs; Submission of ICR No. 1000 to OMB; Information Collection Activities**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) entitled: Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Use in Electrical Equipment and

Transformers [EPA ICR # 1000.06; OMB Control # 2070-0003] has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval pursuant to the OMB procedures in 5 CFR 1320.12. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated cost and burden. The Agency is requesting that OMB renew for 3 years the existing approval for this ICR, which is scheduled to expire on April 30, 1997. A Federal Register notice announcing the Agency's intent to seek the renewal of this ICR and the 60 day public comment opportunity, requesting comments on the request and the contents of the ICR, was issued on August 8, 1996 (61 FR 41404). EPA received two comments in response to that notice and has considered the comments in developing the final ICR. A copy of the comments received, along with a summary response, are appended to the ICR submitted to OMB and available in the docket.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before February 20, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CONTACT: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1000.06 and OMB Control No. 2070-0003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1000.06 and OMB Control No. 2070-0003, to the following addresses:

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Information Management Division (Mailcode: 2136), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460; and to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Review Requested: This is a request to renew a currently approved information collection pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12.

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR No. 1000.06; OMB Control No. 2070-0003.

Current Expiration Date: Current OMB approval expires on April 30, 1997.

Title: Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Use in Electrical Equipment and Transformers

Abstract: Section 6(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) generally prohibits the manufacture, processing, distribution in commerce and use of PCBs. EPA has authority, however, to allow a use of PCBs to continue if it determines that the use will not present unreasonable risks to

public health and the environment. In the case of regulating PCB electrical equipment, EPA has promulgated a series of rules since the 1978 prohibition on the use of PCBs (see 40 CFR part 761).

EPA imposed the reporting requirements contained in these rules to ensure that the National Response Center is informed immediately of fires involving PCB transformers. PCB transformer fires generate hazardous dioxins and furans, substances many times more toxic than PCBs. The recordkeeping requirements are used to document the use, location and condition of PCB equipment. The reporting and recordkeeping requirements are essential to prevent adverse effects to human health and the environment from leaks or spills of PCB fluids or from potential exposures to dioxins and furans during transformer fires. Without such recordkeeping and reporting safeguards, EPA would not be able to fulfill its responsibility under TSCA of preventing unreasonable risk to human health and the environment from exposure to PCBs. Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR parts 761). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately 1.0 hours per response for six respondents. The annual recordkeeping burden is estimated to average approximately 0.166 hours per respondent for 150,000 respondents. These estimates include the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information. No person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are displayed in 40 CFR Part 9.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are owners of PCB-containing transformers used in industry, utilities, government and private buildings or elsewhere.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 150,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 24,906 hours.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Changes in Burden Estimates: There is a decrease of 8,300 hours in the total estimated respondent burden as compared with that identified in the information collection request most recently approved by OMB, from 33,206 hours currently to an estimated 24,906 hours. This reflects the fact that EPA estimates that there are fewer transformers to be inspected than was the case at the time this collection was last approved by OMB, and therefore a smaller total respondent burden.

According to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12, EPA has submitted this ICR to OMB for review and approval. Any comments related to the renewal of this ICR should be submitted as described above.

Dated: January 13, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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[FRL-5678-7]

Proposal for Using Voluntary Environmental Management Systems in State Water Programs

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Announcement of competitive funding proposal to support the use of voluntary environmental management systems in water pollution control programs administered by States. Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Water at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces its intention to provide financial support, through a competitive grant process, for States that encourage and support the use of voluntary environmental management systems (EMS), using the ISO 14001 International Standard as a baseline, for facilities under State water programs in either delegated or non-delegated States. States should also consider more specific requirements necessary to ensure that the EMS contain measurable performance objectives and targets that address: (1) continual improvement of environmental performance, (2)