

28. Public Service Electric and Gas Company

[Docket No. ER98-827-000]

Take notice that on November 26, 1997, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) of Newark, New Jersey tendered for filing an agreement for the sale of capacity and energy to New Energy Ventures, L.L.C. (New Energy), pursuant to the PSE&G Wholesale Power Market Based Sales Tariff, presently on file with the Commission.

PSE&G further requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations such that the agreement can be made effective as of October 27, 1997.

Copies of the filing have been served upon New Energy and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Comment date: January 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

29. Public Service Electric and Gas Company

[Docket No. ER98-828-000]

Take notice that on November 26, 1997, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) of Newark, New Jersey tendered for filing an agreement for the sale of capacity and energy to the Borough of Park Ridge, New Jersey (Park Ridge) pursuant to the PSE&G Wholesale Power Market Based Sales Tariff, presently on file with the Commission.

PSE&G further requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations such that the agreement can be made effective as of October 27, 1997.

Copies of the filing have been served upon Park Ridge and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Comment date: January 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

30. Public Service Electric and Gas Company

[Docket No. ER98-829-000]

Take notice that on November 26, 1997, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) of Newark, New Jersey tendered for filing an agreement for the sale of capacity and energy to the Monongahela Power Company, the Potomac Edison Company, West Penn Power Company (AP) pursuant to the PSE&G Wholesale Power Market Based Sales Tariff, presently on file with the Commission.

PSE&G further requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations such that the agreement can be made effective as of October 27, 1997.

Copies of the filing have been served upon AP the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Comment date: January 2, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

31. Central Vermont Public Service Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-886-000]

Take notice that on November 26, 1997, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (CVPS) tendered for filing a letter stating that CVPS does not plan to file a Forecast 1998 Cost Report for FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 4, since there are no customers expected to take such service.

Comment date: January 2, 1998, 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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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**[FRL-5942-3]****Agency Information Collection Activities**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed and/or continuing Information Collection Requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICR to OMB for

review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collections as described below:

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Mobile Sources, Office of Air and Radiation, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Interested persons can obtain copies of the ICR at no charge by accessing "What's New" on the OMS Website, "http://www.epa.gov/omswww".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Bullard, Telephone No. (202) 260-2614; Facsimile No. (202) 260-6011; or e-mail at "bullard.susan@epamail.epa.gov".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those who have an interest in the reduction of air emissions from mobile sources.

Title: "ICR for gathering information about: the public's understanding of air quality, the impact of mobile sources, and actions individuals can take to improve air quality; and programs to increase the public's awareness."

Abstract: EPA's Office of Mobile Sources (OMS) is charged with reducing air pollution from mobile sources. Although there's been significant and measurable progress in reducing air pollution in the past 20 years, it is clearly not enough to solve the problem. Ultimate solutions will require action by individuals as well as industry.

OMS and its partners in state, local and regional air and transportation agencies, other federal/state/local agencies, public health and other organizations are working to increase public awareness of air quality, the impact of mobile sources and choices individuals can make to help solve the problem of air pollution. To accomplish this mission in the public interest, air and transportation managers must better understand the public's knowledge of the problem as well as possible solutions. In order for individual consumers and drivers to make responsible choices, it is incumbent upon EPA and other air and transportation organizations to provide education and information as to choices available and impacts of those choices on the environment and quality of life.

Before we expend limited federal resources, we must conduct research to answer a number of questions vital to the mission. For example—how much does the public understand about air pollution, the impact of mobile sources,

and the benefits of informed choices? How much do they care? Who are credible sources of information for the air quality and public health message? How far is the public willing to go in commitment of time and money to ensure air quality? What are possible incentives to encourage people to make environmentally responsible choices? Have we been successful in our efforts to encourage informed choices?

Prior to materials production, we will conduct focus groups to test draft public education concepts and materials with proposed audiences to ensure appropriateness and effectiveness. Our goal will be to ensure that products produced will meet the needs of the public for which they're intended.

Finally, we intend to gather information about existing mobile source-related public education efforts from state and local air and transportation management agencies, industry, public health and other partners in order to maximize public benefit and minimize possibilities for duplication of effort. This will allow us to utilize limited federal resources responsibly.

Information will be gathered through telephone and in-person surveys, focus groups, questionnaires and evaluation forms and targeted meetings. Information will be gathered on both the state and local levels to support community-based projects and the national level to support long-term national outreach efforts. Participation in information-gathering is strictly voluntary.

An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

- (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (iii) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected;

- (iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological

collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: Respondents/Affected Entities: Those who have an interest in the reduction of air emissions from mobile sources

Estimated number of Respondents: 1700 per year.

Frequency of Response: One per year per respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 2310 hours.

Estimated Burden per Respondent: 1 hour 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: none to respondents; no additional cost to agency staff.

This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose 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.

Dated: December 17, 1997.

Robert Brenner,

Program Official.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5940-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that EPA is planning to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to allow the Agency to continue collecting data for the Natural Gas STAR Program. Information is required from participants ("Partners") in the Natural Gas STAR Program. Partners develop a Memorandum of Understanding, develop an implementation plan, and report to EPA annually on progress towards meeting the goals identified in the implementation plan. This ICR is a reinstatement of a previously approved information collection. Before

submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Docket Clerk (Docket No. 97-62), located in the USEPA, Office of Air & Radiation. One original and two copies of each comment should be submitted. Hand delivery of comments should be made to: Air Docket, USEPA, MC 6102, 401 M Street, SW., room M 1500, Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rhone Resch, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Division (6202J), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, or call (202) 564-9793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information Collection Requests

EPA is seeking comment on the ICR for the Natural Gas STAR Program (EPA ICR 1736.02). This ICR requests approval for renewal of an existing collection.

Affected Entities: Entities affected by this action are natural gas production, storage, transmission, and distribution facilities.

Abstract: The Natural Gas STAR Program is an EPA-sponsored, voluntary program that encourages cost effective methods for reducing methane emissions from natural gas production, storage, transmission, and distribution facilities. Partners determine and implement appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) that reduce methane emissions, are cost effective for the industry, and can increase competitiveness and maintain or enhance natural gas delivery service. Participants develop a Memorandum of Understanding, develop an implementation plan, and report to EPA annually on progress towards meeting the goals identified in the implementation plan.

Burden Statement: The estimated average public burden per respondent for new Partners is 45 hours per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing the collection of information.

Respondents: Natural gas production, storage, transmission, and distribution companies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 140-67 new Partners and 74 existing Partners.