

33. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-2217-000]

Take notice that on March 16, 1998, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) tendered for filing an executed Transmission Service Agreement between NMPC and Eastern Power Distribution, Inc. This transmission service agreement specifies that Eastern Power Distribution, Inc., has signed on to and has agreed to the terms and conditions of NMPC's Open Access Transmission Tariff as filed in Docket No. OA96-194-000. This tariff, filed with on July 9, 1996, will allow NMPC and Eastern Power Distribution, Inc., to enter into separately scheduled transactions under which NMPC will provide transmission service for Eastern Power Distribution, Inc., as the parties may mutually agree.

NMPC requests an effective date of March 5, 1998. NMPC has requested waiver of the notice requirements for good cause shown.

NMPC has served copies of the filing upon the New York State Public Service Commission and Eastern Power Distribution, Inc.

Comment date: April 6, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

34. Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation

[Docket No. ER98-2223-000]

Take notice that on March 16, 1998, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation filed an application for amendment of its December 31, 1996, filing in OA97-243-000. RG&E is making this filing to reflect transmission rates resulting from a settlement agreement accepted by the Commission in Docket No. OA96-141.

A copy of the filing has been served on the Public Service Commission of the State of New York.

Comment date: April 6, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

35. Florida Power Corporation

[Docket No. OA96-73-001]

Take notice that on March 9, 1998, Florida Power Corporation tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

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

36. PacifiCorp

[Docket No. OA97-405-000]

Take notice that on March 10, 1998, PacifiCorp tendered for filing an amendment to its filing of an unexecuted contract entitled

Amendment No. 1 to the AC Intertie Agreement between PacifiCorp and Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville).

Copies of this filing were supplied to Bonneville, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, Public Service Commission of Utah, and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

PacifiCorp renews its request for an effective date of January 3, 1997 be assigned to the Agreement.

Comment date: April 1, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

37. Inquiry Concerning the Commission's Policy on Independent System Operators, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company

[Docket No. PL98-5-000, Docket No. ER98-1438-000 and EC98-24-000]

Take notice that on March 2, 1998, the State Public Utility or Public Service Commissions of Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Texas tendered for filing a Petition concerning the matter of competing and/or conflicting independent system operator formation processes in the above-referenced dockets.

Comment date: April 7, 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 these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,*Acting Secretary.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5987-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plans

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plans, OMB Control No. 2050-0021; expiring 5/31/98). The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by e-mail at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0328.07.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: "Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plans" (OMB Control No. 2050-0021; EPA ICR No. 328.07) expiring 5/31/98. This ICR requests an extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Under section 311 of the Clean Water Act, EPA's Oil Pollution Prevention regulation (40 CFR part 112) requires facility owners or operators to prepare and implement SPCC Plans and keep certain records. Preparation of the SPCC Plan requires that a facility owner or operator analyze how to prevent oil discharges, thereby promoting appropriate facility design and operations. The information in the SPCC Plan also promotes efficient response in the event of a discharge. Finally, proper maintenance of the SPCC Plan promotes important spill-reducing measures, facilitates leak detection, and generally ensures that the facility deters discharges at its peak capability. All of the SPCC Plan recordkeeping activities are mandatory. The specific activities and reasons and uses for the information collection are described below.

Recordkeeping Activities: Under section 112.3, a facility owner or operator must prepare a written SPCC Plan, maintain it at or near the facility, and have it certified by a Registered Professional Engineer (PE). Under section 112.5 the SPCC Plan must be amended (i) whenever there is a facility change that materially affects the potential to discharge oil, and (ii) to include more effective prevention and control technology identified in the owner or operator's triennial Plan review. If amended, the Plan must also be certified by a PE. Under section 112.4, in the event of certain oil discharges, facility owners or operators must submit the SPCC Plan and other information to the EPA Regional Administrator and the appropriate state water pollution control agency within 60 days. Upon review, the Regional Administrator may require amendment of the SPCC Plan. Again, the amended Plan must be certified by a PE. Under section 112.3, the owner or operator must maintain (and update) records of specific inspections as outlined under section 112.7(e).

On December 2, 1997, at 62 FR 63812, EPA published proposed revisions to the SPCC rule (40 CFR part 112). The proposed revisions were designed to reduce the information collection burden of the SPCC rule. The comment period for the proposal closed on February 2, 1998. EPA is now reviewing the comments received. EPA will also review the comments received pursuant to proposals to modify the SPCC rule in 1991 and 1993 (see 56 FR 54612, October 22, 1991; and 58 FR 8824, February 17, 1993) and craft a single final rule embodying the 1991, 1993, and 1997 proposals. The final rule should be published in 1999.

Purpose of Data Collection: Facility owners or operators are the primary users of SPCC Plans and related data. EPA does not collect the Plan or related records on a routine basis. Facilities that prepare, implement, and maintain an SPCC Plan improve their ability to prevent oil discharges, and mitigate the environmental damage caused by such discharges. As facility owners or operators accumulate the data, they necessarily analyze the facility's capability to prevent oil discharges, facilitate safety awareness, and promote the use of appropriate design and operational standards that reduce the likelihood of an oil discharge. The Plan information can also help the facility respond efficiently in the event of a discharge. Inspection records help facility owners and operators to promote important operation and maintenance,

and demonstrate compliance with SPCC requirements.

EPA also uses the SPCC data in certain situations. EPA primarily uses SPCC Plan data to verify that facilities comply with the regulation and implement their Plan, including design and operation specifications and inspection requirements. EPA reviews SPCC Plans; (1) when facilities submit the Plans because of oil discharges, and (2) as part of EPA's inspection program. State and local governments may also use the data, which is not necessarily available elsewhere and can greatly assist local emergency preparedness planning efforts.

An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 18, 1997 (62 FR 66360); EPA received five comment letters.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 39.9 hours per newly regulated facility and 5.4 hours per already regulated facility. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes 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 to 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.

Respondents/affected entities: Non-transportation facilities with the potential to discharge oil to navigable waters.

Estimated number of respondents: 455,472.

Frequency of response: One-time plan, occasional records/reports.

Estimated total annual hour burden: 2.62 million hours.

Estimated total annualized cost burden: \$79.3 million.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 328.07 and OMB Control No. 2050-0021 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460;

and
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725-17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5987-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Information Collection Request for the 1997 State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs Guidance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: The 1997 State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs Guidance, EPA ICR#1816.01. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1816.01.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: The 1997 State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs