

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 If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of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.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-1437-000]

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation; Notice of Filing

February 5, 1998.

Take notice that on January 14, 1998, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E), tendered for filing a summary of their quarterly report of transactions under their market-based rate tariff for the period of October 1, 1997, to December 31, 1997.

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 February 18, 1998. 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.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP94-423-007]

Texas Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Filing of Refund Report

February 5, 1998.

Take notice that on February 2, 1998, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas) tendered for filing a refund report detailing a January 8, 1998, Transportation Cost Adjustment (TCA) Tracker refund of \$1,353,152.86.

Texas Gas states that the refund reflects the net credit balances in its TCA deferral accounts at October 31, 1997, when its TCA Tracker was terminated.

Texas Gas states that copies of this filing have been served upon Texas Gas's customers receiving refunds and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests should be filed on or before February 12, 1998. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

David P. Boergers
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-1436-000]

Washington Water Power; Notice of Filing

February 5, 1998.

Take notice that on January 15, 1998, Washington Water Power, tendered for filing its summary of activity for the quarter ending December 31, 1997.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulation 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 February 18, 1998. 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.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5965-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request; Underground Storage Tanks: Technical and Financial Requirements, and State Program Approval Procedures

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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: "Underground Storage Tanks: Technical and Financial Requirements, and State Program Approval Procedures," OMB Control Number 2050-0068, expiring on March 31, 1998. 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 March 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY: 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. 1360.05.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Underground Storage Tanks: Technical and Financial Requirements, and State Program Approval Procedures, OMB Control No. 2050-0068; EPA ICR No. 1360.05, expiring 03/31/98. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Subtitle I of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended, requires that the EPA develop standards for USTs as may be necessary to protect human health and the environment, and procedures for approving state programs to operate in lieu of the federal program. EPA promulgated technical and financial requirements for owners and operators of USTs at 40 CFR Part 280 and state program approval procedures at 40 CFR Part 281. This ICR is a comprehensive presentation of all information collection requirements contained at 40 CFR Parts 280 and 281. All 40 CFR Part 280 requirements are presented in this ICR under the heading "Technical and Financial Requirements"; this section applies to owners and operators of USTs. 40 CFR Part 281 requirements are presented in this ICR under the heading "State Program Approval Procedures"; this section applies to states operating a delegated UST program. 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 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 8/27/97 (62 FR 45410); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting burden for UST facilities is estimated to be 1.8 hours per respondent and the recordkeeping burden is estimated to be 4.8 hours per respondent. For states applying for program approval, the annual reporting burden is estimated to be 329.2 hours per respondent and the recordkeeping burden is estimated to be 31 hours per respondent. 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; 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: Facilities that own and operate

Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) and states that implement the UST program.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 317,094.

Frequency of Response: Varies depending on the individual reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 2,103,305 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$1.37 billion (includes Capital, O&M, and Labor costs).

EPA has revised its respondent universe and burden estimates based on updated data from the Office of Underground Storage Tanks, and State and industry sources. The burden estimates reflect a reduction in the universe of tanks and a revised analysis of burden that resulted from better identification of (1) capital and (2) operational and maintenance (O&M) costs. Most of the burden changes in this proposed ICR are due to a recognition that many financial costs should be attributed to capital and operating and maintenance cost categories rather than to labor hours. This accounting change reduced the "hours" burden and increased the "financial" burden. It should be noted that most of these costs were included in the Regulatory Impact Analyses for these requirements but had not been explicitly accounted for in previous ICRs.

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. 1360.05 and OMB Control No. 2050-0068 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. (or E-Mail Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov)

and

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

Dated: February 5, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-00522; FRL-5766-8]

Notice of Funds Availability for Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program FY98

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of funds availability for FY98.

SUMMARY: The goal of EPA's Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) is to reduce the risks from the use of pesticides in agricultural and non-agricultural settings in the U.S. As part of this program, the Office of Pesticide Programs is soliciting proposals for a cooperative agreement under section 20 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, to assist the private sector partners and supporters of PESP in researching and implementing programs to reduce pesticide risk. Evaluation criteria and proposal format are outlined in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION unit below.

DATES: The original proposal and five copies must be received by EPA no later than 5 p.m., March 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The proposal and copies may be submitted by mail to: Laura Sallmen Smith, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. By courier, overnight express, or in person: 2800 Crystal Drive, 5th Floor, Arlington, VA 22202. No fax or electronic submissions will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Sallmen Smith, Project Officer, by phone: (703) 308-8716 or e-mail: sallmen-smith.laura@epamail.epa.gov. For hearing- and speech-impaired persons, the telephone number may be accessed via TTY (text telephone) by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) is a voluntary public/private initiative administered by the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The goal of PESP is to reduce the risks from the use of pesticides in agricultural and non-agricultural settings in the U.S. As part of this program, OPP is soliciting proposals for a cooperative agreement under section 20 of FIFRA, as amended,