

interest in and ideas about potential projects. The purpose of the second public meeting will be to provide information on preliminary alternatives and to gather public comments on the alternatives. It is anticipated that the first two meetings will be somewhat informal, informative, and highly interactive. A third public meeting will be held after the release of the draft feasibility report and draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) to present, discuss, and receive comments on the report and the recommended plan.

a. The public involvement program will include workshops, meetings, and other coordination with interested individuals and organizations, as well as with concerned Federal, state and local agencies. Information about the study will be provided through mailings, news releases, advertisements, and other media. Approximately 150 coordination letters and newsletters announcing the study initiation were sent to appropriate agencies, organizations, and individuals in April 1999.

b. The Baltimore District is preparing a DEIS which will describe the impacts of the proposed projects on environmental and cultural resources in the study area and the overall public interest. The DEIS will document all factors which may be relevant to the proposal, including the cumulative effects thereof. If applicable, the DEIS will also apply guidelines issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (Pub. L. 95-217).

Environmental issues will focus on, but are not limited to, effects on air quality, wetlands, water quality; fish and wildlife resources (including threatened and endangered species); hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste; aesthetic resources; and cultural resources (including archaeological sites and historic architecture). Benefits, costs, and impacts will be examined in detail to determine which elements of the water resources plan are justified. The team will evaluate the environmental impacts (both adverse and beneficial) of the proposed actions.

The decision to implement these actions will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activities on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, will be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable costs.

c. In addition to the Corps, the Maryland Department of the Environment, Prince George's County, and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission-Prince George's County, other participants that will be involved in the study and DEIS process include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. National Park Service; Maryland Department of Natural Resources; Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin; Natural Resource Conservation Service; and the Prince George's County Soil Conservation District. The Baltimore District invites potentially affected Federal, state, and local agencies, and other organizations and entities to participate in this study.

4. The Anacostia Levee Corridor Feasibility Study and integrated DEIS are scheduled for public review in October 2001.

David S. Ladd,

Acting Chief, Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Red River Navigation, Southwest Arkansas, Feasibility Report

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Three or four locks and dams may be required to extend navigation on the Red River upstream of Shreveport/Bossier City, Louisiana, to the vicinity of Index, Arkansas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Marvin Cannon (telephone (601) 631-5437), CEMVK-PP-PQ, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39183-3435.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Authority for this feasibility study is contained in section 402 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-303).

1. *Proposed Action:* The proposed action includes the construction of three or four locks and dams to extend navigation from Shreveport-Bossier City to the vicinity of Index, Arkansas (134 miles).

2. *Alternatives:* Four reasonable alternatives were identified during the reconnaissance study. These

alternatives included a no-action alternative; extension of navigation from Shreveport-Bossier City to the vicinity of Garland, Arkansas; extension of navigation from Shreveport-Bossier City to the vicinity of Fulton, Arkansas; and extension of navigation from Shreveport-Bossier City to the vicinity of Index, Arkansas.

3. a. Two public scoping meetings will be held. One meeting will probably be held in Texarkana, Arkansas, and the other one will probably be held in Shreveport/Bossier City, Louisiana. These meetings will probably be held in August-September 1999. The U.S. Coast Guard, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission will be invited to become cooperating agencies. These agencies will review data and the feasibility report and appendixes. A public meeting will be held once the DEIS is completed, and all agencies, groups, tribes, and individuals will be sent copies of the DEIS and final EIS. Any significant issues identified in the scoping meetings will be analyzed in depth in the DEIS. Cooperating agencies will review data and appendixes.

b. The DEIS is estimated to be completed in September 2002.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-519-001, FERC-519]

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

July 12, 1999.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in responses to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of May 29, 1999 (64 FR 14893) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before August 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NW, Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 208-2425, and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-519 "Application for Sale, Lease or Disposition, Merger or Consolidation of Facilities or for Purchase or Acquisition of Securities of a Public Utility"

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0082.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data. There is an increase in the reporting burden due to an increase in the number of entities that submit this collection of information. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of this information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of Section 203 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. Section 203 authorizes the Commission to grant approval for transactions in which a public utility disposes of jurisdictional facilities, merges such facilities with the facilities owned by another person or acquires the securities

of another public utility. Under the statute, the Commission must find that the proposed transaction will be consistent with the public interest. Section 318 of the FPA exempts certain persons from the requirements of Section 203 which would otherwise concurrently apply under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 33.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average 125 entities subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 10,000 total burden hours, 125 respondents, 1 response annually, 80 hours per response.

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 10,000 hours ÷ 2,080 hours per year × \$109,889 per year = \$528,313, average cost per respondent = \$4,226.50.

Statutory Authority: Sections 203 and 318 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824(b) and 16 U.S.C. 825(q).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. EL99-75-000, et al.]

California Electricity Oversight Board, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

July 9, 1999.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. California Electricity Oversight Board

[Docket No. EL99-75-000]

Take notice that on July 7, 1999, the California Electricity Oversight Board (Board) tendered for filing, a Petition for Declaratory Order and Exemption of Filing Fee. The Board's petition for declaratory relief requests that the Commission order that Senate Bill (SB) 96 resolves disputed issues in the Commission Docket Nos. EC96-19, et al. and ER96-1663, et al. and pending before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in Docket Nos. 98-1225, 98-1226 and 99-1133, and that the authorities and responsibilities to be exercised by the State of California,

through the Board, as set forth in SB 96 are consistent with federal law.

Comment date: July 22, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. NFR Power, Inc., The Furst Group, Inc., Nicor Energy Management Services Company, National Fuel Resources, Inc.

[Docket Nos. ER96-1122-012, ER98-2423-003, RR97-1816-008 and ER95-1374-015]

Take notice that on July 2, 1999, the above-mentioned power marketers filed quarterly reports with the Commission in the above-mentioned proceedings for information only. These filings are available for public inspection and copying in the Public Reference Room or on the web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm for viewing and downloading (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

3. Eagle Gas Marketing Company and Granger Energy, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER96-1503-013 and ER97-4240-004]

Take notice that on July 7, 1999, the above-mentioned power marketers filed quarterly reports with the Commission in the above-mentioned proceedings for information only. These filings are available for public inspection and copying in the Public Reference Room or on the web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm for viewing and downloading (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

4. Sunoco Power Marketing, L.L.C.

[Docket No. ER97-870-010]

Take notice that on July 1, 1999, the above-mentioned power marketer filed a quarterly report with the Commission in the above-mentioned proceeding for information only. This filing is available for public inspection and copying in the Public Reference Room or on the web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm for viewing and downloading (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

5. Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., Long Island Lighting Company, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation, Power Authority of the State of New York and New York Power Pool

[Docket Nos. ER97-1523-006, OA97-470-000, and ER97-4234-000 (not consolidated)]

Take notice that on July 2, 1999, the Member Systems of the New York Power Pool (Member Systems) tendered