

COMPANY, CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, DETROIT EDISON COMPANY, FIRST ENERGY CORPORATION ON BEHALF OF: THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY, OHIO EDISON COMPANY, PENNSYLVANIA POWER COMPANY AND THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY, VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY ORDER ON PROPOSED DISPOSITION OF FACILITIES AND RELATED RATE FILINGS

OIL AND GAS AGENDA

- I. PIPELINE RATE MATTERS
 - PR-1. RESERVED
- II. PIPELINE CERTIFICATE MATTERS
 - PC-1. DOCKET# CP97-315,000, INDEPENDENCE PIPELINE COMPANY
 - OTHER#S CP97-315,001, INDEPENDENCE PIPELINE COMPANY
 - CP97-319,000, ANR PIPELINE COMPANY
 - CP97-320,000, INDEPENDENCE PIPELINE COMPANY
 - CP97-321,000, INDEPENDENCE PIPELINE COMPANY
 - CP98-200,000, NATIONAL FUEL GAS SUPPLY CORPORATION
 - CP98-540,000, TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPE LINE CORPORATION
 - ORDER ON PROPOSAL FOR CERTIFICATION OF PIPELINE FACILITIES

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6507-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Information Collection Activities Associated With EPA's SF₆ Emissions Reduction Partnership for Electric Power Systems

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 EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Information Collection Activities Associated with EPA's SF₆ Emissions Reduction Partnership for Electric Power Systems, EPA ICR No. 1933.01. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting

comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing EPA ICR No. 1933.01: Information Collection Activities Associated with EPA's SF₆ Emissions Reduction Partnership for Electric Power Systems to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, Climate Protection Division (6102), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Attention: Docket No. A-99-43.

Comments may also be submitted electronically through the internet to: a-and-r-docket@epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by EPA ICR No. 1933.01: Information Collection Activities Associated with EPA's SF₆ Emissions Reduction Partnership for Electric Power Systems. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, located at the address above. The Docket is open to the public on all federal government work days from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. It is recommended that the public make an appointment to review docket materials by calling (202) 260-7549. The Docket will accept phone and fax requests for material. Phone requests may be made using the phone number listed above, and fax requests may be submitted to (202) 260-4400. A reasonable fee is charged for the duplication of materials.

The official record for this action will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into paper form and place them in the official record, which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing.

EPA responses to comments, whether the comments are written or electronic, will be in a document in the **Federal Register**. EPA will not immediately reply to commenters electronically other than to seek clarification of electronic comments that may be garbled in transmission or during conversion to paper form, as discussed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information on specific aspects of this collection of information, contact Eric Dolin, Climate Protection Division (Mail Code 620J), U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 564-9044, or dolin.eric@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are power generation and transmission utilities.

Title: Information Collection Activities Associated with EPA's SF₆ Emissions Reduction Partnership for Electric Power Systems, EPA ICR No. 1933.01. OMB Control No. and expiration date are not applicable as this is a new ICR.

Abstract: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is launching a new voluntary partnership, the SF₆ Emissions Reduction Partnership for Electric Power Systems, that aims to combine the efforts of EPA and industry to pursue technically and economically feasible actions to minimize SF₆ emissions and reduce the threat of global climate change. Participants in the program will have the flexibility of choosing cost-effective pollution prevention strategies that work for them. In turn, EPA will provide partners with technical information and sponsor research on strategies for reducing SF₆ emissions. EPA also will publicly recognize partners for their achievements in reducing emissions and protecting the environment through brochures, public service announcements, and articles for publication.

This ICR covers recordkeeping and reporting activities for participation in the SF₆ Emissions Reduction Partnership for Electric Power Systems. Partners must provide or keep records of information associated with six discrete information collections. Specifically, these information collections include the Memorandum of Understanding, Partner Representation Form, Emissions Baseline Year Letter, SF₆ Emissions Inventory Reporting Form, Policy and Procedures Document, and Emissions Reduction Goal Letter.

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.

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; and

iv. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including 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: Over the three years covered by this ICR, EPA estimates that a total of 175 Partners will join the SF₆ Partnership (100 in the first year, 50 in the second, and 25 in the third). Annualized over these three years, EPA estimates that an average of approximately 58 Partners ($175/3 = 58$) will join the SF₆ Partnership and submit an MOU and a Partner Representation Form each year. EPA expects 10 percent, or approximately 6, of these Partners will change representatives each year.

EPA estimates that 90 percent, or approximately 52, of the 58 Partners joining the SF₆ Partnership each year will select their own baseline year. As such, EPA expects to receive 52 Emissions Baseline Year Letters each year.

EPA expects to receive annual SF₆ Emissions Inventory Reporting Forms for all SF₆ emissions in a calendar year during the first quarter of the following year. As such, EPA expects to receive 0 forms in the first year, 100 forms in the second, and 150 in the third, or a total of 250 forms over the three years covered by this ICR. Annualized over these three years, EPA expects to receive an average of approximately 83 SF₆ Emissions Inventory Reporting Forms ($250/3 = 83$) each year. Further, EPA expects that Partners will maintain records of these 83 Inventory Reporting Forms and any supporting documentation each year.

EPA also estimates that all 58 Partners joining the SF₆ Partnership each year will develop a Policy and Procedures Document for the Proper Handling of SF₆ within that same year. However, these Partners will submit the Policy and Procedures Document with the first SF₆ Emissions Inventory Reporting Form in the first quarter of following year. As such, EPA expects to receive 0 documents in the first year, 100 in the second, and 50 in the third, or a total of 150 over the three years covered by this ICR. Annualized over these three years, EPA expects to receive an average of 50 Policy and Procedures Documents ($150/3 = 50$) each year. Further, EPA

expects approximately 10 percent, or 5, of these 50 Partners will change their policy or procedures and subsequently update and submit a revised Policy and Procedures Document each year. As such, EPA expects to receive 5 revised documents each year.

In addition, EPA assumes that all Partners joining in the SF₆ Partnership in the first and second years and 50 percent of those joining in the third year will develop and submit Emissions Reduction Goal Letters. As such, EPA expects to receive 100 letters in the first year, 50 in the second, and 12 in the third, or a total of 162 over the three years covered by this ICR. Annualized over these three years, EPA expects to receive an average of 54 Emissions Reduction Goal Letters ($162/3 = 54$) each year. EPA also expects that approximately 10 percent, or approximately 5, of these Partners will change their emissions reduction goal and subsequently submit an updated Emissions Reduction Goal Letter each year. As such, EPA expects to receive 5 updated letters each year.

EPA estimates the annual total respondent burden and costs for the information collection activities associated with the SF₆ Partnership are approximately 6,966 hours per year with an annual cost of approximately \$381,692.

EPA estimates that all Partners joining the SF₆ Partnership over the next three years will, on average, experience annual reporting burden of approximately 124 hours. This burden includes all of the time spent on reporting activities associated with the MOU, Partner Representation Form, Emissions Baseline Year Letter, SF₆ Emissions Inventory Reporting Form, and Emissions Reduction Goal Letter. This burden includes time for gathering data; filling out the MOU or forms; developing letters or documents; revising them, as appropriate; and submitting both original and updated versions to EPA.

EPA estimates that all Partners joining the SF₆ Partnership over the next three years will, on average, experience annual recordkeeping burden of approximately 0.3 hours. This burden covers time spent on keeping records associated with SF₆ Emissions Inventory Reporting Forms.

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.

Dated: November 24, 1999.

Eric Dolin,

Climate Protection Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6507-4]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Health Effects of Particulate Matter and Co-Pollutant Exposures Near the El Paso/Juarez Border Crossings

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 EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Health Effects of Particulate Matter and Co-pollutant Exposures near the El Paso/Juarez Border Crossings; EPA ICR Number: 1940.01. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Human Studies Division, Health Effects Research Laboratory, Environmental Protection Agency, MD-58, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR without charge by contacting: Dr. Melissa Gonzales, US EPA (MD 58-A), Research Triangle Park, NC, 27711.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Public comments and inquiries should be submitted to: Dr. Melissa Gonzales, (919) 966-7549, FAX: (919) 966-7584, E-mail: gonzales.melissa@epamail.epa.gov; or by mailing a request to the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: