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Midwest states that it is serving copies of the instant filing to its customers, State Commissions and other interested parties.

Comment date: December 26, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Midwest Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. ER97-639-000]

Take notice that on November 27, 1996, Midwest Energy, Inc. (Midwest), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Amended Energy Purchase Agreement for Market Based Sales Service between Midwest and the City of Colby, Kansas.

Midwest states that it is serving copies of the instant filing to its customers, State Commissions and other interest parties.

Comment date: December 26, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. Sierra Pacific Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-640-000]

Take notice that on November 27, 1996, Sierra Pacific Power Company (Sierra), tendered for filing, pursuant to § 205 of the Federal Power Act and 18 CFR Part 35, an energy rate adjustment pursuant to an Electric Service Agreement between Sierra and City of Fallon (Fallon).

Sierra asserts that the filing has been served on Fallon and on the regulatory commissions of Nevada and California.

Comment date: December 26, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Sierra Pacific Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-641-000]

Take notice that on November 27, 1996, Sierra Pacific Power Company (Sierra), tendered for filing, pursuant to § 205 of the Federal Power Act and 18 CFR Part 35, an energy rate adjustment pursuant to an Electric Service Agreement between Sierra and Truckee Donner Public Utility District (District).

Sierra asserts that the filing has been served on District and on the regulatory commissions of Nevada and California.

Comment date: December 26, 1996, 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Project Nos. 1417 and 1835]

Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, Nebraska Public Power District; Notice of Public Meeting

December 11, 1996.

On December 17, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., the Commission staff will meet with the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to discuss the draft biological opinion on endangered and threatened species for relicensing the above projects. The meeting will be held in the first floor auditorium of the USDA Forest Service Regional Office, 740 Simms Street, Lakewood, Colorado.

The meeting is part of formal consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. The purpose of the meeting is to permit Commission staff and FWS staff to discuss technical differences in the draft biological opinion, which was provided to the Commission on December 4, 1996, and the Commission's analysis in its biological assessment. Although only the FWS and the Commission are consulting parties under Section 7, the license applicants may participate in the meeting. Other parties to the proceeding are invited to attend, and may be afforded a limited opportunity to participate, consistent with the purpose and schedule of the meeting.

Because we do not anticipate holding any additional meetings, formal consultation will be completed at the close of this meeting. Under 50 CFR 402.14(e), the FWS is required to provide its final biological opinion to the Commission within 45 days after completion of formal consultation. Therefore, we expect to receive a final biological opinion by January 31, 1997.

The meeting will be recorded by a stenographer, and all meeting statements (oral and written) will become part of the Commission's public record of this proceeding. Anyone wishing to receive a copy of the transcripts of the meeting may contact Ann Riley & Associates by calling (202) 293-3950, or writing to 1612 K Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006. Individuals presenting statements at the meeting will be asked to sign in before the meeting starts and to identify themselves for the record.

Anyone wishing to comment in writing on the meeting must do so no later than January 10, 1997. Comments should be addressed to: Lois D. Cashell, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Reference should be clearly made to: the Kingsley Dam (Project No. 1417) and North Platte/Keystone Diversion Dam (Project No. 1835).

For further information, please contact Frankie Green at (202) 501-7704.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5666-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Emergency Planning and Release Notification Requirements (EPCRA Sections 302, 303, 304)

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: Emergency Planning and Release Notification Requirements (EPCRA sections 302, 303, 304), OMB #2050-0092, EPA ICR #1395.03, expiring 01/31/97. 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 January 16, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY

CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1395.03.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Emergency Planning and Release Notification Requirements (EPCRA sections 302, 303, 304), (OMB #2050-0092, EPA ICR #1395.03) expiring 01/31/97. This is an extension of a currently approved ICR.

Abstract: EPCRA established broad emergency planning and facility reporting requirements. Section 302 (40 CFR 355.30) requires facilities where an extremely hazardous substance (EHS) is present in an amount at or in excess of the threshold planning quantity (TPQ) to notify the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) by May 17, 1987. This activity has been completed; the section 302 costs and burden hours for this ICR, therefore, reflect only the estimate of cost and burden incurred by facilities newly regulated during years 1996 through 1999.

Section 303 (40 CFR 355.30) requires local emergency planning committees (LEPCs) to prepare local emergency plans. Facilities subject to section 302 are required to provide information for the development and implementation of these local emergency plans.

Section 304 (40 CFR 355.40) requires facilities to report to SERCs and LEPCs releases of EHSs and hazardous substances in excess of reportable quantities established by EPA. In addition, these facilities must provide written follow-up information on the release, its impacts, and any actions taken in response to the release.

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 September 30, 1996 (61 FR 51107). One comment was received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20.75 hours per response for newly regulated facilities and 11.5 hours for existing facilities. 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: Business or other for profit; State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 106,400.

Frequency of Response: one per year.
Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 965,982 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$21,363,000.

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. 1395.03 and OMB Control No. 2050-0092 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 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: December 11, 1996.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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Notice of Proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a proposed prospective purchaser agreement associated with the Rutledge

Property Superfund Site in York County, South Carolina was executed by the Agency on October 6, 1996, and executed by the Department of Justice on December 3, 1996. This Agreement is subject to final approval after the comment period. The Prospective Purchaser Agreement would resolve certain potential EPA claims under sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("CERCLA"), against Cherry St. Associates, L.L.C., the prospective purchaser ("the Purchaser"). The settlement would require the Purchaser to exercise due care at the Site with respect to any existing contamination and to provide EPA access to the Site.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed settlement. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 100 Alabama St., S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 16, 1997.

AVAILABILITY: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 100 Alabama St., S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. A copy of the proposed agreement may be obtained from Sherri Panabaker, Remedial Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 100 Alabama St., S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Comments should reference the "Rutledge Property Superfund Site Prospective Purchaser Agreement" and should be forwarded to Sherri Panabaker, Remedial Project Manager, at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin T. Beswick, Assistant Regional Counsel, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 100 Alabama St., S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 562-9580, or by E-Mail at "beswick.kevin@epamail.epa.gov".

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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