

respectively, under the previous assumptions.

The Board also adopted new demographic or "non-economic" assumptions. The new demographic rates are based on methodology adopted by the Board in December 1995, in conjunction with its comprehensive review of an extensive 10-year experience study prepared by the OPM actuaries.

The normal cost calculations depend on both the economic and demographic assumptions. The demographic assumptions are determined separately for each of a number of special groups, in cases where separate experience data is available. Based on the new economic assumptions and demographic factors, OPM has determined the normal cost percentage for each category of employees under § 841.403 of Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations. The Government-wide normal cost percentages, including the employee contributions, are as follows:

Members	16.5%
Congressional employees.....	16.7%
Law enforcement officers, firefighters, and employees under section 302 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1964 for Certain Employees	24.6%
Air traffic controllers.....	23.1%
Military reserve technicians	11.9%
Employees under section 303 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1964 for Certain Employees (when serving abroad)	16.3%
All other employees	11.5%

Under § 841.408 of Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, these normal cost percentages are effective at the beginning of the first pay period commencing on or after October 1, 1997.

The time limit and address for filing agency appeals under §§ 841.409 through 841.412 of Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, are stated in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections of this notice.

Office of Personnel Management.

James B. King,

Director.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Sunshine Act Meeting; Notification of Item Added to Meeting Agenda

DATE OF MEETING: April 7, 1997.

STATUS: Closed.

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 62 FR 14480, March 26, 1997.

CHANGE: At its meeting on April 7, 1997, the Board of Governors of the United

States Postal Service voted unanimously to add an item to the agenda of its closed meeting held on that date: Discussion of Postal Rate Commission Docket No. MC97-2, Parcel Classification Reform.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Koerber, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20260-1000. Telephone (202) 268-4800.

Thomas J. Koerber,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-26703]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

April 11, 1997.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated thereunder. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendments thereto is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Office of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by May 5, 1997, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing shall identify specifically the issues of fact or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After said date, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

GPU Inc., et al. (70-8409)

GPU, Inc. ("GPU"), 100 Interpace Parkway, Parsippany, New Jersey, 07054, a registered holding company, its electric utility subsidiary companies,

Jersey Central Power & Light Company, 300 Madison Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey, 07960, Metropolitan Edison Company, 2800 Pottsville Pike, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19640, Pennsylvania Electric Company, 2800 Pottsville Pike, Reading, Pennsylvania, 19640 (collectively, "Utilities"), and three non-utility subsidiary companies of GPU, GPU Service, Inc., 100 Interpace Parkway, Parsippany, New Jersey, 07054, GPU Generation, Inc. ("GPUG"), 1001 Broad Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, 15907, and GPU International, Inc. ("GPU I"), One Upper Pond Road, Parsippany, New Jersey, 07054, have filed a post-effective amendment under section 13(b) of the Act and rules 90 and 91 thereunder to an application-declaration previously filed under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, 12(b) and 13(b) of the Act and rules 45, 54 and 86 through 95 thereunder.

By order dated January 26, 1996 (HCAR No. 26463), the Commission authorized GPU to organize and capitalize GPUG to operate, maintain and rehabilitate the non-nuclear generation facilities owned and/or operated by the Utilities pursuant to service contracts and/or an operating agreement. GPUG also will design, construct, start up and test new non-nuclear generation facilities that the Utilities could require in the future. Those services will be performed by GPUG at cost in accordance with rules 90 and 91.

By order dated March 6, 1996 (HCAR No. 26484) ("Order"), the Commission authorized the Utilities to perform services for exempt wholesale generators ("EWGs"), as defined in section 32 of the Act, and foreign utility companies ("FUCOs"), as defined in section 33 of the Act, in which GPU, directly or indirectly, owns an interest.

The Order also authorized the Utilities to perform services for GPU companies that directly or indirectly, and exclusively, own and hold the interests and securities of one or more FUCOs and/or EWGs and in project development activities related to the acquisition of such securities and their related projects ("Subsidiaries").

The post-effective amendment requests Commission authorization for GPUG to provide services to EWGs, the Subsidiaries, and to GPU I or its subsidiaries.¹ All such services will be

¹ By orders dated November 16, 1995 (HCAR No. 26409), June 14, 1995 (HCAR No. 26307) ("June 1995 Order"), December 28, 1994 (HCAR No. 26205), September 12, 1994 (HCAR No. 26123), December 18, 1992 (HCAR No. 25715), and June 26, 1990 (HCAR No. 25108), GPU I was authorized to engage in project development and administrative

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provided at cost in accordance with rules 90 and 91.

Entergy Gulf States, Inc. (70-9037)

Entergy Gulf States, Inc. ("Gulf States"), 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, an electric public utility subsidiary of Entergy Corporation ("Entergy"), a registered holding company, has filed an application under sections 9(a) and 10 of the Act, and rule 54 thereunder.

Gulf States proposes to acquire two high-voltage transmission lines and related assets from the bankruptcy estate of Cajun Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("Cajun"). The acquisition of these assets is a part of a comprehensive settlement agreement among the Chapter 11 Trustee of Cajun, Entergy, Gulf States, and the Rural Utilities Services of the Department of Agriculture (the "Settlement Agreement") resolving numerous disputes between Entergy and Gulf States on the one hand, and Cajun, on the other hand, which are currently pending before the bankruptcy court adjudicating Cajun's bankruptcy, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and federal district courts.² on April 26, 1996, the bankruptcy court approved the Settlement Agreement which requires the acquisition to be completed no later than June 1, 1997.

The utility assets proposed to be acquired by Gulf States consists of two 500 kv transmission lines designated as lines 745 and 746, and related towers, support facilities, and rights-of-way (collectively, the "Facilities") and presently are part of the integrated transmission system over which Gulf States and Cajun transfer electric energy to serve their respective customers. After the acquisition, the Facilities will continue to be used as part of Gulf States' integrated transmission system. The two transmission lines serve only to interconnect certain Cajun and Gulf States facilities and do not interconnect

activities relative to GPU system investments in (i) qualifying facilities ("QFs"), as defined in the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, located anywhere in the United States, (ii) EWGs located in any geographic area, and (iii) FUCOs. GPU also is authorized to acquire interests in EWGs and FUCOs. The June 1995 Order also authorized GPU to perform services for and to sell goods to associated QFs, EWGs and FUCOs at market rates.

² See, e.g., *Cajun Elec. Power Coop. Inc v. Gulf States Utils. Co.*, 47 FERC 63,053 (1989), *aff'd in part and rev'd in part*, 59 FERC 61,041 (1992), *rev'd Gulf States Utils. Co. v. F.E.R.C.*, 1 F.3d 288 (5th Cir. 1993), *reh'g pending on other issues, on remand*, 71 FERC 63,009, *aff'd* 72 FERC 61,157 (1995), *appeals pending*, *Gulf States v. F.E.R.C.*, Nos. 95-60357 and 95-60626 (5th Cir. motion for stay granted Dec. 13, 1996; *Cajun v. F.E.R.C.*, No. 96-60554 (5th Cir. motion for stay granted Nov. 5, 1996).

with any other entities. The Entergy public utility companies already provide service over these transmission lines under Entergy's open-access transmission tariff and, after the acquisition of the lines by Gulf States, Entergy will continue to provide service over the transmission lines under its open-access tariff.³

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Requests

This notice lists information collection packages that will require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in compliance with Public Law 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

1. Consent for Release of Information—0960-0567. The information collected on form SSA-3288 is used by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to ensure that an individual consents to the release of his/her personal information to another individual. The respondents are individuals assenting to the disclosure of information from their social security records to someone else.

Number of Respondents: 200,000.

Frequency of response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 3 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,000 hours.

2. Application for Special Age 72-or-Over Monthly Payments—0960-0096. The information collected on form SSA-19 is used by SSA to determine entitlement of individuals to special age 72-or-over payments. The respondents are applicants who file for the special payment.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

³ The Facilities already are part of the integrated transmission system used by Entergy to provide transmission services to others by virtue of the service schedule CTOC to the Gulf States-Cajun Power Interconnection Agreement. As a result, the costs of the two lines already are included in the cost of service used to establish Entergy's open-access transmission rates and no adverse effect on cost and rates will result from the acquisition of the two transmission lines.

Estimated Average Burden: 5 hours.

3. Request for Self-Employment Information (SSA-2765), Request for Employment Information (SSA-3365), Request for Employer Information (SSA-4002)—0960-0508. The information is needed by SSA when earnings information reported to the agency is incomplete or incorrect. The information is used to post the reported earnings to the appropriate earnings record. The respondents are employers of the wage earners or employees and self-employed individuals for whom the earnings were reported.

Number of Respondents: 3,000,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 500,000 hours.

4. State Agency Report of Obligations for SSA Disability Program—0960-0421. The information collected on form SSA-4513 is used by SSA in a detailed analysis and evaluation of costs incurred by the State Disability Determination Services (DDS) in making determinations of disability for SSA and to determine funding levels for each DDS. The respondents are State DDS offices.

Number of Respondents: 54.

Frequency of Response: 4.

Average Burden Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Annual Burden: 216 hours.

5. State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Claim (SSA-199) and Subpart V—Payments for Vocational Rehabilitation Services, 20 CFR Sections 404.2104, 404.2108, 404.2113, 404.2117, 404.2121, 416.2204, 416.2208, 416.2213 and 416.2217—0960-0310. The information collected on form SSA-199 and through this current rule is used by the Social Security Administration to determine if State vocational rehabilitation agencies are providing appropriate services, including referrals when necessary, and whether those claims for services should be paid.

Number of Respondents: 80-100.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Average Burden Per Response: Varies from 23 minutes to 4 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8,465 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be sent within 60 days from the date of this publication, directly to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following address: Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Judith T. Hasche, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

In addition to your comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden