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D2. Agency Comments

Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Filed With the Commission

July 29, 1997.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of License.
- b. *Project No.:* 6879-019.
- c. *Dates Filed:* March 8, 1995 and July 8, 1997.
- d. *Applicant:* Southeastern Hydro-Power, Inc.
- e. *Name of Project:* W. Kerr Scott Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Yadkin River in Wilkes County, North Carolina.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Charles Mierek, Southeastern Hydro-Power, Inc., 5250 Clifton-Glendale Road, Spartanburg, SC 29307-4618, (864) 579-4405.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Paul Shannon, (202) 219-2866.
- j. *Comment Date:* September 12, 1997.
- k. *Description of Filings:* Southeastern Hydro-Power, Inc. filed an application to modify the authorized configuration

of the W. Kerr Scott Project and amend the project's license. The licensee proposes to install two Francis turbines instead of one Kaplan turbine, change the location of the powerhouse from the right bank of the river to the left bank (looking downstream), delete license articles 46 (requiring an instream flow study) and 47 (maintaining an interim minimum flow below the W. Kerr Scott Dam), and replace article 48 with another article that addresses fishery resources.

1. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Projects, or Motions to Intervene

Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents

Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: July 29, 1997, 62 FR 40520.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: July 30, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: The following Docket Numbers and Companies have been added to Items CAG-6 and PC-3 on Agenda scheduled for the July 30, 1997 meeting.

Item No.: Docket No. and Company

CAG-6

RP97-319-000, Williams Natural Gas Company

RP97-173-000, Carnegie Interstate Pipeline Company

PC-3:

CP97-238-000; Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. and Portland Natural Gas Transmission System

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5868-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Application for Preauthorization of a CERCLA Response Action and the Claim for CERCLA Response

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 EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): "Application for Preauthorization of a

CERCLA Response Action" and the "Claim for CERCLA Response Action"; EPA ICR No. 1304; OMB Control No. 2050-0106; expiring on January 31, 1998. 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 October 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Copies of ICR are available by mail, or electronically via request to e-mail address below.

Seth Bruckner, Attorney/Advisor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, 401 M Street, SW (5204G), Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Seth Bruckner, Attorney/Advisor; Phone: (703) 603-8766; Fax: (703) 603-9100; E-MAIL: BRUCKNER.SETH@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which are eligible to submit a claim pursuant to sections 111(a)(2) or 122(b)(1) of CERCLA.

Title: "Application for Preauthorization of a CERCLA Response Action" and the "Claim for CERCLA Response Action" (OMB Control No. 2050-0106; EPA ICR No. 1304.) expiring 1/31/98.

Abstract: This statement supports the request for renewal of the information collection requirements contained in EPA's final rule "Response Claims Procedures for the Hazardous Substance Superfund" (40 CFR part 307), hereinafter referred to as the RCP. The RCP was promulgated on January 21, 1993, and the ICR for this rule needs to be renewed. The information collection requirements under the RCP will provide the information necessary to fulfill the statutory requirements of section 112 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA).

Under section 111 (a) (2) of CERCLA, claimants are authorized to be reimbursed from the Hazardous Substance Superfund (the Fund) for necessary response costs incurred as a result of carrying out the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP, 40 CFR part 300). In addition, section 122(b)(1) of CERCLA provides the President (EPA, by delegation under Executive Order (E.O.) 12580) with the discretionary authority to enter into agreements with potentially responsible parties (PRPs), whereby the PRPs will perform a preauthorized phase of a response

action in return for reimbursement of an agreed-on portion of response costs from the Fund (i.e., a "mixed-funding" agreement).

Section 112(b)(1) of CERCLA authorizes EPA (as delegated by E.O. 12580) to prescribe the appropriate forms and procedures for filing response claims against the Fund, including a provision requiring the claimant to make a sworn verification of the claim to the best of his/her knowledge. EPA has promulgated the RCP pursuant to the section 112 authority.

Under the RCP and pursuant to sections 111(a)(2) and 122(b)(1) of CERCLA, individuals, private entities, and potentially responsible parties (PRPs) (including States and political subdivisions) are eligible to submit claims against the Fund for reimbursement of response costs. As specified by section 111(a)(2) of CERCLA and section 300.700(d) of the NCP, all proposed response actions must be approved in advance by EPA through the preauthorization process in order for a subsequent claim to be awarded. Applicants may obtain preauthorization from EPA for proposed response actions by completing and submitting the "Application for Preauthorization of a CERCLA Response Action" (EPA Form 2075-3). EPA will review and evaluate completed applications and will respond in writing to applicants within approximately 45 days of receipt of a completed application. Once the Agency's review has been completed, EPA will develop a Preauthorization Decision Document (PDD). The PDD will establish a record of the Agency's decision regarding preauthorization and will contain the terms and conditions that must be satisfied for the applicant to be reimbursed from the Fund.

After an applicant has obtained preauthorization from EPA and has completed the preauthorized response action (or a preauthorized phase of a response action), he/she may submit a claim for reimbursement of the resultant response costs. In order to file a claim, the claimant must complete and submit to EPA the "Claim for CERCLA Response Action" (EPA Form 2075-41). EPA will review and evaluate the information contained on the completed claim form and will make a determination on whether to award or deny the claim, in whole or in part.

The application for preauthorization and the claim form may be obtained from any of the EPA Regional Offices. Completed applications for preauthorization and claim forms will be submitted to the appropriate EPA Regional Office for review. The EPA

Regional Office will review and evaluate the application for preauthorization and the claim form in coordination with the Hazardous Site Control Division, the Office of the General Counsel, the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, and other offices, as necessary. Both forms will be evaluated according to the criteria set forth in the RCP. The information contained on the application and the claim form will be retained in the EPA Regional Office for three years after the completion of a project and will be available (if not deemed confidential), upon request, to the public through the public docket in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required 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 through 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: Based on its previous experience with the RCP, EPA estimates that five preauthorization requests will be submitted annually with an average of 258 workhours per request. With regard to claims applications, it is estimated that 12 will be submitted annually with an average of 42 work hours per claim. Once claims are awarded, claimants will have to maintain records for 10 years. Records maintenance will be performed by 10 claimants annually with an average of 15 hours per activity. The total annual cost for respondents will be \$107,650.

The bottom line burden hours for completing the preauthorization application, the claim form, and maintaining necessary records is an

average of 317 hours. The total annual average burden for all respondents is 1,968 hours. The total annual average cost for all respondents is \$107,650. The bottom line burden hours for EPA to review a preauthorization application and a claim is 240 hours. The total annual average burden for EPA is 3,520 hours. The total annual average cost for EPA is \$90,182.

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 purpose 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: July 29, 1992.

Steven D. Luftig,

Director, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5868-1]

Risk Assessment and Risk Management Commission

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Risk Assessment and Risk Management Commission, established as an Advisory Committee under section 303 of the clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, will cease to exist on August 29, 1997.

The Commission was formed to make a full investigation of the policy implications and appropriate uses of risk assessment and risk management in regulatory programs under various Federal laws to prevent cancer and other chronic human effects which may result from exposure to hazardous substances.

The Commission has issued a two-volume report. The first volume focuses on out Environmental Health Risk Management Framework and its implementation. This publication has been prepared for regulatory authorities

and others who may participate in the risk management process as risk managers or stakeholders. Volume 2 addresses many other issues related to health and environmental risk-based decisions, including recommendations for specific federal regulatory programs and agencies.

Copies of the report can be obtained at the Riskworld website: <http://www.riskworld.com>. A printed copy of the report can be obtained from the Government Printing Office. The order desk phone number is 202-512-1800. Volume One: Framework for Environmental Health Risk Management, Stock Number 055-000-00567-2, price \$6.00. Volume Two: Risk Assessment and Risk Management and Risk Management in Regulatory Decision-Making, Stock Number 055-000-00568-1, price \$19.00. There is an additional 25% charge for foreign orders.

Dated: July 23, 1997

Gail Charnley,

Executive Director, Commission on Risk Assessment and Risk Management.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

[Public Notice 29]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States.

ACTION: Submission for OMB Review; Comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a revision of a currently approved collection described below. A request for public comments was published in 62 FR, No. 88, 24926, May 7, 1997. No comments were received.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the paper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed

collection of information; (3) enhance the quality utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

DATES: Comments due on or before September 3, 1997.

OMB Number: 3048-0003.

Title and Form Number: U.S. Small Business Administration, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Joint Application for Working Capital Guarantee, EIB-SBA Form 84-1.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Need and Use: The information requested enables the applicant to provide Ex-Im Bank with information necessary to determine eligibility for the Working Capital Guarantee Program.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit—Not-for-profit institutions—Farms.

Respondents: Entities involved in the export of U.S. goods and services, including exporters, banks, and other non-financial lending institutions that act as facilitators.

Estimated Annual Respondents: 600.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 2 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,200 hours.

Frequency of Response: When applying for a guarantee.

ADDRESSES: Copies of these submissions may be obtained from Debbie Ambrose, Export-Import Bank of the United States, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC., (202) 565-3313.

Comments and recommendations concerning the submissions should be sent to OMB Desk Officer, Victoria Wassmer, Office of Management and Budget, Information and Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC. 20503, (202) 395-5871.

Dated: July 30, 1997.

Tamzen C. Reitan,

Agency Clearance Officer.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*)