

Comment date: December 16, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

25. Central Power and Light Company, West Texas Utilities Company, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Southwestern Electric Power Co.

[Docket No. ER98-636-000]

Take notice that on November 12, 1997, Central Power and Light Company (CPL), West Texas Utilities Company (WTU), Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) and Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) (collectively, the CSW Operating Companies), submitted for filing service agreements under which the CSW Operating Companies will provide transmission and ancillary services in accordance with the CSW Operating Companies' open access transmission service tariff.

The CSW Operating Companies state that the filing has been served on the affected customers and on the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

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26. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-637-000]

Take notice that on November 12, 1997, Louisville Gas and Electric Company, tendered for filing copies of a service agreement between Louisville Gas and Electric Company and CMS Marketing, Services and Trading, Inc., under Rate GSS.

Comment date: December 16, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

27. PECO Energy Company

[Docket No. ER98-638-000]

Take notice that on November 12, 1997, PECO Energy Company (PECO), filed a Service Agreement dated October 29, 1997, with Cinergy Resources, Inc. (CRI), under PECO's FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 1 (Tariff). The Service Agreement adds CRI as a customer under the Tariff.

PECO requests an effective date of October 29, 1997, for the Service Agreement.

PECO states that copies of this filing have been supplied to CRI and to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

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28. Tampa Electric Company

[Docket No. ER98-639-000]

Take notice that on November 13, 1997, Tampa Electric Company (Tampa Electric), tendered for filing service agreements with Auburndale Power Partners, Limited Partnership (Auburndale) for firm and non-firm point-to-point transmission service under Tampa Electric's open access transmission tariff.

Tampa Electric proposes an effective date of October 17, 1997, for the service agreements, and therefore requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirement.

Copies of the filing have been served on Auburndale and the Florida Public Service Commission.

Comment date: December 16, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

29. PECO Energy Company

[Docket No. ER98-640-000]

Take notice that on November 13, 1997, PECO Energy Company (PECO), filed an executed Transmission Agency Agreement between PECO and CNG Retail Services Corp. (hereinafter Supplier). The terms and conditions contained within this Agreement are identical to the terms and conditions contained with the Form of Transmission Agency Agreement submitted to the Commission on October 3, 1997, as part of the joint filing by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and the Pennsylvania PJM Utilities at Docket No. ER98-64-000. This filing merely submits an individual executed copy of the Transmission Agency Agreement between PECO and an alternative supplier participating in PECO's Retail Access Pilot Program.

Copies of the filing were served on the Supplier and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Comment date: December 21, 1997, 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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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5933-1]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Retrofit/Rebuild Requirements for 1993 and Earlier Model Year Urban Buses

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): Retrofit/Rebuild Requirements for 1993 and Earlier Model Year Urban Buses, EPA ICR Number 1702, OMB Control Number 2060-0302, expiration date: 01-31-98. 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 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Attn: Engine Programs & Compliance Division, Retrofit/Rebuild Program 64031. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR without charge upon request in writing or by telephone or E-mail at the appropriate number below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Erb, Telephone Number: (202) 564-9259, Facsimile Number: (202) 565-2057, E-MAIL Number: Erb.Anthony@epamail.EPA.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which operate urban bus fleets in regulated areas and equipment manufacturers who manufacture retrofit/rebuild components for certification.

Title: Retrofit/Rebuild Requirements for 1993 and Earlier Model Year Urban Buses (OMB Control No. 2060-0302;

EPA ICR No. 1702.) expiring 01/31/98. Abstract: Section 219(d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990, requires that the EPA promulgate regulations for urban buses that: (a) Operate in Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) or consolidated MSA's with a 1980 population of 750,000 or more (the program could be expanded in the future to MSA's of less than 750,000, under section 219(c) of the CAA); (b) are not subject to the 1994 or later urban bus standards; and (c) have their engines replaced or rebuilt after January 1, 1995.

The CAA Amendments require the subject urban buses be retrofitted to comply with an emission standard that reflects the best retrofit technology and maintenance practices reasonably achievable. Under these provisions, EPA set new requirements for pre-1994 model year urban buses effective January 1, 1995, when urban bus engines are rebuilt or replaced. The program requires that the particulate emissions level of the urban bus engines be reduced to a level below the engines' original particulate level through the use of retrofit/rebuild equipment that is certified by EPA. The program will phase itself out as pre-1994 urban buses are retired from fleets.

The original ICR for the urban bus retrofit/rebuild program was approved by OMB on 07/22/94 for use through 07/31/97 and later approved for extension until 01/31/97. Candidate equipment is approved under an EPA certification program and if it meets cost guidelines is required to be used. If no equipment is certified for a particular engine the operator is required to restore the equipment to its original or updated configuration based on the currently available rebuild kits on the market. As of July 1997, seven parties have certified ten separate equipment kits under the program over a two year period. It is estimated that 5 equipment certifiers will certify equipment during a given year at an hourly expenditure of an average of 170 hours per certification application including testing, application reporting and follow-up on issues. In addition, each certifier is expected to spend approximately 40 hours per year on record keeping. EPA will conduct 1 audit each year of a certifier of equipment to review production records and manufacturing operations to ensure kits are built and shipped as specified in the certification notification. The burden associated with each certifier audit is estimated to be 24 hours for the certifier to accompany EPA staff, pull records and review associated paperwork.

This regulation effects approximately 150 bus operators who operate fleets of urban buses in areas that are affected. It is estimated that each operator will spend 10 hours per year reviewing regulatory requirements. EPA will request that up to 50 of these operators submit information on their fleet each year to demonstrate compliance with program requirements. It is estimated that each operator will require 8 hours to summarize the requested information for submittal. No burden hours are associated with the record keeping of this information as it is expected that the required records will be kept by operators during the normal course of business. EPA will also conduct up to 12 audits of urban bus operator fleets to ensure compliance with the regulations. These on-site audits involve travel by EPA staff to the site, a review of fleet records and physical inspection of the buses. The burden associated with the audits is expected to be 40 hours for each operator audited. This includes 12 hours preparing records, 20 hours accompanying EPA auditors during the audit and 8 hours to follow-up on issues. The hourly cost associated with the above requirements is estimated to average \$64.13 for each of the above burden areas.

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 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: It is estimated that the annual reporting burden for this request will amount to 6,173 hours. It is estimated that average annual reporting

burden for affected parties will amount to 29 hours per response, the proposed frequency of response is annual, and it is estimated that there will be 163 respondents with an average of 1.3 responses each per year. The cost burden to respondents or record keepers resulting from collection of this information is estimated to be \$366,000 per year.

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 28, 1997.

Richard D. Wilson,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-140264; FRL-5757-8]

Access to Confidential Business Information by U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), 4340 East West Highway, Room 600-20, Bethesda, Maryland, access to information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than December 23, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm.