

- b. *Project No.*: 2852.
- c. *Date filed*: February 24, 1998.
- d. *Submitted By*: New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, current licensee.
- e. *Name of Project*: Keuka Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location*: On Keuka Lake, Waneta Lake, Lamoka Lake, and Mud Creek, in Steuben and Schuyler Counties, New York.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- h. *Effective date of current license*: April 1, 1962.
- i. *Expiration date of current license*: February 28, 2003.
- j. *The project consists of*: (1) a 183-foot-long and 13-foot-high Bradford dam; (2) a 74,000 acre-foot reservoir comprising the Waneta and Lamoka Lakes; (3) a 9,288-foot-long canal; (4) a 3,600-foot-long, 54-inch-diameter penstock; (5) a 835-foot-long, 42-inch-diameter penstock; (6) a powerhouse containing a single 2,000-kW generating unit; and (7) appurtenant facilities.
- k. *Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.7, information on the project is available at*: New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Corporate Drive, Kirkwood Industrial Park, Kirkwood, NY 13795, Attn: Carol Howland, (607) 762-8881.
- l. *FERC contact*: Tom Dean (202) 219-2778.
- m. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.9 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by February 28, 2001.

David P. Boergers,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Proceeding Pursuant to Reserved Authority To Determine Whether Modifications to the License Are Appropriate

March 13, 1998.

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

- a. *Type of Action*: Proceeding Pursuant to Reserved Authority to Determine Whether Modifications to License Are Appropriate.

- b. *Project No.*: 2183-017.
- c. *License Issued*: June 1, 1955.
- d. *Licensee*: Grant River Dam Authority.
- e. *Name of Project*: Markham Ferry Project.
- f. *Location*: Grand (Neosho) River in Mayes County, Oklahoma.
- g. *Authorization*: Section 10(a)(1) of the Federal Power Act and Article 41 of the License.
- h. *Licensee Contact*: Mr. Robert W. Sullivan, Jr., Assistant General Manager, Grand River Dam Authority, P.O. Box 409, Vinita, OK 74301, (918) 256-5545.
- i. *FERC Contact*: Jon Cofrancesco, (202) 219-0079.
- j. *Comment Date*: April 27, 1998.
- k. *Description of Proceeding*: The Commission has begun a proceeding to determine if reserved authority in article 41 of the license should be used to require a boat launch facility in the tailwater area below Markham Ferry Project's Kerr dam. The proceeding is in response to concerns raised by private citizens, and other entities about the removal of a haul road in the subject area that was used as an informal boat launching ramp. The concerned parties support the reestablishment of boat access to the tailwater area. The Commission has determined that a boat launch facility in the tailwater area is needed, could be operated in a safe manner, and would enhance public fishing opportunities.

The Commission staff prepared an analysis evaluating the need and feasibility of a boat launch facility in the tailwater area of Kerr dam. A copy of this analysis can be obtained by calling the Commission's public reference room at (202) 208-1371.

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

B. Comments, Protests, 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", "PROTESTS", 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.

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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Meeting

March 13, 1998.

On March 26, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 10A-07, Commission staff will meet with representatives of the North American Reliability Council (NERC), to discuss matters related to NERC's draft Transmission Line Loading Relief procedures.

Any person interested in attending may contact Donald LeKang at 202-208-1156 for further information.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5983-8]

Notice of Renewal of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) has been renewed for a two-year period, as a necessary committee which is in the public interest, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The purpose of EFAB is to provide authoritative analysis and advice to the EPA Administrator regarding environmental finance issues to assist EPA in carrying out its environmental mandates. EFAB will strive to increase the total investment in environmental protection by facilitating greater leverage of public and private environmental resources.

Dated: March 9, 1998.

Michael W.S. Ryan,

Comptroller.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PF-797; FRL-5776-7]

Notice of Filing of Pesticide Petitions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the initial filing of pesticide petitions proposing the establishment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various agricultural commodities.

DATES: Comments, identified by the docket control number PF-797, must be received on or before April 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: By mail submit written comments to: Information and Records Integrity Branch, Public Information and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticides Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person bring comments to: Rm. 119, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under "SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION." No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as "Confidential Business Information" (CBI). CBI should not be submitted through e-mail. Information marked as CBI will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment

that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice. All written comments will be available for public inspection in Rm. 119 at the address given above, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: James A. Tompkins, Product Manager (PM) 25, Registration Division, (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 239, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA., (703) 305-5697; e-mail: Tompkins.jim@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has received pesticide petitions as follows proposing the establishment and/or amendment of regulations for residues of certain pesticide chemicals in or on various raw agricultural commodities under section 408 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), 21 U.S.C. 346a. EPA has determined that these petitions contain data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2); however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data supports granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice of filing under docket control number PF-797 (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comment and data will also be accepted on disks in Wordperfect 5.1/6.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number PF-797 and appropriate petition number. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed

online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 346a.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agricultural commodities, Food additives, Feed additives, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: March 3, 1998.

James Jones,

Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

Summaries of Petitions

E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Agricultural Products

PP 3F4215

EPA has received a pesticide petition (PP 3F4215) from E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Agricultural Products, P.O. Box 80038, Wilmington, DE 19880-0038, proposing pursuant to section 408(d) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. 346a(d), to amend 40 CFR part 180 by establishing a tolerance for residues of metsulfuron methyl (methyl-2-[[[4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3, 5-triazin-2-yl)amino]carbonyl] amino[sulfonyl]benzoate) in or on the raw agricultural commodities sorghum grain at 0.1 parts per million (ppm), sorghum forage at 0.2 ppm, and sorghum fodder at 0.2 ppm. EPA has determined that the petition contains data or information regarding the elements set forth in section 408(d)(2) of the FFDCA; however, EPA has not fully evaluated the sufficiency of the submitted data at this time or whether the data supports granting of the petition. Additional data may be needed before EPA rules on the petition.

A. Residue Chemistry

1. *Plant metabolism.* The qualitative nature of the residues of metsulfuron methyl is adequately understood. Metabolism studies conducted with radioactive ¹⁴C-metsulfuron methyl on wheat and barley under field conditions and on wheat under greenhouse conditions showed that residues dissipate rapidly in plants, primarily due to growth dilution. In these metabolism studies conducted at exaggerated rates, wheat and barley grain did not contain any detectable level of metsulfuron methyl or its metabolites (<0.01 mg/kg). Residues of individual metabolites were very low in straw in studies conducted at 35 g a.i./ha (0.5 oz a.i./acre, <0.01 to 0.02 mg/kg). The only situation where residues of an