

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION****Southern States Regional Fairness Board; Public Hearing**

The Southern States Regional Fairness Board hearing, to be held on May 1, 1998, starting at 10:00am at the Rogers University Auditorium, 700 N. Greenwood Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in space being provided by Rogers University in cooperation with the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, to receive comments from small businesses concerning regulatory enforcement or compliance taken by federal agencies. Transcripts of these proceedings will be posted on the Internet. These transcripts are subject only to limited review by the National Ombudsman.

For further information contact Gary P. Peele, telephone (312) 353-0880.

**Shirl Thomas,**

*Director, National Advisory Council.*

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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION****Vendor List**

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Social Security Administration (SSA) is developing for publication a list of vendors who prepare magnetic media or electronic filing of Annual Wage Reports (forms W-3/W-2) for submission to SSA.

**DATES:** The vendor list will be updated annually and all additions/changes should be submitted by July 1 of each year.

**ADDRESSES:** Vendors can mail their information to SSA at the following address: Social Security Administration, Office of Senior Financial Executive, attn: Vendor List, Room 451 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD. 21235; or information can be faxed to SSA at the following number: (410) 966-8753, attn: Vendor List.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Norman Goldstein, Social Security Administration, Office of Senior Financial Executive, 451 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235, Phone (410) 965-1970.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The vendor list which SSA plans to compile and publish annually will contain the names of: (1) Service bureaus that can produce annual wage reports on prescribed types of magnetic media or

can electronically file annual wage reports, and (2) vendors that provide software packages for employers or third-party practitioners who wish to produce annual wage reports on magnetic tapes, cartridges, diskettes or electronic files for transmission to SSA. The Agency will provide this listing as a courtesy to employers. The listing in no way implies SSA approval or endorsement of the listed service bureaus or vendors.

To obtain a copy of the vendor listing, an employer may contact SSA via telephone at 1-800-772-1213 or by mail to the following address: Social Security Administration, Office of Senior Financial Executive, Attention: Vendor List, Room 451 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235. This vendor listing will also be available from the SSA Employer Information Bulletin Board Service at (410) 965-1133 or the SSA Internet home page at WWW.SSA.GOV. Vendor names will not be provided over the telephone.

A service bureau or vendor, which would like to be included on the list, must submit a written request to SSA. Requests should be submitted by July 1 of each year, and must include the following:

- a. Company name
- b. Address (include city, state, and ZIP Code)
- c. Telephone number (include area code)
- d. Contact person
- e. Type(s) of service provided (e.g., service bureau and/or software)
- f. Type(s) of media offered (e.g., magnetic tape or tape cartridge, 5 1/4- or 3 1/2-inch diskettes, or electronic filing)
- g. Signature by Principal of company

Dated: March 10, 1998.

**Norm Goldstein,**

*Senior Financial Executive.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE****Office of the Secretary**

[Public Notice #2770]

**Extension of the Restriction on the Use of United States Passports for Travel to, in or Through Iraq**

On February 1, 1991, pursuant to the authority of 22 U.S.C. 211a and Executive Order 11295 (31 FR 10603), and in accordance with 22 CFR 51.73(a)(2) and (a)(3), all United States passports, with certain exceptions, were declared invalid for travel to, in, or

through Iraq unless specifically validated for such travel. The restriction was originally imposed because armed hostilities then were taking place in Iraq and Kuwait, and because there was an imminent danger to the safety of United States travelers to Iraq. American citizens then residing in Iraq and American professional reporters and journalists on assignment there were exempted from the restriction on the ground that such exemptions were in the national interest. The restriction has been extended for additional one year periods since then, and was last extended on March 20, 1997.

Conditions in Iraq remain unsettled and hazardous. Despite the recently concluded U.N. Memorandum of Understanding with Iraq, tensions remain high. The government of Iraq continues to mount a virulent public campaign in which the United States is blamed for maintenance of U.N. sanctions. In southern Iraq, military repression of the Shia communities is severe, rendering conditions unsafe. There is a risk of conflict between Kurdish groups. Iraq's economy was severely damaged during the Gulf War and continues to be affected by the U.N. economic sanctions and the Government of Iraq's refusal to fully implement the U.N.'s Oil for Food program. Basic modern medical care and medicines may not be available to our citizens in case of emergency. U.S. citizens and other foreigners working inside Kuwait near the Iraqi borders have been detained by Iraqi authorities in the past and sentenced to lengthy jail terms for alleged illegal entry into the country. Although our interests are represented by the Embassy of Poland in Bagdad, its ability to obtain consular access to detained U.S. citizens and to perform emergency services is constrained by Iraqi unwillingness to cooperate. In light of these circumstances, I have determined that Iraq continues to be a country " \* \* \* where there is imminent danger to the public health or physical safety of United States travelers".

Accordingly, United States passports shall continue to be invalid for use in travel to, in, or through Iraq unless specifically validated for such travel under the authority of the Secretary of State. The restriction shall not apply to American citizens residing in Iraq on February 1, 1991 who continue to reside there, or to American professional reporters or journalists on assignment there.

The Public Notice shall be effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** and shall expire at the end of

one year unless sooner extended or revoked by Public Notice.

Dated: March 16, 1998.

**Madeleine K. Albright,**

*Secretary of State.*

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## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

### Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended by Public Law 104-13; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Valley Authority.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). The Tennessee Valley Authority is soliciting public comments on this proposed collection as provided by 5 CFR Section 1320.8(d)(1). Requests for information, including copies of the information collection proposed and supporting documentation, should be directed to the Acting Agency Clearance Officer: Wilma H. McCauley, Tennessee Valley Authority, 1101 Market Street (WR 4Q), Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402-2801; (423) 751-2523.

Comments should be sent to the Acting Agency Clearance Officer no later than May 19, 1998.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Type of Request:* Regular submission, proposal to extend without revision a currently approved collection of information (OMB control number 3316-0019).

*Title of Information Collection:* Customer Input Card for TVA Recreation Areas.

*Frequency of Use:* On occasion.

*Type of Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Small Business or Organizations Affected:* No.

*Federal Budget Functional Category Code:* 452.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 1,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 50.

*Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response:* .05.

#### *Need For and Use of Information:*

This information collection asks visitors to selected TVA public use areas to provide feedback on the condition of the facilities they used and the services they

received. The information collected will be used to evaluate current maintenance, facility, and service practices and policies and to identify new opportunities for improvements.

**William S. Moore,**

*Senior Manager, Administrative Services.*

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## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Tennessee Valley Authority (Meeting No. 1502).

**TIME AND DATE:** 9:30 a.m. (CST), March 24, 1998.

**PLACE:** Arab High School Auditorium, 511 Arabian Drive, Arab, Alabama.

**STATUS:** Open.

#### Agenda

Approval of minutes of meeting held on February 20, 1998.

#### *New Business*

##### C—Energy

C1. Delegation of authority to the Vice President, Fuel Supply and Engineering, to award 11 coal contracts with varying terms under Requisition 36 and to supplement an existing rail transportation coal contract.

##### B—Purchase Award

B1. Supplement to Contract No. TV-92582V with Fitzgerald & Company for the continuation of advertising support.

B. Contract with Chattanooga Printing and Engraving for offset printing services to supplement TVA's in-house print shop.

B3. Contract with BOC Gases for industrial gases and cylinder, tube trailer, and bulk storage management for all TVA locations.

##### E—Real Property Transactions

E1. Public auction sale of approximately 2.52 acres of land on the Ocoee No. 1

Reservation in Polk County, Tennessee (Tract Nos. XOCR-11 and -12).

E2. Sale of a permanent easement to the State of Tennessee for a highway improvement project affecting 0.22 acre of the Lonsdale substation property in Knox County, Tennessee (Tract No. XLONSS-6H, Parcels 1, 2, 3, and 4).

E3. Sale of two noncommercial, nonexclusive permanent recreation easements affecting 0.77 acre of Tellico Lake shoreline in Loudon and Monroe Counties, Tennessee (Tract Nos. XTELR-203RE and XTELR-196RE).

E4. Approval of a sale by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, of 0.36 acre of former TVA land on Fontana Lake in Graham County, North Carolina (Tract No. XTFR-2).

E5. Public auction sale of approximately 5.66 acres of land on Pickwick Lake for Industrial development purposes in Tishomingo County, Mississippi (Tract No. XYECR-12).

E6. Modifications of a grant of easement affecting approximately 0.07 acre of former TVA land on Chickamauga Lake in Meigs County, Tennessee (Tract No. XCR-221).

E7. Sale of a nonexclusive permanent easement to Red Creek Ranch, Inc., for an access road affecting approximately 0.11 acre of land on Cherokee Lake in Hawkins County, Tennessee (Tract No. XCK-578AR).

E8. Modification of deed restrictions in two deeds affecting approximately 4.2 acres of former TVA land (portions of Tract Nos. XWBR-446 and -447), and sale of a permanent commercial recreation easement affecting approximately 22.2 acres of TVA land (Tract No. XWBR-709RE) on Watts Bar Lake in Roane County, Tennessee.

#### Unclassified

F1. Approval to file condemnation cases in connection with permanent easements and rights-of-way for a natural gas pipeline to the Gallatin Fossil Plant, easements and rights-of-way for an electric power transmission line, and the right to remove and dispose of danger trees along a transmission line. The gas line easement is in Wilson County, Tennessee, and the affected transmission lines are Wolf Creek-Summer Shade Tap to West Tompkinsville, Monroe County, Kentucky; and Portland-Westmoreland, Sumner County, Tennessee.

#### Information Items

1. Termination of the Bulk Power Sales Incentive Compensation Plan.

2. Approval to file condemnation cases for the following transmission lines: New Albany-Holly Springs Tap to Martintown, Union County, Mississippi; Portland-Westmoreland, Sumner County, Tennessee; and Carriage House-Madison West Section, Madison County, Tennessee.

3. Amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the TVA Retirement System and the provisions of the TVA Savings and Deferral Retirement Plan. For Fiscal Year 1998, many employees