

A copy of this filing has been served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

*Comment date:* April 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## 25. Wisconsin Power and Light Company

[Docket No. ER98-2465-000]

Take notice that on April 6, 1998, Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L), tendered for filing executed Form Of Service Agreements for Firm and Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service, establishing Illinois Power Company as a point-to-point transmission customer under the terms of WP&L's transmission tariff.

WP&L requests an effective date of March 16, 1998, and accordingly, seeks waiver of the Commission's notice requirements.

A copy of this filing has been served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

*Comment date:* April 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## 26. Wisconsin Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER98-2466-000]

Take notice that on April 6, 1998, Wisconsin Power & Light Company (WP&L), tendered for filing a second amendment to the Wholesale Power Contract dated January 4, 1977, between the City of Stoughton and WP&L. WP&L states that this amended Wholesale Power Contract revises the previous agreement between the two parties dated August 9, 1989, and designated Rate Schedule No. 115 by the Commission.

The parties have amended the Wholesale Power Contract to add an additional delivery point. Service under this amended Wholesale Power Contract will be in accordance with standard WP&L Rate Schedule W-3.

WP&L requests that an effective date concurrent with the planned construction completion date be assigned.

WP&L indicates that copies of the filing have been provided to the City of Stoughton and to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

*Comment date:* April 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## 27. Long Island Lighting Company

[Docket No. ER98-2467-000]

Take notice that on April 6, 1998, Long Island Lighting Company (LILCO), filed Electric Power Service Agreements entered into as of the following dates by LILCO and the following parties:

Purchaser	Electric Power <sup>1</sup>
Green Mountain Power Corporation.	March 5, 1998.
Virginia Electric and Power Company.	March 7, 1998.

<sup>1</sup> Electric Power Service Agreement Date.

The Electric Power Service Agreements listed above were entered into under LILCO's Power Sales Umbrella Tariff as reflected in LILCO's amended filing on February 6, 1998 with the Commission in Docket No. OA98-5-000. The February 6, 1998, filing essentially brings LILCO's Power Sales Umbrella Tariff in compliance with the unbundling requirements of the Commission's Order No. 888.

LILCO requests waiver of the Commission's sixty (60) day notice requirements and an effective date of March 16, 1998, for the Electric Power Service Agreements listed above because in accordance with the policy announced in Prior Notice and Filing Requirements Under Part II of the Federal Power Act, 64 FERC ¶ 61,139, *clarified and reh'g granted in part and denied in part*, 65 FERC ¶ 61,081 (1993), service will be provided under an umbrella tariff and each Electric Power Service Agreement is being filed either prior to or within thirty (30) days of the commencement of service. LILCO has served copies of this filing on the customers which are a party to each of the Electric Power Service Agreements and on the New York State Public Service Commission.

*Comment date:* April 24, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

## 28. Wisconsin Power and Light

[Docket No. ER98-2468-000]

Take notice that on April 6, 1998, Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L), tendered for filing executed Form Of Service Agreements for Firm and Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service, establishing Merchant Energy Group of the Americas, Inc., as a point-to-point transmission customer under the terms of WP&L's transmission tariff.

WP&L requests an effective date of April 1, 1998, and accordingly, seeks waiver of the Commission's notice requirements.

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## 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 these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM95-9-003]

### Open Access Same-time Information System (OASIS) and Standards of Conduct; Notice of Filing of Corrections to How Group's Oasis Phase 1A Submittal and Request for Comments

April 10, 1998.

Take notice that on April 10, 1998, the OASIS How Working Group (How Group), tendered for filing corrections to the How Group's revised OASIS Standards and Communication Protocols document submitted as part of the How Group's OASIS "Phase 1A" submittal filed on September 23, 1997.

We invite written comments on this filing on or before April 27, 1998. Any person desiring to submit comments should file an original and 14 paper copies and one copy on a computer diskette in WordPerfect 6.1 format or in ASCII format with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. The comments must contain a caption that references Docket No. RM95-9-003.

Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. The filing will also be posted on the Commission Issuance Posting System (CIPS), an electronic bulletin board and World Wide Web (at WWW.FERC.FED.US) service, that

provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission. The complete text on diskette in WordPerfect format may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, La Dorn Systems Corporation. La Dorn Systems Corporation is located in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5997-6]

### Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods; Designation of Three Reference Methods for PM<sub>2.5</sub>

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of designation.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated, in accordance with 40 CFR part 53, three new reference methods for the measurement of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations in the ambient air.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frank F. McElroy, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-46), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711. Phone: (919) 541-2622, email: mcelroy.frank@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA announces the designation of three new reference methods for measuring mass concentrations of particulate matter as PM<sub>2.5</sub> in the ambient air. These designations are made under the provisions of 40 CFR part 53, as amended on July 18, 1997 (62 FR 38764). Each of the new reference methods is a manual monitoring method based on a particular PM<sub>2.5</sub> sampler. The new methods are identified as follows:

RFPS-0498-116, "BGI Incorporated Model PQ200 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Ambient Fine Particle Sampler," operated with software version 1.4, for 24-hour continuous sample periods, in accordance with the Model PQ200 Instruction Manual and with the requirements and sample collection filters specified in 40 CFR Part 50, Appendix L.

RFPS-0498-117, "Rupprecht & Patashnick Company, Incorporated Partisol®-FRM Model 2000 PM-2.5 Air Sampler," operated with software

version 1.102, with or without the optional insulating jacket for cold weather operation, for 24-hour continuous sample periods, in accordance with the Model 2000 Instruction Manual and with the requirements and sample collection filters specified in 40 CFR Part 50, Appendix L.

RFPS-0498-118, "Rupprecht & Patashnick Company, Incorporated Partisol®-Plus Model 2025 PM-2.5 Sequential Air Sampler," operated with software version 1.003, for 24-hour continuous sample periods, in accordance with the Model 2025 Instruction Manual and with the requirements and sample collection filters specified in 40 CFR Part 50, Appendix L.

Applications for reference method determinations for these methods were received by the EPA on October 8, 1997 for the BGI method, and on October 7, 1997 for the Rupprecht & Patashnick methods. A notice of receipt for these applications was published in the **Federal Register** on February 10, 1998. The BGI method (RFPS-0498-116) is "conditionally" designated under the provisions of § 53.51(b)(2), which allows the applicant up to one year following designation to complete the process of obtaining ISO 9001 registration of its sampler manufacturing facility. BGI Incorporated is currently in the very final stage of that registration process. This method is available commercially from the applicant, BGI Incorporated, 58 Guinan Street, Waltham, MA 02154. The other two methods listed are available commercially from the associated applicant, Rupprecht & Patashnick Company, Incorporated (R&P), 25 Corporate Circle, Albany, NY 12203.

Test samplers representative of these methods have been tested by the respective applicants, BGI Incorporated and R&P, in accordance with the test procedures specified in 40 CFR part 53 (as amended on July 18, 1997). After reviewing the results of those tests and other information submitted by the applicants, EPA has determined, in accordance with part 53, that these methods should be designated as reference methods. The information submitted by the applicants will be kept on file at EPA's National Exposure Research Laboratory, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711 and will be available for inspection to the extent consistent with 40 CFR part 2 (EPA's regulations implementing the Freedom of Information Act).

As a designated reference method, each of these methods is acceptable for use by states and other air monitoring

agencies under the requirements of 40 CFR part 58, Ambient Air Quality Surveillance. For such purposes, the method must be used in strict accordance with the specifications and requirements set forth in Appendix L to 40 CFR part 50, the operation or instruction manual associated with the method, and the specifications and limitations (e.g., sample period) specified in the applicable designation method description (see identification of the methods above). Use of the method should also be in general accordance with the guidance and recommendations of Quality Assurance Guidance Document 2.12, which is part of the Quality Assurance Handbook for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, Volume II (EPA/600/R-94/038b). Vendor modifications of a designated method used for purposes of part 58 are permitted only with prior approval of the EPA, as provided in part 53. Provisions concerning modification of such methods by users are specified under Section 2.8 of Appendix C to 40 CFR part 58 (Modifications of Methods by Users).

In general, a method designation applies to any sampler or analyzer which is identical to the sampler or analyzer described in the designation. In some cases, similar samplers or analyzers manufactured prior to the designation may be upgraded (e.g., by minor modification or by substitution of a new operation or instruction manual) so as to be identical to the designated method and thus achieve designated status at a modest cost. The manufacturer should be consulted to determine the feasibility of such upgrading.

Part 53 requires that sellers of designated method analyzers or samplers comply with certain conditions. These conditions are given in 40 CFR 53.9 and are summarized below for PM<sub>2.5</sub> methods:

(1) A copy of the approved operation or instruction manual must accompany the sampler or analyzer when it is delivered to the ultimate purchaser.

(2) The sampler or analyzer must not generate any unreasonable hazard to operators or to the environment.

(3) The sampler or analyzer must function within the limits of the applicable performance specifications given in parts 50 and 53 for at least one year after delivery when maintained and operated in accordance with the operation or instruction manual.

(4) Any sampler or analyzer offered for sale as part of a reference or equivalent method must bear a label or sticker indicating that it has been designated as part of a reference or