

of a joint Canada/Korea fuel development program.

In accordance with Section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, it has been determined that this subsequent arrangement will not be inimical to the common defense and security.

This subsequent arrangement will take effect no sooner than fifteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: August 28, 1998.

For the Department of Energy.

**Cherie P. Fitzgerald,**

*Director, International Policy and Analysis Division, Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-740-000]

#### National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

August 31, 1998.

Take notice that on August 24, 1998, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National fuel), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP98-740-000, pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct and operate a new residential sales tap authorized in blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-4-000, all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

National Fuel proposes to construct and operate a sales tap for delivery of approximately 1,200 Mcf of gas annually to National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation. National Fuel states that the proposed sales tap would be located on its Line 5-3 in Clarion County, Pennsylvania. National Fuel estimates that the cost of construction would be \$1,500 for which National Fuel would be reimbursed.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the Commission has issued this notice, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the

NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the allowed time, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9985-024]

#### Rivers Electric Company, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

August 31, 1998.

A final environmental assessment (FEA) is available for public review. The FEA is for an application to increase the elevation of the dam and replace the existing flashboards with pneumatically-operated crest gates. The proposed action would result in an operating capacity of 950 kW, which is within the licensed capacity of 1050 kW. A draft environmental assessment (DEA) of this application and Notice of Availability of the DEA were issued by the Commission on May 6, 1998. The FEA, like the DEA, finds that approval of the amendment application, with identified environmental protection measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The FEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the FEA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference room at (202) 208-1371.

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

*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6155-6]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; RCRA Expanded Public Participation

**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): RCRA Expanded Public Participation, EPA ICR Number 1688.03, OMB Control Number 2050-0149, current expiration date: 11/30/98. 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 November 3, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-98-RPIP-FFFFF to RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA HQ), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, VA, address listed below. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail through the Internet to: [rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov). Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-98-RPIP-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway 1, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, first floor, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, the public must make an appointment by calling 703-603-9230. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$.15/page.

Copies of the original ICR may be requested from the docket address and phone number listed above or may be found on the Internet.

Follow these instructions to access the information electronically.

WWW: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/permit/pubpart/index.htm>

FTP: <ftp://ftp.epa.gov>

Login: anonymous

Password: your Internet address

Files are located in /pub/epaoswer.

The official record for this action will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into paper form and place them in the official record, which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained in the RCRA Information Center (the RIC address is listed above in the section).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information, contact the RCRA Hotline at 1-800-424-9346 or TDD 1-800-553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington metropolitan area, call 703/412-9610 or TDD 703-412-3323. For technical information, contact Toshia King at 703-308-7033.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Affected entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are owners and operators of facilities that treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste to comply with standards, under Section 3004 of RCRA, that are necessary to protect human health and the environment.

**Title:** RCRA Expanded Public Participation, EPA ICR Number 1688.03, OMB Control Number 2050-0149, expiration date: 11/30/98.

**Abstract:** Congress gave EPA broad authority to provide for public participation in the RCRA permitting process. EPA promulgated requirements for providing additional opportunities for the public to be involved in the RCRA permitting process at 40 CFR Part 124 §§ 124.31 through 124.33 and in Part 270 §§ 270.62 and 270.66. The Part 124 requirements apply to all types of hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities, unless exempted under a specific section; the Part 270 requirements apply only to hazardous waste combustors planning trial burns.

The public participation regulations at parts 124 and 270 were promulgated by EPA under the authority of Subtitle C in RCRA to provide earlier and better public participation in the hazardous waste facility permitting process. In summary the regulations require a permit applicant to provide notice of and hold an informal meeting with the public before submitting a Part B application, and to submit a summary of the meeting to the agency (§ 124.31).

This meeting is the earliest formal step in the RCRA permitting process. The agency is required to issue a public notice when it receives an application (§ 124.32). The notice informs the recipient that the facility has submitted a permit application for agency review. Certain facilities (as decided by the agency director on a case-by-case basis) are required to set up and maintain an information repository (§ 124.33). Lastly, the agency is required to issue a public notice of an upcoming trial burn at a permitted hazardous waste combustion facility (§§ 270.62(b)(6) and 270.66(d)(3)), or at a hazardous waste combustion facility operating under interim status (270.62(d) and 270.66(g)).

This information collection targets the reporting frequency and requirements of the permit and assures public involvement regulations are met by owners or operators. The reporting frequency is essential to assure that any changes in the trial burn plans or in the anticipated permit application contents are made known to EPA and to the public. In addition, in the RCRA Expanded Public Participation rule, EPA promulgated regulations to build upon the Part 124 requirements, in support of the Agency's goal to enhance public involvement in RCRA permitting procedures. These requirements are important components in: (1) meeting its statutory mandate to promote public participation in the development, revision, and implementation of any regulation under RCRA; and (2) achieving EPA's goal of enhancing public involvement.

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:** EPA estimated respondent burden hours for the information collection requirements associated with the pre-application meeting and the information repository requirements. The estimated number of likely respondents subject to public participation activities required under this collection of information is 78. The Agency estimates that 76 facilities are expected to apply for permits or renew their permits each year, and an additional two facilities are included in this universe because they are the percent of the existing RCRA TSDFs expected to be required to initiate information repositories. The total annual burden to respondents, as estimated for all public participation reporting and recordkeeping activities under this collection of information is 7,253 hours. The total estimated average annual burden cost to respondents required to perform public participation activities under this information collection request is \$320,590 (\$311,384 in labor cost, \$3,786 in total capital cost, and \$5,420 in O&M cost). The estimates for O&M cost include preparation of multilingual notices and the purchase of a file cabinet to retain copies and other required documentation. 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: August 18, 1998.

**Barnes Johnson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.*

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