

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission**

September 16, 1998.

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* P-2670-014.
- c. *Date Filed:* August 21, 1998.
- d. *Applicants:* Northern States Power Company—Wisconsin City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.
- e. *Name of Project:* Dells Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Chippewa River in Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties, Wisconsin.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Chris M. Olson, Northern States Power Company, 100 North Barstow Street, P.O. Box 8, Eau Claire, WI 54702, (715) 836-2401.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Mark Pawlowski (202) 219-2795.
- j. *Comment Date:* Within 60 days of the notice issuance date.
- k. *Description of Project:* The existing project would consist of: (1) 366-foot-long concrete gated spillway dam with 13 Tainter gates; (2) a 1,183-acre reservoir; (3) a powerhouse containing 5 turbines and 5 generator units with a total installed capacity of 7,580 kW; (3) a powerhouse containing 2 turbines and 2 generators with a total installed capacity of 1,100 kW; (4) a 1,884-foot-long transmission line; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The average annual energy generation is 48,029,165 kWh.
- l. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the *WISCONSIN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO)*, as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36, CFR, at 800.4.
- m. Pursuant to Section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from

the comment date and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6165-9]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Collection of Information for Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Division Programs: Request for Generic Clearance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Collection of Information for Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Division Programs: Request for Generic Clearance, EPA ICR No. 1861.01.

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 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing EPA ICR No. 1861.01 Collection of Information for Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Division Programs: Request for Generic Clearance to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Air and Radiation (Mail Code 6102), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA, HQ), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to Room M1500 at this address. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the internet to: a-and-r-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by EPA ICR No. 1861.01 Collection of Information for Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Division Programs: Request for Generic Clearance. 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 Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, located at the address above. The Docket is open to the public on all federal government work days from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. It is recommended that the public make an appointment to review docket materials by calling 202-260-7549. The Docket will accept phone and fax requests for material. Phone requests may be made using the phone number listed above, and fax requests may be submitted to 202-260-4400. A reasonable fee is charged for the duplication of materials.

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.

EPA responses to comments, whether the comments are written or electronic, will be in a notice in the **Federal Register**. EPA will not immediately reply to commenters electronically other than to seek clarification of electronic comments that may be garbled in transmission or during conversion to paper form, as discussed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information on specific aspects of this rulemaking, contact Salomon (Sol) Salinas, Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Division (Mail Code 6202J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, (202) 564-9420 or salinas.sol@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are existing and potential commercial, industrial, residential, and government customers of the Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Division's voluntary public/private partnership programs.

Title: Collection of Information for Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Division Programs: Request for Generic Clearance, EPA ICR No. 1861.01. OMB Control No. and expiration date are not applicable as this is a new ICR.

Abstract: EPA's Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Division (APPD) implements a number of voluntary public/private partnership programs to encourage the widespread use of energy-efficiency technologies and practices as a profitable means of pollution prevention and to promote environmental stewardship. These programs target commercial, industrial, residential, and government customers. APPD's Commercial and Industrial Business Unit targets large and small

commercial organizations through the Energy Star Buildings and Green Lights Programs. The Residential and Energy Star Business Unit uses the Energy Star label to reach the American consumer through the Energy Star Homes, Energy Star HVAC Equipment, and Energy Star Office Equipment programs. The Methane and Utility Business Unit promotes the efficient delivery of electricity through the Energy Star Transformer Program and encourages the profitable recovery and use of otherwise wasted methane through Natural Gas Star, the Coalbed Methane Outreach, AgStar, the Landfill Methane Outreach, and the Ruminant Livestock Efficiency Programs. APPD also administers Environmental Stewardship Programs that strive to reduce emissions of highly potent greenhouse gases through partnerships with industries including the aluminum and semiconductor industries.

Under this generic clearance, APPD will conduct a series of surveys, interviews, or focus group meetings to collect non-duplicative information on the effectiveness of current APPD programs, including partner and customer satisfaction; the potential environmental and economic effects of future or proposed APPD programs, including market or industry data; and the direct or indirect experience and/or involvement of third-parties with APPD's programs. The Agency intends to use telephone surveys or interviews, written surveys or questionnaires, face-to-face interviews, focus group meetings, or a combination of these methods, as appropriate, to collect information under this generic clearance. Through these collection methods, APPD will ask respondents to perform any or all of the following activities: Receive and review survey, interview, or focus group instructions or agenda, create or collect the information requested, respond verbally or in writing, and submit follow-up information or clarify responses, if requested.

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 Ch. 15.

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 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: In general, APPD expects to undertake 12 information collections per year under this generic clearance, two of which may involve upwards of 5,000 respondents and 10 of which may involve upwards of 500 respondents. Therefore, APPD estimates that on average 1,250 respondents will be contacted for a single information collection and that up to 15,000 respondents will be contacted annually under this generic clearance. Prior experience indicates that approximately 50 percent of all respondents, or 7,500 annually, will need to be asked to submit follow-up information or clarification. Further, APPD expects that the two larger efforts and half (or five) of the smaller efforts will be written information collection tools; the other five collections will involve telephone or other interview techniques.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average three hours per respondent. The burden estimate includes time to receive the instructions, create or collect the information, respond verbally or in writing, and submit follow-up information or clarify responses, if requested. There is no recordkeeping burden. It is expected that respondents will incur no capital costs and only photocopying costs when responding to each of the seven written information collections. An average of five photocopies per respondent yields an average cost of \$0.50 per respondent to written collections (\$0.42 per respondent when distributed across all respondents). The aggregate annualized bottom-line burden and cost for respondents is approximately 42,000 hours per year with an annual cost of approximately \$2,398,800. The bottom line burden to APPD is approximately 64,428 hours, at a cost of approximately \$2,441,016 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: August 28, 1998.

Salomon Salinas,

Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[AD-FRL-6166-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Information Collection Request for Electric Utility Steam Generating Unit Mercury Emissions Collection Effort

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Electric Utility Steam Generating Unit Mercury Emissions Information Collection Effort; EPA ICR No. 1858.01. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 22, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1858.01. The ICR supporting statement and other relevant materials are also available from the EPA's website listing **Federal Register** documents at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/t3pfpr.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: