

on these issues on behalf of MAPP's members, including Northwestern.

*Comment date:* March 22, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 26. The United Illuminating Company

[Docket No. ER99-2040-000]

Take notice that on March 1, 1999, The United Illuminating Company tendered for filing its response to the Commission's December 16, 1998 order in FERC Docket Number EL98-52-000, North American Electric Reliability Council, 85 FERC ¶ 61,353 (1998).

*Comment date:* March 22, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 27. St. Joseph Light & Power Company

[Docket No. ER99-2041-000]

Take notice that on March 1, 1999, St. Joseph Light & Power Company (SJLP) filed its confirmation and support of the filing made on the same day by the Mid-Continent Area Power Pool (MAPP) in response to the Commission's order in North American Elec. Reliability Council, Docket No. EL98-52-000, 85 FERC ¶ 61,353 (1998). In its filing, MAPP, on behalf of SJLP and its other members that are public utilities subject to the FERC's jurisdiction, described its proposed interim plan to (i) identify the parallel flows associated with native load and network service on known constraints, and (ii) develop protocols for curtailing such parallel flows on a comparable basis. MAPP's filing also describes its interim regional redispatch procedures.

*Comment date:* March 22, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 28. Ohio Edison Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company

[Docket No. ER99-2042-000]

Take notice that on March 1, 1999, Ohio Edison Company, Pennsylvania Power Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company (collectively as FirstEnergy) submitted a compliance filing pursuant to the Commission's December 16, 1998 order in North American Electric Reliability Council, 85 FERC ¶ 61,353 (1998).

*Comment date:* March 22, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 29. Golden Spread Electric Coop., Inc.

[Docket No. ER99-2053-000]

Take notice that on March 1, 1999 Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.

(Golden Spread) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an informational filing to Golden Spread Rate Schedule FERC No. 38, a Test Energy Sale Agreement (TESA) between itself and Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) pursuant to Golden Spread's existing market-based rate authority. Golden Spread states that updated information pertaining to SPS's avoided energy cost is specifically required by the TESA, and that a copy of the informational filing was served upon SPS.

*Comment date:* March 22, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 30. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

[Docket No. ER99-2054-000]

Take notice that on March 1, 1999, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana-Dakota) filed a letter in support of the contemporaneous filing made by the Mid-Continent Area Power Pool in response to the Commission's Order in North American Reliability Council, 85 FERC 61,253 (1998).

*Comment date:* March 22, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 31. Avista Corporation

[Docket No. ER99-2056-000]

Take notice that on March 2, 1999, Avista Corporation (Avista Corp.), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to 18 CFR 35.13(a)(2)(I) a revision to its Rate Schedule FERC No. 62.

Avista Corp., requests an effective date of April 1, 1999.

A copy of this filing has been served upon East Greenacres Irrigation District and The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation.

*Comment date:* March 22, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**

Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00262; FRL-6050-9]

### Design for the Environment (DfE); Agency Information Collection Activities

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**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 Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. Before submitting the ICR to OMB, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection described in Unit I. and Unit II. of this document. The ICR is a continuing ICR entitled "Collection of Impact Data on Technical Information: Request for Generic Clearance, Design for the Environment (DfE)," EPA ICR No. 1768.02, OMB No. 2070-0152. 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.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 11, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Each comment must bear the docket control number "OPPTS-00262" and administrative record number 206. All comments should be sent in triplicate to: OPPT Document Control Officer (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Rm. G-099, East Tower, Washington, DC 20460.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: [oppt.ncic@epa.gov](mailto:oppt.ncic@epa.gov). Follow the instructions under Unit III. of this document. No TSCA Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

All comments that contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three sanitized copies of any comments containing information claimed as CBI must also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this document. Persons submitting information on any portion of which they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI by EPA must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(b) for each such portion. This claim must be made at the time that the information is submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will consider this as a waiver of any confidentiality claim and the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information contact: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-554-1404, TDD: 202-554-0551, e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov. For technical information contact: Bill Hanson, Economics, Exposure and Technology Division (7406), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-1678, Fax: 202-260-0981, e-mail: hanson.bill@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Electronic Availability:**

*Internet*

Electronic copies of the ICR are available from the EPA Home Page at the **Federal Register** - Environmental Documents entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

*Fax-on-Demand*

Using a faxphone call 202-401-0527 and select item 4066 for a copy of the ICR.

**I. Background**

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are companies or industries that are part of industry sectors that may interact with EPA in the Agency's DfE program. For each collection of information addressed in this notice, EPA would like to solicit comments to:

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

4. 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.

**II. Information Collection**

EPA is seeking comments on the following ICR as well as the Agency's intention to renew the corresponding OMB approvals.

*Title:* Collection of Impact Data on Technical Information: Request for Generic Clearance, Design for the Environment (DfE)

*ICR numbers:* EPA ICR No. 1768.02, OMB No. 2070-0152.

*Approval expiration date:* July 31, 1999.

*Abstract:* EPA's DfE program is a voluntary, non-regulatory approach to encourage industry to adopt technologies and use materials that result in lower levels of pollution, lessened reliance on toxic materials, higher energy efficiency and lower environmental health risks. Through DfE, EPA creates partnerships with industry, professional organizations, state, and local governments, other federal agencies and the public to develop and disseminate technical information.

This is a generic ICR for a series of surveys, referred to as DfE Technical Information Impact Studies, to undertake data collection in support of EPA's DfE program. The studies will focus on various industrial sectors such as printing, printed wiring board circuitry and dry cleaning. The purpose of all DfE Technical Information Impact Studies is to evaluate the impact of DfE technical information on industry practices, use of materials, and waste generation. In each case, EPA, often in collaboration with industry associations and universities, will have developed technical information for industry on the use of product reclamation processes and other workplace practices that may lower health risks to workers and prevent pollution. The proposed studies will each involve two separate surveys of owners or operators of target industry establishments. The initial

survey will establish a baseline representing pre-technical information receipt. A follow-up survey will be administered approximately 2 years later to establish longer-term impacts of the technical materials. The overall goal of this before-and-after design is to understand the impacts of DfE technical information on workplace practices and technologies that generate or prevent pollution. This generic ICR will allow EPA to conduct a series of small conceptually interrelated surveys. It will permit the DfE program the ability to collect information in a timely manner and to evaluate the effectiveness of the technical materials EPA provides to industry. EPA will be the principal user of information developed from the survey findings, but EPA expects that tens of thousands of small businesses in a variety of industry sectors will benefit from the results of the studies.

Responses to the collection of information are voluntary. Respondents may claim all or part of a response confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

*Burden statement:* The burden to respondents for complying with this ICR is estimated to total 15,000 hours per year with an annual cost of \$420,000. These totals are based on an average burden of approximately 2.0 hours per response for an estimated 7,500 respondents making one or more responses annually. These estimates include 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.

**III. Public Record and Electronic Submissions**

The official record for this document, as well as the public version, has been established for this document under docket control number "OPPTS-00262" (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 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official rulemaking record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:  
oppt.ncic@epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form addressing ICR No. 0795.10 must be identified by docket control number "OPPTS-00262" and administrative record number 206. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Information collection requests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: February 1, 1999.

**Stephen L. Johnson,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-0239/7]

### Agency Information Collection Activities OMB Responses

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notices.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) responses to Agency clearance requests, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et. seq.). 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Call Sandy Farmer at (202) 260-2740, or E-mail at "farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov", and

please refer to the appropriate EPA Information Collection Request (ICR) Number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### OMB Responses to Agency Clearance Requests

##### OMB Approvals

EPA ICR No. 1352.06; Community Right-to-Know Reporting Requirements under Section 311 and 312 of EPCRA; in 40 CFR 370.21, 370.25, and 370.30; was approved 02/01/99; OMB No. 2050-0072; expires 01/31/2000.

EPA ICR 1704.04; Alternate Threshold for Low Annual Reportable Amounts, Toxic Chemical Release Reporting; at 40 CFR part 372; was approved 02/01/99; OMB No. 2070-0143; expires 02/28/2001.

EPA ICR No. 1679.03; Federal Standards for Marine Tank Vessel Loading Operations and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Marine Tank Vessel Loading Operations; at 40 CFR part 63, Subpart Y; was approved 02/02/99; OMB No. 3060-0289; expires 02/28/2002.

EPA ICR No. 1755.03; Amendment to Regulatory Reinvention Pilot Projects (Project XL); at 40 CFR part 262; was approved 02/11/99; OMB No. 2010-0026; expires 02/28/2002.

EPA ICR No 1864.01; EPA EMP EMPACT Urban Environmental Issues Study of 86 Cities; was approved 02/17/99; OMB No. 2080-0057; expires 02/28/2002.

EPA ICR No. 1687.03; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollution for Aerospace Manufacturing and Rework Operations; at 40 CFR part 63, subpart GG; was approved 2/19/99; OMB No. 2060-0314; expires 08/31/99.

EPA ICR No. 1656.05; Information Collection Requirements for Registration and Documentation of Risk Management Plan under Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act; at 40 CFR part 68, and 40 CFR part 2; was approved 02/22/99; OMB No. 2050-0144; expires 07/31/99.

EPA ICR No. 1828.02; Industry Screener Questionnaire: Phase I Cooling Water Intake Structures; was approved 12/24/98; OMB No. 3040-0203; expires 12/31/2001.

EPA ICR No. 1506.08; NSPS for Municipal Waste Combustor (MWC); in CFR part 60, subpart Ea and Eb; was approved 03/02/99; OMB No. 2060-0210; expires 03/31/2002.

EPA ICR No. 1848.01; Survey of the Inorganic Chemical Industry; was approved 02/26/99; OMB No. 2050-0159; expires 08/31/2001.

EPA ICR No. 1829.01; Best Management Practices for the Bleached

Paper Grade Kraft and Soda Subcategory and the Paper Sulfitte Subcategory of the Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Point Source Category; in 40 CFR part 430; was approved 03/02/99; OMB No. 2040-0207; expires 03/31/2002.

##### Withdrawal

EPA ICR No. 1857.02; Emission Reporting Requirements for Ozone-SIP Revisions Relating to Statewide Budgets for NO<sub>x</sub> Emission; was withdrawn from OMB at EPA's request on 02/08/99.

##### OMB's Comments Filed

EPA ICR No. 1856.01; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Primary Lead Smelters; at 40 CFR part 63, subpart TTT; OMB filed comments 01/12/99.

##### Extension of Expiration Dates

EPA ICR No. 1569.03; Approval of State Coastal Non-point Pollution Control Programs (CZARA section 6217); OMB No. 2040-0153; on 01/21/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 07/31/99.

EPA ICR No. 1100.08; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; at 40 CFR part 61, subparts B, H, K, R, and W; OMB No. 2060-0191; on 01/19/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 03/31/99.

EPA ICR No. 1619.02; EPA Indoor Environmental Quality Questionnaire; OMB No. 2060-0244; on 01/28/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 07/31/99.

EPA ICR No. 1617.02; Servicing of Motor Vehicle Air Conditioners; at 40 CFR part 82, subpart B; OMB No. 2060-0247; on 01/12/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 04/30/99.

EPA ICR No. 1154.04; NESHAP for Benzene Emission from Bulk Transfer Operations; at 40 CFR part 61, subpart BB; OMB No. 2060-0182; on 01/12/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 03/31/99.

EPA ICR No. 0168.06; National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Sewage; OMB No. 2040-0057; on 02/25/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 06/30/99.

EPA ICR No. 1560.04; National Water Quality Inventory Reports; at 40 CFR part 103; OMB No. 2040-0071; on 02/25/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 06/30/99.

EPA ICR No. 1633.10; Acid Rain Program; in 40 CFR parts 72 through 78; OMB No. 2060-0258; on 01/12/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 03/31/99.