

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 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application

August 12, 1999.

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

a. *Application Type:* Proposal To Lower Holter Lake.

b. *Project No.:* 2188-043.

c. *Date Filed:* August 2, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* Montana Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Missouri-Madison Project.

f. *Location:* The Holter hydroelectric dam which creates Holter Lake is on the Missouri River at river mile 2,211 about 43 miles northeast of Helena in Lewis and Clark County, Montana.

g. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. John C. Van Daveer, Montana Power Company, 40 East Broadway, Butte, MT 59701.

h. *FERC Contact:* Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Steve Hocking, e-mail address: steve.hocking@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219-2656.

i. *Deadline for filing comments and recommendations, motions to intervene, and protests:* September 8, 1999.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

j. *Description of the Application:* Montana Power Company (MPC)

proposes to drawdown Holter Lake, part of the Missouri-Madison Hydroelectric Project. The lake would be lowered from its normal operating level of elevation 3,564 feet msl to the crest of the dam at elevation 3,548 feet msl—a total of about 16 feet. The drawdown would begin September 20, 1999. Water levels would be reduced over a two week period of time; the lake would be maintained at its minimum elevation of 3,548 feet msl for two days; then the lake would be refilled over the next nineteen days. The drawdown would enable MPC to replace the dam's deteriorating flashboards and support stanchions.

k. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room at 888 First Street NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS,"

"RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS

AND CONDITIONS," "PROTEST,"

"MOTION TO INTERVENE," as

applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the

applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6424-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB review; Comment Request; 1999 EPCRA Implementation Status Questionnaire for State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and California Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs)

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: 1999 EPCRA Implementation Status Questionnaire for State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs), and California Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs), EPA ICR No. 1905.01. 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 September 17, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epa.gov, or download a copy of the ICR off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1905.01.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* 1999 EPCRA Implementation Status Questionnaire for State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and California Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs), EPA ICR No. 1905.01. This is a new collection.

Abstract: The Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, proposes to conduct a Regional survey of State

Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and California Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs). The information collected in this survey will be used to assess the general progress, status, and activity level of SERCs, LEPCs and CUPAs. The information will also be used by Region IX staff to have a better understanding of their Region's actual implementation of EPCRA.

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA) introduced a fundamental change in the regulation of chemical facilities and the prevention of and preparedness for chemical accidents. This law seeks to improve emergency preparedness and reduce the risk of chemical accidents by providing information to citizens about the chemicals in their community. EPCRA is premised on the concept that the more informed local citizens are about chemical hazards in their communities the more involved they will be in prevention and preparedness activities. For this "informational regulation" to be effective, the public must receive accurate and reliable information, which is easy to understand and practical to use. EPCRA sought to create partnerships between all levels of government, the public and the regulated community to identify, prevent, plan, prepare and respond to hazardous material risks in our communities, and the purpose of this survey is to obtain input from these organizations to improve Region IX's EPCRA program.

The primary goals of this research are to: (1) track the progress of SERCs, LEPCs and CUPAs by updating baseline data on a series of key performance indicators; and (2) probe current SERC, LEPC and CUPA practices and preferences regarding several important sets of issues—particularly including communications with local citizens, proactive accident prevention efforts, and the effectiveness of selected Region IX products and services. Region IX wants to improve customer service and meet the changing needs of hazardous material prevention and emergency response planning, which are influenced by new electronic capabilities and a rapidly expanding knowledge base of environmental issues.

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 **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information, was published on 5/14/99 (FRL-6341-7). No comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one and a half hour per response. 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.

Respondents/Affected Entities: SERCs, LEPCs, CUPAs.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 190.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 285 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Capital and Operating and Maintenance Cost Burden: \$0.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses: (please refer to EPA ICR No.1905.01 in any correspondence):

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Policy, Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460;

and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 12, 1999.

Richard T. Westlund,

Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6424-8]

Availability of FY 98 Grant Performance Reports for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and South Carolina

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of grantee performance evaluation reports.

SUMMARY: EPA's grant regulations (40 CFR 35.150) require the Agency to evaluate the performance of agencies which receive grants. EPA's regulations for regional consistency (40 CFR 56.7) require that the Agency notify the public of the availability of the reports of such evaluations. EPA recently performed end-of-year evaluations of seven state air pollution control programs [Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Mississippi Bureau of Pollution Control, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control] and 16 local programs [Knox County Department of Air Pollution Control, TN; Chattanooga-Hamilton County Air Pollution Control Bureau, TN; Memphis-Shelby County Health Department, TN; Nashville-Davidson County Metropolitan Health Department, TN; Jefferson County Air Pollution Control District, KY; Western North Carolina Regional Air Pollution Control Agency, NC; Mecklenburg County Department of Environmental Protection, NC; Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department, NC; Palm Beach County Public Health Unit, FL; Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, FL; Dade County Environmental Resources Management, FL; Jacksonville Air Quality Division, FL; Broward County Environmental Quality Control Board, FL; Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management, FL; City of Huntsville Department of Natural Resources, AL; Jefferson County Department of Health, AL]. The 23 evaluations were conducted to assess the agencies' performance under the grants awarded by EPA under authority of section 105 of the Clean Air Act. EPA Region 4 has prepared reports for each agency identified above and these reports are now available for public inspection. The Commonwealth of Kentucky's evaluation will be made