

Comment date: September 3, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

39. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER99-4094-000]

Take notice that on August 16, 1999, Illinois Power Company (Illinois Power), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, Illinois 62526, tendered for filing firm and non-firm transmission agreements under which West Penn Power Company d/b/a Allegheny Energy will take transmission service pursuant to its open access transmission tariff. The agreements are based on the Form of Service Agreement in Illinois Power's tariff.

Illinois Power has requested an effective date of August 1, 1999.

Comment date: September 3, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

40. Illinois Power Company

[Docket No. ER99-4095-000]

Take notice that on August 16, 1999, Illinois Power Company (Illinois Power), 500 South 27th Street, Decatur, Illinois 62526, tendered for filing firm and non-firm transmission agreements under which Louisville Gas & Electric will take transmission service pursuant to its open access transmission tariff. The agreements are based on the Form of Service Agreement in Illinois Power's tariff.

Illinois Power has requested an effective date of August 1, 1999.

Comment date: September 3, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

41. Grayling Generating Station—Limited Partnership

[Docket No. ER99-4096-000]

Take notice that on August 16, 1999, Grayling Generating Station Limited Partnership (Grayling), tendered for filing pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act and CFR Part 35, an Energy Purchase Agreement under Rate Schedule No. 2 which provides for sale at market-based rate of excess energy to its affiliated utility, Consumers Energy.

Grayling requests an effective date of September 1, 1999.

Copies of this filing were served upon the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Comment date: September 3, 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 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6429-9]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Assess Compliance with EPCRA Section 312 Reporting Requirements

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): Assess Compliance with EPCRA section 312 Reporting Requirements, EPA ICR number 1909.01. 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 October 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Environmental Protection Agency, 401 "M" Street, Office of Compliance, Chemical, Commercial Services and Municipal Division, mail code 2224A, Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Mason, at: tel. (202) 564-7037, FAX: (202) 564-0009, or E-mail: mason.john@epa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those states

which have received Tier II reporting forms required to be submitted annually to the State Emergency Response Commissions (SERC) and the Local Emergency Response Committees (LEPC) by persons who use chemicals subject to Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) for the past 4-year reporting period.

Title: Assess Compliance with EPCRA Section 312 Reporting Requirements.

Abstract: The information sought with this ICR is who among selected sectors that produce, use, or store hazardous chemicals (as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970) submitted Tier II forms to the SERC and/or the LEPC, and when did they submit them. This information is being sought to assess compliance with the requirements of EPCRA section 312.

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) section 312 requires facilities which are required to prepare or have available Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) as required by OSHA to submit an annual emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form containing the amount and location of hazardous chemicals stored at the facility. Although EPCRA section 312 is a federal requirement, State Emergency Response Commissions, and Local Emergency Planning Committees are the main recipients and benefactors of this information. The inventory reports allow "first responders" (e.g. local fire departments) to be informed about the presence of hazardous chemicals in the community and help facilitate development of the local emergency response plan. They also enhance community awareness of chemical hazards in the local area.

EPA has initiated compliance projects among a number of industrial, service and/or government sectors including: the iron and steel industry, the primary nonferrous metals industry, metal services (electroplating and coating), the chemical preparation industry, pulp and paper mills, the telecommunications industry, coal-fired power plants, the automobile servicing industry, mining, the petroleum refineries, organic chemical manufacturers, and municipalities. These projects include, in some cases, efforts to enhance compliance with EPCRA section 312.

EPA will be working with states and facilities to assure and confirm compliance with EPCRA requirements. In particular, EPA will ask the states whether the facilities submitted their Tier II forms and when during the

reporting year the forms were submitted.

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. The Agency has committed through its Strategic Plan, Goal 9 to provide a credible deterrent to pollution and greater compliance with the law. By ensuring compliance through an array of traditional and innovative approaches, EPA is working to mitigate and avoid risks to human health and the environment, and help the regulated community understand and fully comply with environmental and statutory requirements. The information on facilities that did not submit their Tier II forms will be forwarded to EPA Regional offices for appropriate follow-up.

(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. The reporting form has been discussed with Regional and headquarters EPCRA section 312 coordinators. Although there is variability among the states' ability to respond to this request, EPA Regions were asked to determine how long it would take each state in their Region to retrieve, review, and provide the information requested based on a list of specific facilities located in that state. Some of the Regional offices conducted some preliminary review of the requested information which was used to estimate burden hours. EPA has determined that three states and some California LEPCs have this information in automated files which would require minimum resources to access. This information was also considered in determining burden hours.

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. These projects have an anticipated length through September 30, 2001. However, we anticipate that if the information reveals any non-compliance, some follow-up with the states may be necessary. The information sought was kept to an absolute minimum to avoid any

problems with data identification or retrieval.

(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. To the extent possible, the Agency will collect the information through automated data systems.

Burden Statement: This information collection involves responses from 50 states, two territories (Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands), and the District of Columbia, for a total of 53 respondents.

The requested information will be collected as part of this specific one-time only Agency initiative for each relevant sector. EPA does not anticipate any capital or start-up costs. Since the states collect and retain the requested information as part of their state EPCRA section 312 program, EPA does not anticipate any operations or maintenance costs associated with this request. EPA Regional or Headquarters activities are considered as part of program oversight and will not be included as burden hours.

The estimated maximum burden for the respondents is estimated to be approximately 4440 hours at a cost of approximately \$78,125 (The cost of purchasing contract services, if needed, is estimated to be \$7500). This estimate is based on records review and recording time plus some oversight for three of the largest sectors (i.e. greatest number of facilities). The review may be conducted for more than three sectors but at fewer than all 53 respondents. The response cost is calculated using labor rates of \$17.48 per hour for clerical review and response time and \$30.34 for supervisory time. The source of labor rates is the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, March 1998, Table 4: Employment Costs of State and Local Government. This estimate includes the time needed to review the instructions, retrieve the records and record the results of the questionnaire.

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 19, 1999.

Bruce R. Weddle,

Acting Director, Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[AD-FRL-6430-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Automobile Refinish Coatings

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 EPA is planning to submit for renewal the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): "Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Automobile Refinish Coatings," EPA No. 1765.01, OMB No. 2060-0353, expires January 31, 2000. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, the EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: *Comments.* Comments should be submitted (in duplicate) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention: Docket No. A-95-18, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Docket. Information on the ICR and the Automobile Refinish Coatings Rule can be obtained from the docket (above) and is also available for downloading from the EPA's internet website for this rule at "http://www.epa.gov/ttn/uatw/183e/arc/arcp.html." The docket is available for public inspection and copying between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday, at the EPA's Air and Radiation Docket and