

near the Town of Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 791 (a)–825(r).

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Ronald S. Feltenberger, Universal Electric Power Corp., 1145 Highbrook Street, Akron, Ohio 44301, (330) 535–7115.

i. FERC Contact: Susan Tseng (202) 219–2798 or E-mail address at susan.tseng@FERC.fed.us.

j. Comment Date: March 24, 1999.

k. Description of Project: The proposed project would utilize the existing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Muskingum Lock and Dam #10 and Reservoir, and would consist of the following facilities: (1) a powerhouse downstream of the dam having an installed capacity of 4,000 kilowatts; (2) a new transmission line; and (3) appurtenant facilities. The proposed average annual generation is estimated to be 26 gigawatthours. The cost of the studies under the permit will not exceed \$1,750,000.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A5, A7, A9, A10, B, C, and D2.

m. Available Locations of Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 888 North Capitol Street, NE., room 2–A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 219–1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at Universal Electric Power Corp., Mr. Ronald S. Feltenberger, 1145 Highbrook Street, Akron, Ohio 44301, (330) 535–7115. A copy of the application may also be viewed or printed by accessing the Commission's website on the Internet at www.ferc.fed.us. For assistance, users may call (202) 208–2222.

*A5. Preliminary Permit—*Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

*A7. Preliminary Permit—*Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a

specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

*A9. Notice of intent—*A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

*A10. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—*A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and a study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

*B. 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.

*C. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—*Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "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, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

*D2. 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–6228–8]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; StarTrack Program

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: StarTrack Program, EPA ICR Number 1825.01. 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 March 4, 1999.

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. 1825.01.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: StarTrack Program, EPA ICR No. 1825.01. This is a new collection.

Abstract: U.S. EPA's New England Region office (Boston, MA), in conjunction with participating states and, in some cases, local agencies, is developing a third-party certification system for environmental performance as part of its StarTrack Program. Participants in StarTrack will develop, demonstrate, and/or test compliance tools and principles associated with third-party certification of environmental performance. The goal of the program is to expand the use of compliance and environmental management systems to improve protection of the environment, increase the public's understanding of a company's environmental performance, and further promote efficient use of public and private resources.

StarTrack is one of many reinvention initiatives within EPA. EPA's reinvention philosophy is focused on improving environmental results while allowing flexibility in how the improved results are achieved; sharing information and decision-making with all stakeholders; creating marketplace incentives for compliance with environmental requirements; and lessening the red-tape and paperwork burden of complying with environmental requirements.

Reinventing environmental protection means addressing the everyday inefficiencies and limitations associated with environmental regulations and managing for better environmental results. It includes designing and testing fundamentally new systems, such as those encouraged in StarTrack, and considering alternative approaches to address environmental challenges.

In each year of participation in StarTrack, a company agrees to audit its environmental compliance and management system and to prepare and publish a comprehensive environmental performance report. During every third year of participation, the company will have its compliance and management system audit results reviewed and certified by an independent third party. Follow-up certification may be required on a more frequent basis for facilities not meeting full certification requirements.

To participate, a company must have an established compliance auditing program and a demonstrated commitment to compliance, pollution prevention, and continuous improvement of environmental performance.

Applicants to the program must submit information addressing the selection factors (commitment to

compliance, continuous improvement, and pollution prevention), using examples, quantitative data, and existing documentation, where applicable. An applicant may submit information such as a compliance audit protocol, auditors' qualifications, and a sample of previous audit findings and corrective action plans to support a claim to an established compliance auditing program. The facility should have an acceptable compliance history including no open or recent major enforcement actions.

Upon acceptance to the program, the participant will sign a Letter of Commitment with the EPA Region, participating state regulatory agencies, and participating local regulatory agencies. Facilities renewing their status as a StarTrack company after their first year will not need to re-apply to the program, but will need to sign a Letter of Commitment for the new year of participation. The participant will be required to submit several reports documenting required StarTrack activities throughout the 12-month period of participation. It is ultimately the responsibility of the StarTrack facility to ensure that the following required documents are submitted to EPA in a timely fashion: audit workplans, reports and corrective action plans for all compliance and EMS audits; third party certifier reports and certifications; the facility improvement plan (in response to the certification report); and an annual environmental performance report.

Application to StarTrack is voluntary. Information submitted as part of the requirements for ongoing participation in the program (e.g., EMS and compliance audits, status reports, etc.) is mandatory to maintain StarTrack participatory status and to obtain the Program benefits.

EPA shall treat information claimed as confidential business information (CBI) in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR part 2. If the participant fails to claim the information as confidential upon submission, it may be made available to the public without further notice. EPA cannot guarantee that information submitted pursuant to this agreement and claimed as confidential will be immune from disclosure to a requester under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Participating state agencies will maintain CBI confidentiality to the extent allowed by relevant state law. Note that some state laws provide for a greater degree of access to and narrower protections for information considered confidential under federal law.

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 September 11, 1998 (63 FR 48725); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 hours per response for application to the program; 156 hours per response for program participation; and 67 hours per response for third-party auditor activities. 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: Businesses, State Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 68.

Frequency of Response: Annually
Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 11,391 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized 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 the EPA ICR number in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OP 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: January 26, 1999.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6229-1]

Notice of Open Meeting of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board on March 2-3, 1999

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) will hold an open meeting of the full Board in Washington, DC on March 2-3, 1999. The meeting will be held at the National Press Club, 13th Floor in the Holeman Lounge, 14th and F Street, NW, Washington, DC. The Tuesday, March 2 session will run from 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the Wednesday, March 3 session will begin at 8:15 a.m. and end at approximately 11:30 a.m.

EFAB is chartered with providing analysis and advice to the EPA Administrator on environmental finance. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss progress with work products under EFAB's current strategic action agenda. Environmental financing topics expected to be discussed include: Clean Water Plan, environmental and multi-state revolving funds, cost-effective environmental management, community-based environmental protection, brownfields redevelopment, and small business access to capital.

The meeting will be open to the public, but seating is limited. For further information, please contact Alecia Crichlow, EFAB Coordinator, U.S. EPA on (202) 564-5188, or Joanne Lynch, U.S. EPA on (202) 564-4999.

Dated: January 26, 1999.

Joseph Dillon,

Acting Comptroller.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6228-9]

Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board, Meeting Dates and Agenda

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of open meetings.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will convene two open meetings of the Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) on March 1, 1999, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on March 9, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Both meetings will be conducted by teleconference. The public is invited to join Ms. Ramona Trovato in Room 911, West Tower, Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C.

Topics for discussion will include at a minimum consistency of laboratory assessments from multiple accrediting authorities and assessors, the identity of the proficiency testing oversight board/proficiency testing provider accreditor in Chapter 2 of the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC) standards and the role the National Institute of Standards and Technology serves, confidentiality of laboratory inspections when State laboratory staff serve on inspection teams of private laboratories, harmonization of the NELAC standards and EPA's quality guidance, and clarification of calibration issues.

The public is encouraged to attend. Time will be allotted for public comment. Written comments are encouraged and should be directed to Ms. Elizabeth Dutrow; Designated Federal Officer; USEPA; 401 M Street, SW (8724R); Washington, DC 20460. If questions arise, please contact Ms. Dutrow by phone at (202) 564-9061, by facsimile at (202) 565-2441 or by email at dutrow.elizabeth@epamail.epa.gov.

Dated: January 26, 1999.

Thomas E. Dixon,

Acting Director, Quality Assurance Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6229-3]

Proposed Agreement Pursuant to Section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act for the Tar Lake Superfund Site

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA").

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment on proposed CERCLA 122(h)(1) agreement with 56th Century Antrim Iron Works, Inc. ("the Respondent") for the Tar Lake Superfund Site.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i)(1) of the Comprehensive

Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1984, as amended ("CERCLA") and section 7003(d) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), notification is hereby given of a proposed administrative agreement concerning the Tar Lake Company hazardous waste site at 1010 Elder Road, Mancelona, Michigan (the "Site"). EPA proposes to enter into this agreement under the authority of sections 106, 107 and 122 of CERCLA. The proposed agreement has not yet been executed by the Respondent or by EPA or the United States.

Under the proposed agreement, the Respondent will agree to pay oversight costs incurred by the U.S. EPA pursuant to the Administrative Order on Consent dated March 9, 1993, as amended at the Tar Lake Site, in Mancelona, Michigan. In addition, the Respondent will agree to reimburse the United States for \$3.5 million for the tar removal underway at the Site and to pay one-half of the tar removal costs, if any, that exceed \$10 million. EPA will agree not to take action against 56th Century for tar removal costs that do not exceed \$10 million or other future response costs, that when combined with the tar removal costs, do not exceed \$10 million.

For thirty days following the date of publication of this document, the EPA will receive written comments relating to this proposed agreement. EPA will consider all comments received and may decide not to enter this proposed agreement if comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed agreement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate. In accordance with section 7003(d) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6973(d), commenters may request an opportunity for a public hearing in the affected area.

DATES: Comments on the proposed agreement must be received on or before March 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604-3590, and should refer to: In the Matter of Tar Lake Site, Chicago, Illinois, U.S. EPA Docket No. V-W-98-C-471.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary L. Fulghum, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, C-14J, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604-3590, (312) 886-4683.

A copy of the proposed administrative settlement agreement may be obtained in person or by mail from the EPA's Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel, 77