

Annual Responses: 3,005.

Annual Burden: 751.

COMMENTS: Send all comments regarding this information collection to Bridget Dusenbury Disaster Resource Specialist, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, S.W. Suite 6050 Washington, D.C. 20416. Phone No.: 202-205-6734. Send comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, accuracy of burden estimate, in addition to ways to minimize this estimate, and ways to enhance the quality.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Title: "Lender Transcript of Account".

Type of Request: Extension of Currently Approved Collections.

Form No.: SBA Form 1149.

Description of Respondents: SBA Guaranty Lenders.

Annual Responses: 4,073.

Annual Burden: 4,073.

COMMENTS: Send all comments regarding this information collection to Annie McCluney, Program Analyst, Office of Borrower and Lender Servicing, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, S.W., Suite 8300 Washington, D.C. 20416. Phone No.: 202-205-7545. Send comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, accuracy of burden estimate, in addition to ways to minimize this estimate, and ways to enhance the quality.

Dated: October 9, 1996.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2894; Amendment #2]

North Carolina; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

In accordance with a notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, effective October 2, 1996, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include Rockingham County in the State of North Carolina as a disaster area due to damages caused by Hurricane Fran beginning on September 5, 1996 and continuing.

All counties contiguous to the above-named county have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the termination date for filing applications for physical damage is November 4, 1996, and for loans for

economic injury the deadline is June 6, 1997.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: October 8, 1996.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2896; Amendment #2]

Puerto Rico; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

In accordance with notices from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated September 11 and October 2, 1996, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include the Municipalities of Juana Diaz, Manati, and Trujillo Alto in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as a disaster area due to damages caused by Hurricane Hortense. This Declaration is further amended to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning on September 9, 1996 and continuing through September 11, 1996.

All contiguous municipalities have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the termination date for filing applications for physical damage is November 11, 1996, and for loans for economic injury the deadline is June 11, 1997.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: October 8, 1996.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2895; Amendment #2]

Virginia; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

In accordance with notices from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, dated September 27 and October 2, 1996, the above-numbered Declaration is hereby amended to include the Counties of Albemarle, Botetourt, Cumberland, and Westmoreland, and the Independent City of Charlottesville in the Commonwealth of Virginia as a disaster area due to damages caused by Hurricane Fran and associated severe storm conditions, including high winds, tornadoes, wind driven rain, and river

and flash flooding beginning on September 5, 1996 and continuing

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous Counties of Essex, Northumberland, Powhatan, and Richmond in the Commonwealth of Virginia may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location.

Any counties contiguous to the above-named counties and not listed herein have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, i.e., the termination date for filing applications for physical damage is November 6, 1996, and for loans for economic injury the deadline is June 9, 1997.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008.)

Dated: October 8, 1996.

Bernard Kulik,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Environmental Impact Statement: Lignite Power Generation Facility, Choctaw County, MS

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposed surface lignite coal mine and associated 400 megawatt (MW) lignite coal-fired power plant at a location near the City of Ackerman in Choctaw County in northeastern Mississippi. TVA's proposed actions are the purchase of all or part of the electric power output of the proposed power plant and interconnecting the plant with the TVA power system. The power plant will be owned by a joint venture of the Phillips Coal Company and CRSS, Inc.

DATES: Comments on the scope of the EIS must be postmarked no later than November 15, 1996. TVA will conduct a public meeting in the Ackerman, Mississippi area to discuss the project and obtain comments on the scope of the EIS. The location and time of this meeting are described below in the Scoping Process section.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Charles P. Nicholson, National Environmental Policy Act Specialist, Tennessee Valley Authority, mail stop: WT 8C, 400 West Summit

Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1499. Comments may also be e-mailed to cnichols@tva.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Bach, Tennessee Valley Authority, mail stop: CTR 1D, Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662-1010. E-mail may be sent to idwhc@tva.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

TVA's Integrated Resource Plan

In TVA's Integrated Resource Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, Energy Vision 2020, issued in December 1995, TVA evaluated the need for additional energy resources to meet customer demands in the TVA region and recognized that Independent Power Producers such as this project could fulfill part of the projected needs.

Project Description

A joint venture consisting of CRSS, Inc. and Phillips Coal Company submitted a proposal to TVA for the sale of the total electric power output from the 400 MW power plant. The power plant would use two circulating fluidized bed generating units and burn lignite coal from an adjacent deposit.

Phillips Coal Company owns the rights to extensive lignite coal deposits in northeastern Mississippi. Its proposed North Chester Mine would be designed to produce in excess of three million tons per year of lignite coal for a period of 30 years to supply the power plant. The mine is expected to be a surface mine that will use draglines and a truck and shovel operation to remove the overburden, mine the lignite coal, and reclaim the site. The lignite coal would likely be transported to the power plant by truck and/or overland conveyor. Over the life of the mine, about 4,275 acres would be disturbed and reclaimed.

TVA would connect the power plant to the TVA power distribution system by building a 161-kV, two-circuit, loop connection to the existing Sturgis-Eupora 161-kV transmission line and a 161-kV connection to the existing Louisville substation. These connections would be about 5 and 25 miles long, respectively.

In addition, a rail loop off of the Kansas City Southern and/or Columbus and Greenville railroads, a natural gas pipeline tap and lateral from nearby existing natural gas pipelines, and a water well field and pipeline may also be part of the project.

Although not part of the power plant or lignite coal mine that are the subjects of this EIS, it is anticipated that the power plant would be located in an "EcoPlex" industrial park being

planned by the State of Mississippi. Although the EcoPlex is not part of TVA's proposed action, this EIS will assess appropriate cumulative impacts of the power plant, mine and EcoPlex. The EcoPlex could also supply the mine-power plant complex with water and waste disposal services.

The EcoPlex would combine various manufacturing, energy production, and service businesses at a common location to help achieve the highest levels of efficiency in terms of energy consumption and joint feedstock/waste utilization. The types of industries that might best be suited for this type industrial park in northeastern Mississippi include: newsprint and other paper and wood products manufacturing and recycling industries; food processing; various recycling industries; industries that use gypsum as feedstock, such as manufacturers of wallboard, cement, and agrichemicals; brick and ceramic manufacturers; specialized aqua- and agriculture industries; and transportation fuel manufacturers.

Proposed Issues to be Addressed

The EIS will discuss the need for the proposed project and describe the existing environmental, cultural, recreational, and socioeconomic resources. It will describe the plant siting and location process, transportation methods for coal and other raw materials, mining methods and their potential environmental impacts. Mine reclamation plans will be discussed as will environmental impacts resulting from construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facilities; specifically, impacts to air quality, surface and ground water quality and resources, vegetation, wildlife, aquatic ecology, endangered and threatened species, wetlands and wetland wildlife, aesthetics and visual resources, land use, cultural and historic resources, light, and noise. These concerns and other important issues identified during the scoping process as well as engineering and economic considerations will be used to select a preferred power plant location near the North Chester Mine, mine plan, and other plant processes as appropriate.

Alternatives

In addition to the proposed alternative of purchasing all or part of the electric power output from the power plant, TVA will also consider a "no action" alternative which would be not to purchase the output from the plant. In addition, alternative power plant designs, mining and reclamation

plans, and lignite coal transport methods may be considered. TVA invites the public to comment on the proposed action and any or all of the alternatives suggested above or to suggest other possible alternatives.

Scoping Process

Scoping, which is integral to the EIS process, is a procedure that solicits public input to the EIS process to ensure that: (1) issues are identified early and properly studied; (2) issues of little significance do not consume substantial time and effort; (3) the EIS is thorough and balanced; and (4) delays caused by an inadequate EIS are avoided. TVA's procedures implementing the National Environmental Policy Act require that the scoping process commence after a decision has been reached to prepare an EIS in order to provide an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action. The scope of issues to be addressed in an EIS will be determined, in part, from written comments submitted by mail, and comments presented orally or in writing at a public scoping meeting. The preliminary identification of reasonable alternatives and environmental issues provided in this notice is not meant to be exhaustive or final. TVA considers the scoping process to be open and dynamic in the sense that alternatives other than those given above may warrant study and new matters may be identified for potential evaluation.

The scoping process will include both interagency and public scoping. The agencies expected to participate in interagency scoping include the National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and various State of Mississippi agencies including the Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, the Department of Economic and Community Development, State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Archives and History, and other federal, state and local agencies as appropriate.

The public is invited to submit written comments or e-mail comments on the scope of this EIS no later than the date given under the DATES section of this notice and/or attend the public scoping meeting. TVA will conduct a public meeting on the scope of the EIS in Ackerman, Mississippi on Tuesday, October 29, 1996. The meeting will be held at Ackerman High School, which is located at 280 East Main Street. Registration for the meeting will be from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be

visual displays and information handouts available during the registration period. The meeting will begin with brief presentations by representatives of TVA, Phillips Coal Company and CRSS, Inc. explaining the proposed project and the EIS process. Following this presentation there will be small group discussions facilitated by TVA staff to record the issues and concerns that the public believes should be considered in the EIS.

Upon consideration of the scoping comments, TVA will develop alternatives and identify important environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS. Following analysis of the environmental consequences of each alternative, TVA will prepare a draft EIS for public review and comment. Notice of availability of the draft EIS will be published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Register. TVA will solicit written comments on the draft EIS, and information about possible public meetings to comment on the draft EIS will be announced. TVA expects to release a final EIS by September 1998.

Dated: October 7, 1996.

Kathryn J. Jackson,
Senior Vice President, Resource Group.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists those forms, reports, and recordkeeping requirements imposed upon the public which were transmitted by the Department of Transportation to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its approval in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 USC Chapter 35). The Federal Register notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on August 8, 1996 [FR 61, page 41440].

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before November 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the DOT information collection requests should be forwarded, as quickly as possible, to Edward Clarke, Office of Management and Budget, New

Executive Office Building, Room 10202, Washington, D.C. 20503. If you anticipate submitting substantive comments, but find that more than 10 days from the date of publication are needed to prepare them, please notify the OMB official of your intent immediately.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the DOT information collection requests submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Scott Keller or Mr. Charles McGuire, Office of the Secretary, Office of Aviation Analysis, X-57, Department of Transportation, at the address above. Telephone: (202) 366-1031/4534.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3507 of Title 44 of the United States Code, as adopted by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, requires that agencies prepare a notice for publication in the Federal Register, listing those information collection requests submitted to OMB for approval or renewal under that Act. OMB reviews and approves agency submissions in accordance with criteria set forth in that Act. In carrying out its responsibilities, OMB also considers public comments on the proposed forms and the reporting and recordkeeping requirements. OMB approval of an information collection requirement must be renewed at least once every three years.

Title: Public Charters.

OMB Control Number: 2106-0005.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired.

Affected Public: Public charter operators.

Abstract: In 14 CFR 380 (adopted 1979) of its Special Regulations the Department established the terms and conditions governing the furnishing of public charters in air transportation by direct air carriers and public charter operators. Public charter operators arrange transportation for groups of persons on aircraft chartered from direct air carriers. This arrangement is less expensive for the travelers than individually buying a ticket. Further, the charter operator books hotel rooms, tours, etc., at destination for the convenience of the traveler.

Part 380 exempts charter operators from certain provisions of the U.S. Code in order that they may provide this service. A primary goal of Part 380 is to seek protection for the consumer. Accordingly, the rule stipulates that the charter operator must file evidence (a prospectus) with the Department for each charter program certifying that it has entered into a binding contract with

a direct carrier to provide air transportation and that it has also entered into agreements with Department-approved financial institutions for the protection of the charter participants' funds. The prospectus must be approved by the Department prior to the operator's advertising, selling or operating the charter. The forms (OST Forms 4532, 4533, 4534 and 4535) that comprise the operator's filing is the information collection at issue here.

In September 1992, the Department issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) [57 FR 42864, 9-16-92] to propose, among other revisions, that charter operators need no longer file prospectuses. The NPRM was in response to comments that prospectus filings were burdensome and unnecessary. However, the majority of respondents to the NPRM have urged the Department to retain the existing prospectus filing requirements. They desire the more complete consumer protection provided by the current rule. Without a complete prospectus it would be extremely difficult to assure that financial security and other consumer protection requirements are in place for each public charter operation.

The collection involved here requests general information about the charter operator and direct air carrier that will provide a public charter and requires each to certify that it has contracted with the other to provide the transportation. The routing, charter price and tour itinerary of the proposed charter are also identified. The collection also requires the charter operator, direct air carrier and financial institution(s) involved to certify that proper financial instruments are in place or other arrangements have been made to protect the charter participants' funds and that all parties will abide by the Department's public charter regulations.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 31,343 hours.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 9, 1996.

Phillip A. Leach,

Information Collection Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.