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Lois D. Cashell,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Environmental Compliance and Applicant Environmental Report Preparation Training Courses

July 16, 1997.

The Office of Pipeline Regulation (OPR) staff is conducting three sessions of its environmental compliance training course and the course on preparing the applicants environmental report.

These courses are a result of the positive response to our outreach training courses held since 1992. We encourage interested organizations and the public to take advantage of the courses to gain an understanding of the requirements and objectives of the Commission in ensuring compliance with all environmental certificate conditions and meeting its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act and other laws and regulations.

Environmental Report Preparation Course

The environmental report preparation course presentation and the manual focus primarily on Section 7 filings. However, the course manual will address the following topics:

- A. What types of projects require environmental filings
 1. Natural Gas Act section 7
 2. Natural Gas Policy Act filings
 3. Section 2.55 replacements
- B. What filings are required of each type of filing
- C. What to include in each filing
- D. Potential time saving procedures
 1. Applicant-prepared DEA
 2. Third-party EA or EIS.

The staff intends the manual to be a cookbook for preparing environmental filings under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

If you have specific questions related to the subject matter of this course, or if you would like the course to address a particular item, please call Mr. John Leiss at (202) 208-1106.

The one-day environmental report preparation course will be held on the dates and at the locations shown below. Attendees must call the number listed for the hotel by the reservation deadline and identify themselves as Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission seminar attendees to receive the discounted group rate.

We also intend to have a session in Salt Lake City in October. Information on that session (and registration forms) should be available by the end of July through the telephone number given below under Preregistration.

Session and Location:

September 9, Four Points Hotel, Riverwalk North, 110 Lexington Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78205.
September 22, Hynes Auditorium, 900 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02115, Information: (617) 954-2000

Reservation by: August 11.

Environmental Compliance Training Course

The two-day environmental compliance training course will include the following topics:

- A. Postcertificate clearance filings
- B. Environmental inspection as it relates to:
 1. Right-of-way preparation
 2. Temporary erosion control
 3. Cultural resources
 4. Waterbody crossings
 5. Wetland construction
 6. Residential area construction
 7. Right-of-way restoration, and
 8. Techniques for environmental compliance.

The environmental compliance training course will be held on the dates and at the locations shown below. Attendees must call the numbers listed for the hotels by the reservation deadline and identify themselves as FERC seminar attendees to receive the discounted group rate.

We also intend to have a session in Salt Lake City in October. Information on that session (and registration forms) should be available by the end of July through the telephone number given below under Preregistration.

Session and Location:

September 10-11, Four Points Hotel, Riverwalk North, 110 Lexington Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78205, 1-800-28TEXAS

September 23-24, Hynes Auditorium, 900 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02115, Information: (617) 954-2000

Reservation by: August 11.

Preregistration

The OPR staff and Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation, the Commission's environmental support contractor for natural gas projects, will conduct the training. There is no fee for the courses, but you must preregister because space is limited.

If you would like to attend either of these courses, please call the telephone

number listed below to obtain a preregistration form.¹ **Note:** If you plan to attend both the environmental report preparation session and the subsequent environmental compliance training session, you must preregister separately for each (only one form is needed). Attendance will be limited to the first 150 people to preregister in each course. Call or FAX requests for preregistration forms to: Ms. Donna Connor, c/o Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210, Telephone or FAX (Menu driven): (508) 384-1424.

You will receive confirmation of preregistration and additional information before the training course(s).

Additional training will be offered in the future. Please indicate whether you would like these courses to be offered again, or if you are interested in any other courses with different topics or audiences. Please indicate your preferences for location and time of year. Suggestions on format are welcome.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Amendment to Recreation Plan

July 16, 1997.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment to Recreation Plan.

Project Name and No: Kings Falls Project, FERC Project No. 7352-017.

c. *Date Filed:* August 27, 1996.

d. *Applicant:* Mercer Management, Inc.

e. *Location:* Lewis County, New York on the Deer River near the towns of Copenhagen and West Carthage.

f. *Filed pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 791 (a)-825(r).

g. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. David G. Crandell, Mercer Management, Inc., 330 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207-2981, (518) 434-1412.

h. *FERC Contact:* Steve Naugle, (202) 219-2805.

¹ The preregistration forms referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the forms were sent to those receiving this notice in the mail.

i. *comment Date*: September 8, 1997.

j. *Description of the filing*: The applicant requests the commission's approval to close the project site to public recreational access because of safety concerns and recurring incidents of vandalism. The project site presently provides picnicking, fishing, and scenic viewing opportunities. A 40-foot-high waterfall, known as Kings Falls, and a 30-acre reservoir are located at the site.

k. *This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs*: B, C1, D2.

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.

C1. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "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, DC 20426. A copy of any 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.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Questionnaire for Operations and Maintenance (O&M), Biosolids Use (Biosolids), Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO), and Storm Water (SW) Awards Nominees Under the Annual National Wastewater Management Excellence Awards Program (NWMEAP)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

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 continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Operations and Maintenance (O&M), Biosolids Use (Biosolids), Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO), and Storm Water (SW) Management Awards Nominees under EPA's National Wastewater Excellence Awards Program (NWMEAP), EPA ICR Number 1287.05, and OMB Control Number 2040-0101, approved through October 31, 1997. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted to: Office of Water, Office of Wastewater Management, Municipal Support Division, Municipal Assistance Branch, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria E. Campbell, 202-260-5815/Fax Number 202-260-0116/email at campbell.maria@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are public wastewater treatment plants, universities, manufacturing sites, and States.

Title: Questionnaires for Operations and Maintenance (O&M), Beneficial Biosolids Use (Biosolids), Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO), and Storm Water (SW) Management Awards Nominees under EPA's National Wastewater Management Excellence Awards Program (NWMEAP) (OMB Control No. 2040-0101, EPA ICR No. 1287.05) expires 10/31/97.

Abstract: This ICR requests re-approval to collect data from EPA's

NWMEAP nominees. The awards are for the following program categories: O&M, Biosolids, CSO, and SW management. (Note: Information collection approval for the Pretreatment awards program is included in the National Pretreatment Program ICR (OMB Control No. 2040-0009, EPA ICR No. 0003.08), expiring October 31, 1999). The NWMEAP is managed by EPA's Office of Wastewater Management (OWM). The NWMEAP is authorized under Section 501(e) of the Clean Water Act, as amended. The NWMEAP is intended to provide recognition to communities and industries which have demonstrated outstanding technological achievements, innovative processes, or other outstanding methods in their waste treatment and pollution abatement programs. Approximately 50 awards are presented annually. The achievements of these award winners are summarized in reports, news articles and national publications.

The information is collected from approximately 200 respondents at a total cost of \$65,400 per year and 2800 burden hours, including \$38,600 and 1600 burden hours for the respondents' time, and \$26,800 and 1200 burden hours for the States' review time. Submission of information on behalf of the respondents is voluntary. No confidential information is requested. The agency only collects information from award nominees under 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. Based on the data collection, national panels will evaluate the nominees' efforts and recommend finalists. The collections will be used by the respective awards programs to evaluate and determine which abatement achievements should be recognized.

The O&M awards program has nine categories which recognize municipal achievements. The biosolids awards program has four categories which recognize municipal biosolids operations, technology and research achievements, and public acceptance; the CSO awards program has one category which recognizes municipal programs; and the SW awards program has two categories which recognize municipal and industrial programs. All nominees are screened for environmental compliance by the States and EPA. Municipalities and institutions desiring to be considered for National awards voluntarily complete the questionnaires and provide design and operating information about their facility. The award nominations are reviewed by State/Regional officials