

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Application Filed With the Commission**

September 11, 1998.

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

a. Type of Application: Amendment of License to Authorize the City of Hot Springs, Arkansas, (City) to Construct and Operate a New Water Intake with a Capacity to Withdraw 20 Million Gallons Per Day (MGD) From Lake Hamilton. The Proposed Facility would Replace an Existing Intake Constructed in 1966, which Currently Withdraws 12 MGD. The City Currently is Expanding its Existing Ouachita Water Treatment Facilities at Lake Hamilton to Accommodate an Increasing Local Demand for Municipal Water.

b. Project No.: 271-053.

c. Date Filed: September 1, 1998.

d. Applicant: Entergy Arkansas, Inc.

e. Name of Project: Carpenter-Rommel Hydroelectric Project.

f. Location: Garland and Hot Springs Counties, Arkansas.

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

h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Bobby Pharr, Entergy Fossil Operations, Lake Catherine/Hydro/ERS, P.O. Box 218, Jones Mill, AR 72105, (501) 620-5674.

i. FERC Contact: Jim Haimes, (202) 219-2780.

j. Comment Date: October 9, 1998.

k. Description of Project: The licensee is requesting the Commission's authorization to permit the City of Hot Springs, Arkansas to construct and operate a new 20 MGD water intake on Lake Hamilton. The proposed facility would replace the City's existing water intake, which currently withdraws up to 12 MGD from Lake Hamilton.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6161-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Evaluation of Jobs Through Recycling Grant Projects

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 the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Evaluation of Jobs Through Recycling Grant Projects, ICR Number 1865.01. 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 October 16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY: 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. 1865.01. Alternatively, download off the Jobs Through Recycling Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/jtr/seconds/program/program.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Evaluation of Jobs Through Recycling Grant Projects, ICR Number 1865.01. This is a new collection.

Abstract: EPA launched the Jobs Through Recycling (JTR) initiative in 1994 to help facilitate the growth of the recycling industry and thereby increase the environmental and economic benefits created by recycling. The industry includes businesses involved in collecting, processing, manufacturing, and selling products made from recovered materials. With JTR, EPA intended to help state and tribal agencies build a support infrastructure of economic development activities which create jobs, increase capital invested in the recycling industry, create new recycling capacity, and increase the amount of secondary materials actually used.

To assess the success of the JTR grant projects, EPA designed a methodology to evaluate the results, accomplishments, and lessons learned from each JTR grant. The first step in the methodology is to review grant workplans, progress and final reports, and grant products. The second step is to interview the grantees as well as one project partner and one business assisted by each grantee. To facilitate the evaluation, EPA developed an interview guide with a standard set of questions for grantees, project partners, and assisted businesses. The interview guide will enable EPA to collect both qualitative and quantitative information on the accomplishments of the JTR grantees through either phone or onsite interviews. Grantees, for example, are asked to describe the lessons learned and challenges overcome in implementing and managing their projects as well as the results, such as the number of jobs created, amount of capital invested, volume of new capacity created, and volume of secondary materials actually used. EPA pilot tested the evaluation process and the discussion guide with six 1994 JTR grants. All participation in JTR project evaluation interviews is voluntary.

The purpose of the ICR is to allow EPA to continue its evaluation of JTR grant projects by measuring the success of the remaining 1994 grant projects as well as the grants awarded in 1995, 1996, and 1997. The information compiled during these interviews will be disseminated to current and future program participants as well as other recycling market development professionals, so that others can replicate project successes and avoid past mistakes. In addition, EPA will use the information gathered to help identify opportunities to improve the overall JTR program and ensure its continued growth and success. Finally, the evaluation will assist EPA in complying with the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), by measuring progress towards the goals and objectives detailed in the EPA Strategic Plan.

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** Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 6/2/98 (63 FR 29988); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6 hours per response from JTR grantees and 2.25 hours per response from project partners and assisted businesses. 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: Entities potentially affected by this action are JTR grantees, which include state, multistate, and tribal organizations that have received grant funding through JTR. Also affected are

project partners (including state and local agencies) and selected businesses assisted by JTR grantees.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 35.

Frequency of Response: One-time only.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 122.5 hours.

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. 1865.01 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: September 9, 1998.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6161-3]

Texas; Full Program Adequacy Determination of State Municipal Solid Waste Permit Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of tentative determination of full program adequacy for the State of Texas.

SUMMARY: Section 4005(c)(1)(B) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984, requires States to develop and implement permit programs to ensure that municipal solid waste landfills (MSWLFs) which may receive household hazardous waste or conditionally exempt small quantity generator waste, comply with the revised Federal MSWLF Criteria (40 CFR part 258). Section 4005(c)(1)(C) of RCRA requires the (EPA) to determine whether States have "adequate" permit programs for MSWLFs, but does not mandate issuance of a rule for such determinations.

Texas applied for a determination of adequacy under section 4005 of RCRA.

The EPA reviewed Texas' application and made a tentative determination subject to public review and comment, that Texas' MSWLF permit program is adequate to ensure compliance with the revised MSWLF criteria.

DATES: All comments on Texas' application for full determination of adequacy must be received by the close of business on October 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of Texas' application for adequacy determination are available for inspection and copying from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the following addresses: Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission File Room, Room 1301, Building F, 12100 Park 35 Circle (Yager Lane Exit, IH 35 North), Austin, Texas (512) 239-0900; EPA Region 6 Library, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas Attn.: Willie Kelley, (214) 665-6760, or Shari McAllister (214) 665-6424. Written comments should be sent to EPA Region 6, Attn. Willie Kelley (6PD-U) 1445 Ross Avenue Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherry Fuerst, UST/Solid Waste Section (6PD-U), EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, phone 214/665-6454.

A. Background

On October 9, 1991, EPA promulgated revised criteria for MSWLFs (40 CFR part 258). Subtitle D of RCRA, as amended by the HSWA of 1984, requires States to develop permitting programs to ensure that facilities comply with the Federal criteria in 40 CFR part 258. Subtitle D also requires, in section 4005, that EPA determine the adequacy of State municipal solid waste landfill permit programs to ensure that facilities comply with the revised Federal criteria at 40 CFR part 258. To fulfill this requirement, the Agency has proposed a State Implementation Rule (SIR). On January 26, 1996, EPA proposed SIR (61 FR 2584) that will provide procedures by which EPA will approve, partially approve, or disapprove State landfill permit programs. The Agency intends to approve adequate State MSWLF permit programs as applications are submitted. Thus, these approvals are not dependent on final promulgation of the SIR. Prior to promulgation of the SIR, adequacy determinations will be made based on the statutory authorities and requirements. In addition, States may use the draft SIR as an aid in interpreting these requirements. The Agency believes that early approvals have an important benefit. Approved State permit programs provide interaction between the State and the