

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****[Docket No. PL98-1-001]****Public Access to Information and Electronic Filing; Comment Period on Staff Issue Paper on Electronic Filing**

June 30, 1999.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.**ACTION:** Notice of comment period on staff issue paper on electronic filing.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Staff (Staff) held a technical conference on electronic filings on June 24, 1999. Prior to the conference, Staff posted on its web site an issue paper containing Staff's analysis and preliminary recommendation on various electronic filing issues. At the conference, Staff stated that additional comments on the issue paper may be filed on or before July 15, 1999. This notice provides interested persons with an opportunity to file these comments.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by close of business on July 15, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brooks Carter, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 42-29, Washington, D.C. 20426, (202) 501-8145, FAX: (202) 208-2425, E-Mail: brooks.carter@ferc.fed.us.

Wilbur Miller, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 91-17, Washington, D.C. 20426, (202) 208-0953.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides all interested persons an opportunity to inspect or copy the contents of this document during normal business hours in the Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426.

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Finally, the complete text on diskette in WordPerfect may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, RVJ International, RVJ International, Inc., is located in the Public Reference Room 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Notice of Comment Period on Staff Issue Paper on Electronic Filing**

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will allow comments to be filed on a staff issue paper on electronic filing issues on or before July 15, 1999. Staff posted the issue paper on the Commission's web site 10 days in advance of the Commission's June 24, 1999, Technical Conference on electronic filing. Staff announced at the conference that it would allow comments to be filed on the issue paper and is herein providing formal notice that any person interested in this docket may file comments, regardless of whether they participated in the technical conference.

The issue paper contains Staff's analyses and preliminary recommendations for major electronic filing issues, including:

- (1) Filing Formats
- (2) Citation
- (3) Record Retention
- (4) Official Filing Date
- (5) Electronic Filing Authentication and Verification (Signatures)
- (6) Document Content Standards (for Electronic Submissions)
- (7) Electronic Filing Phase 1 Profile

The recommendations are Staff's preliminary recommendations and do not

constitute a proposal by the Commission. These preliminary recommendations are based in part on an analysis of comments received in response to a request for comments issued in Docket No. PL98-1-000 on May 13, 1998. They are available on the Commission's web site (<http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/efi.htm>). Through this link, interested persons can access all information pertinent to Docket No. PL98-1, including comments and materials from all previous technical conferences.

At the conference, Staff also demonstrated prototype screens for electronic filing. Interested persons may access the prototype at <http://itdevl.ferc.fed.us/>. There is a message board where interested persons can post comments on the prototype, including any suggested changes. Comments posted on the message board are viewable by anyone accessing the system. It is not necessary to formally submit message board comments to the Commission unless you want your comments included in the formal record of this proceeding.

**Comment Procedures**

The Commission invites interested persons to submit written comments on the matters and issues referenced in this notice, including any related matters or alternative proposals that commenters may wish to discuss.

The original and 14 copies of such comments must be received by the Commission before 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 1999. Comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426 and should refer to Docket No. PL98-1-001.

In addition to filing paper copies, the Commission encourages the filing of comments either on computer diskette or via Internet E-Mail. Comments may be filed in the following formats: WordPerfect 8.0 or below, MS Word Office 97 or lower version, or ASCII format.

For diskette filing, include the following information on the diskette label: Docket No. PL98-1-001; the name of the filing entry; the software and version used to create the file; and the name and telephone number of a contact person.

For Internet E-Mail submission, comments should be submitted to "comment.rm@ferc.fed.us" in the following format. On the subject line, specify Docket No. PL98-1-001. In the body of the E-Mail message, include the name of the filing entity; the software and version used to create the file, and the name and telephone number of the contact person. Attach the comment to the E-Mail in one of the formats specified above. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's E-Mail address upon

receipt. Questions on electronic filing should be directed to Brooks Carter at 202-501-8145, E-Mail address [brooks.carter@ferc.fed.us](mailto:brooks.carter@ferc.fed.us).

Commenters should take note that, until the Commission amends its rules and regulations, the paper copy of the filing remains the official copy of the document submitted. Therefore, any discrepancies between the paper filing and the electronic filing or the diskette will be resolved by reference to the paper filing.

All written comments will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for inspection in the Commission's Public Reference room at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, D.C. 20426, during regular business hours. Additionally, comments may be viewed, printed, or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's Home Page using the RIMS or CIPS links. RIMS contains all comments but only those comments submitted in electronic format are available on CIPS. User assistance is available at 202-208-2222, or by E-Mail to [rimsmaster@ferc.fed.us](mailto:rimsmaster@ferc.fed.us).

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6367-6]

### Transfer of Confidential Business Information to Contractors

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of transfer of data and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** EPA will transfer to its contractors, ERG, Inc. and Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) Confidential Business Information (CBI) that has been or will be submitted to EPA under section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Under RCRA, EPA is involved in activities to support, expand and implement solid and hazardous waste regulations.

**DATES:** Transfer of confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than July 19, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Regina Magbie, Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Comments should be identified as "Transfer of Confidential Data."

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regina Magbie, Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W),

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, 703-308-7909.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### 1. Transfer of Confidential Business Information

Under EPA Contract No. 68-C5-0032, ERG., Inc. will support the Office of Water in developing and effluent guidelines rule for industrial laundries. As part of this effort, the contractor ERG., Inc. has conducted numerous site visits at industrial laundries, and implemented a national survey dealing with the demographics of materials handled by industrial laundries, including their major customers, the types and volumes of materials they launder, the technologies used to launder the incoming materials, and the concentration and volumes of discharges to the air, surface waters and landfills. Also, associated with this effort has been the development of economic and environmental impacts for this industry.

Similarly, under EPA Contract 68-W-98-025, SAIC, Inc. will support the Office of Solid Waste in developing a proposed rule for solvent-contaminated shop towels, wipes and rags that could affect an impact both generation facilities, such as printers and furniture manufacturers, and industrial laundries. As part of this effort, supporting data will be provided by the Office of Water and their contractor.

The industrial laundry industry is quiet sensitive to having EPA reveal facility specific information that could jeopardize their competitive position. As a result, a considerable amount of facilities where site visits were conducted claimed CBI. The purpose of our visits is to better understand the relationship between the types and quantities of sludges generated by an industrial laundry as a function of (1) Incoming materials, particularly solvent-contaminated shop towels, and (2) the types of technologies industrial laundries might use to either remove RCRA hazardous solvents prior to the laundering process, such as centrifuges or hydraulic presses, or other technologies a laundry might employ to treat hazardous solvents during the laundering process, such as steam stripping. Therefore, RCRA CBI may be claimed by an industrial laundry facility because we are collecting data associated with the above, including performance and cost data associated with pretreatment and treatment technologies, and sludge characterization data.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.305(h) (see 42 U.S.C. 6927(b)), EPA has determined that ERG, Inc. and SAIC, Inc. require access to CBI submitted to EPA under the authority of RCRA to perform work satisfactorily under the above-noted contract. EPA is submitting this notice to inform all submitters of CBI of EPA's intent to transfer CBI to these firms on a need-to-know basis. Upon completing its review of materials submitted, ERG, Inc. and SAIC, Inc. will return all CBI to EPA.

EPA will authorize ERG, Inc. and SAIC, Inc. access to RCRA CBI under the conditions and terms in EPA's "Contractor Requirements for the Control and Security of RCRA Confidential Business Information Security Manual." Prior to transferring CBI to ERG, Inc. and SAIC, Inc. EPA will review and approve its security plans and ERG, Inc. and SAIC, Inc. will sign non-disclosure agreements.

Dated: June 30, 1999.

**Elizabeth Cotsworth,**

*Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6372-1]

### Air Pollution Control; Proposed Action on Clean Air Act Grant to the South Coast Air Quality Management District

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice; proposed determination with request for comments and notice of opportunity for public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA has made a proposed determination that reductions in expenditures of non-Federal funds for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) in Diamond Bar, California are a result of non-selective reductions in expenditures. This determination, when final, will permit the SCAQMD to be awarded financial assistance for FY-99 by EPA, under section 105(c) of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

**DATES:** Comments and/or requests for a public hearing must be received by EPA at the address stated below by August 6, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments and/or requests for a public hearing should be mailed to: Valerie Cooper, Grants and Program Integration Office (Air-8), Air Division, U.S. EPA Region IX, 75