

Southwestern designed its rates for these services on that basis and provided (in Rate Schedules P-98B and NFTS-98B) that the rates for these services were only to be applied to the transmission transactions that served load within Southwestern's control area.

For reliability purposes, Southwestern operates its control area in accordance with the operating criteria of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP). The SPP criteria related to operating reserves require that each control area maintain an amount of operating reserves based on its net load responsibility. The effect of this is that Southwestern provides operating reserves on all generation in its control area for both internal and external delivery.

After reviewing the existing operating conditions, Southwestern has determined that rate schedules P-98B and NFTS-98B need to be revised to reflect the criteria under which Southwestern operates its transmission system and provides the Operating Reserve Services. Southwestern proposes to revise the terms and conditions relating to the two Operating Reserve ancillary services to charge for these services for all transmission transactions utilizing generation sources located within Southwestern's control area because Southwestern is actually providing the Operating Reserve services for those transactions. In addition to these changes, the billing units for these services will be revised to reflect the additional users of these services, resulting in a decrease in the unit rate for these services from \$0.03 per kW/month for Spinning Operating Reserve Services and \$0.03 per kW/month for Supplemental Operating Reserve Services to approximately \$0.0073 per kW/month for each of these two ancillary services. This *will not* change Southwestern's revenue requirements to recover the cost of providing these services.

Redlined versions of the revised rate schedules NFTS-98C and P-98C will be made available upon request. To request a copy, please contact Barbara Otte at 918-595-6674 or at otte@swpa.gov or Tracey Hannon at 918-595-6677 or at hannon@swpa.gov.

The Administrator has determined that written comments will provide adequate opportunity for public participation in the rate schedule revision process. Therefore, an opportunity is presented for interested parties to submit written comments on the proposed rate schedule changes. Written comments are due no later than thirty (30) days following publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Five copies of written comments should be

submitted to: Michael A. Deihl, Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third Street, Suite 1400, Tulsa, OK 74103.

Following review and consideration of written comments, the Administrator will finalize and submit the proposed rate schedules to the Secretary of Energy for approval on an interim basis. The Secretary will then forward the proposed rate schedules to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for confirmation and approval on a final basis.

Issued at Tulsa, OK this 25th day of August 1999.

Michael A. Deihl,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00277; FRL-6096-4]

Pre-Manufacture Reporting and Exemption Requirements; Request for Comments on Proposed Renewal Information Collection

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), EPA is seeking public comment and information on the following Information Collection Request (ICR): Pre-Manufacture Review Reporting and Exemption Requirements for New Chemical Substances and Significant New Use Reporting Requirements for Chemical Substances (EPA ICR No. 0574.11, OMB No. 2070-0012). This ICR involves a collection activity that is currently approved and scheduled to expire on December 31, 1999. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection activity and its expected burden and costs. Before submitting this ICR to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval under the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection.

DATES: Written comments, identified by the docket control number "OPPTS-00277" and administrative record number 215, must be received on or before November 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the

"SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION" section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information contact: Christine M. Augustyniak, Associate Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; Telephone: 202-554-1404; TDD: 202-554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov. For technical information contact: Jim Alwood, Chemical Control Division (7405), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-1857; Fax: 202-260-8168; e-mail: alwood.jim@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does This Notice Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this notice if you manufacture or import new chemical substances, as defined by the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), or manufacture, process, or import a chemical substance for a use that has been determined a significant new use, as defined by TSCA. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to the following:

Type of Business	Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code
Chemical manufacturing	28
Petroleum refining	29
Photographic equipment	386

This table is not intended to be exhaustive but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this table could also be affected. To determine whether you or your business is affected by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability provisions at 40 CFR part 720, Subpart B, 40 CFR part 721, Subparts A and C, 40 CFR part 723, Subpart B, and 40 CFR part 725, Subparts A, B, D, E, F, G, and L. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

II. How Can I Get Additional Information or Copies of This Document or Other Support Documents?

A. Electronic Availability

Electronic copies of this ICR are available from the EPA website at the "Federal Register-Environmental Documents" entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>). You can follow the menu to find this **Federal Register** notice using the publication date or the **Federal Register** citation for this notice.

B. Fax-on-Demand

You may request to receive a faxed copy of the ICR by using a faxphone to call 202-401-0527 and selecting item 4071. You may also follow the automated menu.

C. In Person or By Phone

If you have any questions or need additional information about this notice or the ICR referenced, please contact the person identified in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

In addition, the official record for this notice, including the public version, has been established under docket control number "OPPTS-00277" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of any electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI), is available for inspection in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE B-607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The Center is open from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number of the Center is 202-260-7099.

III. How Can I Respond to This Notice?

A. How and to Whom Do I Submit the Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. Be sure to identify the appropriate docket control number "OPPTS-00277" and administrative record number 215 in your correspondence.

1. *By mail.* Submit written comments to: Document Control Office (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver written comments to: Document Control Office in Rm. G-099, Waterside Mall,

401 M St., SW., Washington, DC, Telephone: 202-260-7093.

3. *Electronically.* Submit your comments and/or data electronically by e-mail to: oppt.ncic@epa.gov. Please note that you should not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comment and data will also be accepted on standard computer disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number "OPPTS-00277" and administrative record number 215. Electronic comments on this notice may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

B. How Should I Handle CBI Information That I Want To Submit To the Agency?

You may claim information that you submit in response to this notice as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must also be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult with the technical person, listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

C. What Information is EPA Particularly Interested in?

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimates of the burdens of the proposed collections of information.
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
4. Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

D. What Should I Consider When I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

We invite you to provide your views on the various options we propose, new approaches we haven't considered, the potential impacts of the various options (including possible unintended consequences), and any data or information that you would like the Agency to consider during the development of the final action. You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

- Explain your views as clearly as possible.
- Describe any assumptions that you used.
- Provide solid technical information and/or data to support your views.
- If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate.
- Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
- Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
- Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
- At the beginning of your comments (e.g., as part of the "Subject" heading), be sure to properly identify the document on which you are commenting. You can do this by providing the docket control number assigned to the notice, along with the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation, or by using the appropriate EPA or OMB ICR number.

IV. To What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Notice Apply?

EPA is seeking comments on the following ICR:

Title: Pre-Manufacture Review Reporting and Exemption Requirements for New Chemical Substances and Significant New Use Reporting Requirements for Chemical Substances.

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 0574.11, OMB No. 2070-0012.

ICR status: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on December 31, 1999. 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 information collections appear on the collection instruments or instructions, in the **Federal Register** notices for related rulemakings and ICR notices, and, if the collection is contained in a regulation, in a table of OMB approval numbers in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: TSCA section 5 requires manufacturers and importers of new

chemical substances to submit to EPA notice of intent to manufacture or import a new chemical substance 90 days before manufacture or import begins. EPA reviews the information contained in the notice to evaluate the health and environmental effects of the new chemical substance. On the basis of the review, EPA may take further regulatory action under TSCA, if warranted. If EPA takes no action within 90 days, the submitter is free to manufacture or import the new chemical substance without restriction.

TSCA section 5 also authorizes EPA to issue Significant New Use Rules (SNURs). EPA uses this authority to take follow-up action on new or existing chemicals that may present an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment if used in a manner that may result in different and/or higher exposures of a chemical to humans or the environment. Once a use is determined to be a significant new use, persons must submit a notice to EPA 90 days before beginning manufacture, processing, or importation of a chemical substance for that use. Such a notice allows EPA to receive and review information on such a use and, if necessary, regulate the use before it occurs.

Finally, TSCA section 5 also permits applications for exemption from section 5 review under certain circumstances. An applicant must provide information sufficient for EPA to make a determination that the circumstances in question qualify for an exemption. In granting an exemption, EPA may impose appropriate restrictions.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory (see 40 CFR parts 720, 721, and 723). Respondents may claim all or part of a notice confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

V. What Are EPA's Burden and Cost Estimates for This ICR?

Under the PRA, "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. For this collection it 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.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of this estimate, which is only briefly summarized in this notice. The annual public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 101.5 hours per response. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

Respondents/affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are manufacturers or importers of new chemical substances, as defined by the TSCA, or manufacturers, processors, or importers of a chemical substance for a use that has been determined a significant new use, as defined by TSCA.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 432.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated total/average number of responses for each respondent: 5–6 (average).

Estimated total annual burden hours: 241,611 hours.

Estimated total annual burden costs: \$31.665 million.

VI. Are There Changes in the Estimates From the Last Approval?

There is no change in burden from that indicated in the information collection most recently approved by OMB.

VII. What is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Information collection requests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: September 2, 1999.

Susan H. Wayland,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality (PSD) Final Determinations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of final actions.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this document is to announce that between April 9, 1997, and February 28, 1999, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 2 Office, issued 2 final determinations, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection issued 4 final determinations and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) issued 2 final determinations pursuant to the Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality (PSD) regulations codified at 40 CFR 52.21. In addition, this notice announces a third EPA Region 2 final determination that occurred after February 28, 1999 on the AES Puerto Rico, L.P. PSD permit issued by EPA.

DATES: The effective dates for the above determinations are delineated in the following chart (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Frank Jon of the Permitting Section, Air Programs Branch, Division of Environmental Planning and Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 Office, 290 Broadway, 25th Floor, New York, New York 10007–1866, at (212) 637–4085.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the PSD regulations, the EPA Region 2 Office, the NJDEP, and the NYSDEC have made final PSD determinations relative to the sources listed below: