

Administration (Bonneville) (as Transmission Customer).

A copy of the filing was served upon Bonneville.

*Comment date:* October 21, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 16. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. ER00-7-000]

Take notice that on October 1, 1999, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (as Transmission Provider), tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service with the United States of America Department of Energy acting by and through the Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) (as Transmission Customer).

A copy of the filing was served upon Bonneville.

*Comment date:* October 21, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 17. Puget Sound Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. ER00-6-000]

Take notice that on October 1, 1999, Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (as Transmission Provider), tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service with the United States of America Department of Energy acting by and through the Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) (as Transmission Customer).

A copy of the filing was served upon Bonneville.

*Comment date:* October 21, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### 18. TransÉnergie U.S. Ltd

[Docket No. ER00-1-000]

Take notice that on October 1, 1999, TransÉnergie US Ltd. (TEUS), tendered for filing pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, a Transmission Tariff offering transmission service over TEUS' proposed Cross Sound Cable Interconnector. The proposed Interconnector will connect the 345 kV bulk power system in Connecticut with the 138 kV bulk power system on Long Island via a direct current submarine cable under the Long Island Sound. TEUS petitioned the Commission for an order accepting the Tariff and granting related authorizations and waivers.

Copies of the filing have been served on the New York and Connecticut regulatory agencies, the New York ISO, ISO-New England, United Illuminating Company, LIPA, and the Northeast Power Coordinating Council.

*Comment date:* October 21, 1999, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

#### Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6459-4]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities:

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Operating Permits Regulations

**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): Part 70 Operating Permits Regulations, EPA ICR Number 1587.04, OMB Control Number 2060-0243, expiration date February 28, 2000. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comment on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 17, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** For a copy of the draft ICR estimates, contact Roger Powell at (919)

541-5331 or "powell.roger@epa.gov" and refer to EPA ICR Number 1587.05. To obtain a copy of the draft ICR estimates electronically, go to: "http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/t5ria.html" on the internet.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roger Powell at (919) 541-5331 and e-mail address listed above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Affected entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are those which must apply for and obtain an operating permit under title V of the Clean Air Act (Act). These, in general, include sources which are defined as "major" under any title of Act.

**Title:** Part 70 Operating Permits Regulations; OMB Control Number 2060-0243; EPA ICR Number 1587.04; expiring February 28, 2000.

**Abstract:** Title V of the Act requires States to develop and implement a program for issuing operating permits to all source that fall under any Act definition of major and certain other non-major sources that are subject to Federal air quality regulations. The Act further requires EPA to develop regulations that establish the minimum requirements for those State operating permits programs and to oversee implementation of the programs. The EPA regulations setting forth requirements for the operating permits programs are at part 70, title 40, chapter I of the Code of Federal Regulations.

In implementing title V of the Act and EPA's part 70 operating permits regulations, State and local permitting agencies must develop programs and submit them to EPA for approval (section 502(d)) and sources subject to the program must develop operating permit applications and submit them to the permitting authority within 1 year after program approval (section 503). Permitting authorities will then issue permits (section 503(c)) and thereafter enforce, revise, and renew those permits at no more than 5-year intervals (section 502(d)). Permit applications and proposed permits will be provided to, and are subject to review by, EPA (section 505(a)). All information submitted by a source and the issued permit shall also be available for public review except for confidential information which will be protected from disclosure (section 503(e)). Sources will semi-annually submit compliance monitoring reports to the permitting authorities (section 504(a)). The EPA has the responsibility to oversee implementation of the program and to administer a Federal operating permits program in the event a program is not approved for a State (section 502(d)(3))

or if EPA determines the permitting authority is not adequately administering its approved program (section 502(i)(4)). The activities to carry out these tasks are considered mandatory and necessary for implementation of title V and the proper operation of the operating permits program. This notice provides updated burden estimates from a previously approved ICR.

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 EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Burden Statement:** The projected cost for implementing the part 70 program for the 3 years from February 28, 2000 until February 28, 2003 are approximately 5 million annual burden hours at an annual cost of approximately 223 million dollars. 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.

The burden hours break out to be just under 1.5 million hours for permitting authorities and just over 3.5 million hours for sources. The costs break out to be around 53 million dollars per year for permitting authorities and 170 million dollars per year for sources. During the period of this ICR, permitting authorities (in addition to general administration of the program) primarily will be issuing the remaining permits required by the program (just under 10,000), revising permits that have already been issued, renewing permits whose 5-year terms will expire, and reviewing semi-annual compliance monitoring reports for issued permits. Sources in the part 70 program primarily will be interacting with the permitting authority on permit issuance (for those that have not been issued), preparing semi-annual compliance monitoring reports, revising their permits as needed, carrying out periodic monitoring that was created as a result of the program, and preparing applications for permit renewal as necessary.

Dated: October 6, 1999.

**William T. Harnett,**

*Acting Director, Information Transfer and Program Integration Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6460-3]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Investigation Into Possible Noncompliance of Motor Vehicles With Federal Emission Standards

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Investigation into Possible Noncompliance of Motor Vehicles with Federal Emission Standards, EPA ICR No. 222.05, OMB Control No. 2060-0086, expiration date November 30, 1999. 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 November 17, 1999.

**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. 222.05.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Investigation into Possible Noncompliance of Motor Vehicles with Federal Emission Standards. (OMB Control No. 2060-0086, EPA ICR No. 222.05), expiring 11/30/99. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** This information collection includes three instruments that are used by the U.S. EPA to identify motor vehicles and engines for possible inclusion in its emissions control testing programs. The self-addressed postcard and owner telephone questionnaire are completed using information given by owners of vehicles or engines from a vehicle class under investigation. The maintenance verification form is administered to representatives of service facilities that performed maintenance on vehicles or engines whose owners have responded to the owner telephone questionnaire. This form is intended to be used to supply missing information when necessary. Responses to this collection are voluntary.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a 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