

all eligible customers, consistent with all BPA requirements (including the availability or development of sufficient transmission capacity) and subject to an environmental review under NEPA. The proposed Central Ferry–Lower Monumental Transmission Line Project would respond to these requests for transmission service. BPA, therefore, will prepare an EIS under NEPA to assist the agency as it decides whether to build the proposed project, and if a decision is made to build a line, which alternative transmission line route should be constructed.

BPA will be the lead agency for preparation of the EIS. In furtherance of existing cooperative agreements between BPA and the State of Washington, the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (Washington EFSEC) also will participate in preparation of the EIS. Among other things, this state agency will assist BPA in evaluating alternative transmission line routes and identifying state interests that should be addressed in the EIS. In addition, cooperating agencies for the EIS may be identified as the proposed project proceeds through the NEPA process.

Alternatives Proposed for Consideration. For the proposed 500-kV transmission line, BPA will consider and evaluate two routing alternatives in the EIS. One routing alternative for the transmission line is about 38 miles long, and the other is about 40 miles long. Both alternatives would require new transmission line right-of-way to allow adequate system reliability spacing of the proposed line from existing 500-kV transmission lines in the area. BPA proposes to construct the new line using lattice steel towers for both routing alternatives.

Both routing alternatives would originate at a new 500-kV substation, referred to as the Central Ferry Substation, that BPA is separately proposing to build in northwestern Garfield County, Washington, at a point along BPA's existing Little Goose–Lower Granite lines approximately two miles southeast of the Snake River near the Port of Central Ferry, Washington. The Central Ferry Substation is being independently proposed to respond to requests received by BPA for interconnection of proposed wind projects in the area to BPA's existing transmission system.

Both routing alternatives also would terminate at the existing BPA 500-kV Lower Monumental Substation, which is located at Lower Monumental Dam on the Snake River in Walla Walla County, Washington. Both routing alternatives would avoid crossing existing BPA 500-

kV lines and the Snake River by remaining to the south of these features. The following describes the general locations of the two routing alternatives:

- **North Alternative:** This routing alternative is approximately 40 miles in length. From the new Central Ferry Substation, this route would proceed southwesterly and westerly for about 12 miles. This portion of the route would run parallel to and about 1200 feet to one half-mile south of BPA's existing Little Goose–Lower Granite lines. At this point, the route would angle away from the existing Little Goose–Lower Granite lines and proceed in a southwesterly direction for about 6 miles before crossing the Tucannon River directly north of the Town of Starbuck. From the Tucannon River crossing, the route would continue southwest and west for about 3 miles before angling northwest for about 5 miles to a point approximately 1500 feet south of BPA's two existing Lower Monumental–Little Goose lines. From this point, the route would proceed west for about 14 miles to BPA's existing Lower Monumental Substation, with much of this portion of the route running parallel to and approximately 1500 feet south of these existing lines.

- **South Alternative:** This routing alternative is approximately 38 miles in length. From the new Central Ferry Substation, this route would proceed southwesterly for about 3 miles, with this portion of the route running parallel to and approximately 1200 feet south of BPA's existing Little Goose–Lower Granite lines. At this point, instead of following these existing lines as they angle to the west, the route would continue southwesterly and then westerly for about 15 miles before crossing the Tucannon River directly north of the Town of Starbuck. From the Tucannon River crossing, the route would continue westerly for about 20 miles to BPA's existing Lower Monumental Substation.

BPA is also considering the No Action Alternative, that is, not building the proposed transmission line. Other alternatives may be identified through the scoping process.

Public Participation and Identification of Environmental Issues. The potential environmental issues identified for most transmission line projects include land use, socioeconomic, cultural resources, visual resources, electric and magnetic field issues, sensitive plants and animals, soil erosion, wetlands, floodplains, and fish and water resources. BPA has established a 45-day scoping period during which tribes, affected landowners, concerned

citizens, special interest groups, local and federal governments, and any other interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the proposed EIS, including potential routing alternatives to be considered and environmental impacts to be evaluated. Scoping will help BPA ensure that a full range of issues related to this proposal is addressed in the EIS, and also will identify significant or potentially significant impacts that may result from the proposed project. When completed, the Draft EIS will be circulated for review and comment, and BPA will hold public meetings to hear comments. The Draft EIS is expected to be published in summer 2010. BPA will consider and respond to comments received on the Draft EIS in the Final EIS. The Final EIS is expected to be published in spring-summer 2011. BPA's decision will be documented in a Record of Decision that will follow the Final EIS.

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Stephen J. Wright,

Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM08–11–000]

North American Electric Reliability Corporation; Notice of Filing

June 12, 2009.

Take notice that on May 29, 2009, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) submitted modifications to Violation Severity Levels (VSLs) for three revised Facilities Design, Connections, and Maintenance (FAC) Reliability Standards: FAC–010–2—System Operating Limits Methodology for the Planning Horizon; FAC–011–2—System Operating Limits Methodology for the Operations Horizon; and FAC–014–2—Establish and Communicate System Operating Limits in compliance with Order No. 722 issued on March 20, 2009, 126 FERC ¶ 61,255 (2009).

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). 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 notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant and all the parties in this proceeding.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on July 6, 2009.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0558; FRL-8421-1]

Coppers Amendment to the Reregistration Eligibility Decision

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's decision to modify certain provisions that were specified in the 2006 Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED) for the copper pesticides. EPA conducted this reassessment of the Coppers RED in response to public comments received during the comment period, and updated information that would impact product labeling. Based on the new information received, and in a continuing effort to mitigate risk, the Agency has made certain modifications in the Coppers RED.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does This Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of interest to a wide range of stakeholders including environmental, human health, farm worker and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the sale, distribution, or use of pesticides. Since others also may be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Copies of This Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0558. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr>.

II. Background

A. What Action Is the Agency Taking?

Section 4 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) directs EPA to reevaluate existing pesticides to ensure that they meet current scientific and regulatory standards. In 2006, EPA issued a RED for coppers under section 4(g)(2)(A) of FIFRA. In response to a notice of availability published in the **Federal Register** of August 9, 2006 (71 FR 45550) (FRL-8085-4), the Agency received substantive comments and

information from commenters. The amended Coppers RED reflects changes resulting from Agency consideration of these comments received on the RED, as well as efforts by the Agency to appropriately mitigate overall risk. The RED amendment for coppers concludes EPA's reregistration eligibility decision-making process for this pesticide.

A total of 46 submissions were received, which included comments from various growers that use copper products, university extension services, registrants, and publicly-owned treatment works facilities. Comments received during the public comment period included information on application rates, copper use in aquatic areas and water treatment facilities, and human health exposures. In consideration of these comments, and other decisions that occurred after the RED was published, the RED has been updated to reflect current product labeling requirements. Appendix A, which is a summary of the use sites and application rates eligible for reregistration, has been updated based on input received from stakeholders. The label table has also been revised to include modifications to some of the restricted entry intervals after copper pesticide applications, labeling language for spray drift management requirements, and personal protective equipment requirements for workers who handle and apply copper pesticides.

B. What Is the Agency's Authority for Taking This Action?

Section 4(g)(2) of FIFRA, as amended, directs that, after submission of all data concerning a pesticide active ingredient, "the Administrator shall determine whether pesticides containing such active ingredient are eligible for reregistration," before calling in product specific data on individual end-use products and either reregistering products or taking other "appropriate regulatory action."

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Pesticides and pests, Coppers.

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