

two issues related to Southwest Power Pool, Inc.'s proposed credit policy, as discussed in the Commission's February 28, 2006 Order.¹ Specifically, discussion at the technical conference explored SPP's proposed total debt to total capitalization and debt service coverage scores and SPP's proposed \$50,000 unsecured credit floor for not-for-profit entities. Prior to the technical conference, a notice was issued on March 22, 2006, that set forth several questions. The information submitted in response to the questions was discussed at the technical conference.

Take notice that the Commission will accept further comments pursuant to the discussion at the technical conference. These comments are due no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, April 25, 2006. Reply comments are due no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, May 8, 2006.

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Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OW-2005-0012; FRL-8159-6]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Draft Questionnaire for the Chlorine and Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Point Source Categories; EPA ICR No. 2214.01, OMB Control No. 2006-OW-NEW

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a request for a new Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. The information collection consists of a questionnaire for facilities that manufacture chlorine and/or certain chlorinated hydrocarbons. The questionnaire results will be used

to support an effluent guidelines rulemaking effort.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 19, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2005-0012, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: ow-docket@epa.gov.

- Mail: Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 4101T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

- Hand Delivery: Water Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2005-0012. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The

<http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov>, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

How Can I Access the Docket and/or Submit Comments?

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2005-0012, which is available for online viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person viewing at the Water Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202-566-1744, and the telephone number for the Water Docket is 202-566-2422.

Use <http://www.regulations.gov> to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified in this document.

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:

(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. In

¹ Southwest Power Pool, Inc., 114 FERC ¶ 61,222 at P 32 and 62 (2006).

particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

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

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible and provide specific examples.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.
5. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.
6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under **DATES**.
7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation.

What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Apply to?

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are facilities that manufacture chlorine and/or chlorinated hydrocarbon products.

Title: Draft Questionnaire for the Chlorine and Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Point Source Categories.

ICR number: EPA ICR No. 2214.01, OMB Control No. 2006-OW-NEW.

ICR status: This ICR is for a new information collection activity. 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 associated with EPA's regulations found in title 40 of the CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9. Upon OMB approval, control numbers are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable.

Abstract: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting a census of facilities that manufacture chlorine and/or certain chlorinated hydrocarbons (CCH) as part of its effort to review the effluent limitations guidelines and standards for these operations. EPA is considering revision

of the Organic Chemicals, Plastics and Synthetic Fibers Point Source Category regulations at 40 CFR part 414 for facilities that manufacture ethylene dichloride, vinyl chloride monomer, polyvinyl chloride and other chlorinated hydrocarbons. EPA is also considering revision of the Inorganic Chemicals Point Source Category regulations at 40 CFR part 415 for facilities that manufacture chlorine as well as chlorine manufacturers not regulated under 40 CFR part 415. The questionnaire seeks information on (1) technical data, including general facility information, manufacturing process information, wastewater treatment and characterization information, and information on sampling data; and (2) financial and economic data, including ownership information, facility/company information, and corporate parent financial information. The technical data will be used to determine the industry production rates, water use for processes, rates of wastewater generation, pollution prevention, and the practices of wastewater management, treatment, and disposal. The financial and economic data will be used to characterize the economic status of the industry and to estimate the possible economic impacts of wastewater regulations. This questionnaire will be sent to all identified facilities engaged in CCH production. Completion of this one-time questionnaire will be mandatory pursuant to section 308 of the Clean Water Act.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 200 hours per response. 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 which have subsequently changed; 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 will provide a detailed explanation of the Agency's estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 66.

Frequency of response: One-time.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 13,200 hours.

Estimated total annual costs: \$441,240. This includes an estimated burden cost of \$437,370 and an estimated cost of \$3,870 for operational costs.

What Is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the questionnaire as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, 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 technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: March 23, 2006.

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Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the