

the nature and location of the material in hold-up, various technologies will be employed to remove the material for subsequent stabilization. All technologies analyzed in the Final EIS will be utilized to some degree. Four areas of the PFP Facility have been identified for removal of readily retrievable hold-up material: ductwork, vacuum system piping, gloveboxes and hoods, and the Plutonium Reclamation Facility canyon floor. These areas represent locations where a high quantity of plutonium-bearing material exists as hold-up and where removal actions will be beneficial in reducing the exposure risk. Non-readily retrievable plutonium-bearing material with a low quantity of plutonium will remain in hold-up at the PFP Facility. This material will be addressed when DOE makes a decision to decontaminate and decommission the PFP Facility.

(6) *Immobilization*: Candidate plutonium-bearing material with low plutonium content may be immobilized and discarded. The plutonium-bearing material will include: (1) Materials that are containerized and stored in vaults or gloveboxes; and (2) hold-up material.

The immobilization process will be applicable for up to 272 kg (599 lbs) of plutonium from selected quantities of the following plutonium-bearing materials:

- Oxides, fluorides, and process residues (not applicable for any fluorides or for oxides greater than 50 weight percent plutonium)
  - Immobilization of candidate materials
- Polycubes and combustibles (not applicable for polycubes)
  - Immobilization of candidate materials
- Low plutonium content material removed from hold-up (less than 50 weight percent plutonium)

The immobilization process will include a cementation step which will fix the plutonium-bearing material into a solid matrix, packaging the cemented materials into appropriate shipping containers, and transporting the containers to a Hanford Site solid waste management facility for storage.

#### VIII. Mitigation

Since land use and water resources would not be impacted by the preferred alternative or other stabilization alternatives analyzed in the Final EIS, no mitigation measures would need to be taken in regard to these resources. Mitigation measures in place for the PFP Facility have been discussed in the Final EIS (e.g., High-efficiency particulate air filtration of exhaust pathways).

To ensure that activities and consequences (e.g., radiological dose to PFP Facility workers) for normal/routine activities would remain within established requirements, and to ensure that the risk of accidents would be minimized, numerous measures would be taken in association with the preferred alternative. These measures include adequate (engineered) design features for gloveboxes, systems, and components; the development of safety analyses consistent with the process established by DOE; and the implementation of numerous programs that already exist at the Hanford Site. Examples of these programs are as follows:

- Maintenance program—Ensures that hardware performs as expected when demanded
- Fire protection program—Mitigates property loss and minimizes human health impacts due to fire
- Criticality prevention program—Mitigates potential human health impacts of an inadvertent criticality
- Radiological controls program—Mitigates routine and accident-related doses
- Industrial hygiene program—Mitigates routine and accident-related chemical exposure
- Training program—Minimizes and mitigates adverse impacts to personnel by training them in proper ways to perform their job and to respond during emergency events.

Certain removal activities will substantially alter or demolish existing equipment and facilities at the PFP Facility which have been found to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. A Memorandum of Agreement between DOE and the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer has been accepted by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. This agreement addresses the measures that will be required to mitigate these adverse impacts. Because all practical means to avoid or mitigate environmental impacts from this removal action are incorporated in the PFP Facility and practices, DOE has determined that there is no need to prepare a Mitigation Action Plan in accordance with Section 1021.331(a) of DOE's regulations implementing NEPA (10 CFR 1021).

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## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[FERC-716A]

### Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

July 3, 1996.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before September 9, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael P. Miller, Information Services Division, ED-12.4, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael P. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at mmiller@ferc.fed.us.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC-716A "Application for Transmission Services Under Section 211 of the Federal Power Act" (OMB No 1902-0168) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Section 211 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824j as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486) 106 Stat. 2776. Under Section 211, the Commission may order transmission services if it finds that such action would be in the public interest and would not unreasonably impair the continued reliability of systems affected by the order. Section 211 allows any electric utility, Federal power marketing agency or any other person generating electric energy for sale or resale to apply for an order requiring a transmitting utility to provide transmission services to the applicant. The applicant is required to provide a form of notice suitable for publication in the Federal Register, and notify the affected parties. The Commission uses the information to carry out its responsibilities under Part II of the Federal Power Act. The Commission implements these filing

requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 36.

*Action:* The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current

expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

*Burden Statement:* Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
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Estimated cost burden to respondents: 100 hours/2,087 hours per year×\$102,000 per year=\$4,887.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technologies collection techniques or other forms of information technology

e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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### **CPS Capital, Ltd.; Notice of Issuance of Order**

[Docket No. ER96-1798-000]

July 5, 1996.

CPS Capital, Ltd. (CPS) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which CPS will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. CPS also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, CPS requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by CPS.

On July 27, 1996, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by CPS 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).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, CPS is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of CPS's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is July 29, 1996.

Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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### **GDK Corporation; Notice of Issuance of Order**

July 5, 1996.

GDK Corporation (GDK) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which GDK will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. GDK also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, GDK requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by GDK.

On June 26, 1996, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by GDK should file a motion to intervene or protest with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).