

14. Public Service Electric and Gas Company

[Docket No. ER96-3103-000]

Take notice that on September 27, 1996, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), tendered for filing an agreement to provide non-firm transmission service to Western Power Services, Inc., pursuant to PSE&G's Open Access Transmission Tariff presently on file with the Commission in Docket No. OA96-80-000.

PSE&G further requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations such that the agreement can be made effective as of September 27, 1996.

Comment date: October 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

15. The Montana Power Company

[Docket No. ER96-3104-000]

Take notice that on September 27, 1996, The Montana Power Company (Montana), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to 18 CFR 35.12, as an initial rate schedule, a Firm Energy Sale Agreement between Montana and Public Utility District #1 of Benton County, Washington (Benton).

A copy of the filing was served upon Benton.

Comment date: October 16, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

16. Western Resources, Inc.

[Docket No. ES96-50-000]

Take notice that on September 26, 1996, Western Resources, Inc. filed an application, under § 204 of the Federal Power Act, seeking authorization to issue promissory notes and short-term securities, from time to time, in an aggregate principal amount of not more than \$1.5 billion outstanding at any one time, during the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1998, with a final maturity date no later than December 31, 1999.

Comment date: October 24, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

17. Commonwealth Edison Company

[Docket No. ES96-51-000]

Take notice that on September 30, 1996, Commonwealth Edison Company filed an application, under § 204 of the Federal Power Act, seeking authorization to issue unsecured short-term securities, from time to time, in an aggregate principal amount of not more than \$1.2 billion outstanding at any one time, during the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1998, with a final

maturity date no later than December 31, 1999.

Comment date: October 29, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. George V. McGowan

[Docket No. ID-2981-000]

Take notice that on September 23, 1996, George V. McGowan filed an application pursuant to Section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act to hold the following positions:

Director—Baltimore Gas and Electric Company
Director—NationsBank, N.A.,
(subsidiary of NationsBank Corporation)

Comment date: October 15, 1996, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said 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 18 CFR 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 this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL 5634-2]

TSCA Submissions; Information Collection; Submission to OMB

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 the Information Collection Request (ICR) entitled: Voluntary Cover Sheet for TSCA Submissions [EPA ICR #1780.01; OMB control number to be assigned] has been forwarded to the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval pursuant to the OMB procedures in 5 CFR 1320.10. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection its estimated cost and burden, and a copy of the actual data collection instrument.

The Agency is requesting that OMB approve this new ICR for 3 years. A Federal Register notice announcing the Agency's intent to seek OMB approval for this ICR and a 60-day public comment opportunity, requesting comments on the request and the contents of the ICR, was issued on June 26, 1996 (61 FR 33113). EPA did not receive any comments on this ICR during the comment period.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before November 8, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CONTACT:

Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1780.01.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1780.01 and OMB Control No. 2070-[to be assigned], to the following addresses:

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regulatory Information Division (Mail Code: 2137), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460

And to:

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Review Requested: This is a request to approve a new information collection pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.10.

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR No. 1780.01; OMB Control No. 2070-[to be assigned]
Title: Voluntary Cover Sheet for TSCA Submissions

Abstract: The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires companies to submit information and studies for existing chemical substances under sections 4, 6, and 8. Under normal reporting conditions, EPA receives approximately 1,700 submissions each year; each submission represents on average three studies. In addition, specific data call-ins can be imposed on industry.

As a follow-up to industry experience with a 1994 TSCA data call-in, the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA), the Specialty Organics Chemical Manufacturers Association (SOCMA), and the Chemical Industry Data Exchange (CIDX), in cooperation with

EPA, have taken an interest in pursuing electronic transfer of TSCA summary data and of full submissions to EPA. In particular, CMA has developed a standardized cover sheet for voluntary use by industry as a first step to an electronic future and to begin familiarizing companies with standard requirements and concepts of electronic transfer. This form is designed for voluntary use as a cover sheet for submissions of information under TSCA sections 4, 8(d) and 8(e). The cover sheet will facilitate submission of information by displaying certain basic data elements, permitting EPA more easily to identify, log, track, distribute, review and index submissions, and to make information publicly available more rapidly and at reduced cost, to the mutual benefit of both the respondents and EPA. The information collection request referenced in this notice applies to the use of this form/cover sheet.

Responses to the collection of information are voluntary. 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.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately 0.5 hours per response. This estimate 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. No person is 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 displayed in 40 CFR Part 9.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are companies that manufacture, process, use or import chemical substances and that are subject to reporting requirements under sections 4, 8(d) or 8(e) of TSCA.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 2,240.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,348 hours.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion. According to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.10, EPA has submitted this ICR to OMB for review and approval. Any additional comments related to this ICR should be submitted within 30 days as described above.

Dated: October 3, 1996.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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[FRL-5633-5]

**Proposed Settlement Agreement,
Clean Air Act Citizen Suit**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended ("Act"), 42 U.S.C. 7413(g), notice is hereby given of a proposed partial consent decree, which was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") on September 27, 1996, to address two lawsuits filed by the Sierra Club. These lawsuits, which were filed pursuant to section 304(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 7604(a), concern, among other things, EPA's alleged failure to meet mandatory deadlines under sections 112(c)(3), (c)(6), (k)(3), and 202(l)(2) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 7412(c)(3), (c)(6), (k)(3), and 7521(l)(2), which concern the emission of hazardous air pollutants from stationary and mobile sources. The proposed partial consent decree provides that EPA shall take certain actions under those provision in accordance with specified schedules.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed partial consent decree from person who were not named as parties or intervenors to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed partial consent decree if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determine, following the comment period, that consent is inappropriate, the final partial consent decree will establish deadlines for specific regulatory actions

under sections 112 (c)(3), (c)(6), (k)(3), and 202(l)(2) of the Act.

A copy of the proposed partial consent decree was lodged with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on September 27, 1996. Copies are also available from Phyllis Cochran, Air and Radiation Division (2344), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 260-7606. Written comments should be sent to Patrick S. Chang at the address above and must be submitted on or before November 8, 1996.

Dated: October 3, 1996.

Scott C. Fulton,

Acting General Counsel.

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[FRL-5633-4]

Proposed Settlement Agreement; Title I SIPs for the State of Colorado

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement agreement; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act ("Act"), notice is hereby given of a proposed settlement agreement concerning litigation instituted against the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") by Citizens for Balanced Transportation ("CBT"). The law suite concerns EPA's alleged failure to perform a nondiscretionary duty with respect to taking action on state implementation plans ("SIPs") regulating carbon monoxide ("CO") and particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal ten micrometers ("PM-10") emissions, and/or promulgating a federal implementation plan ("FIP") as to these control requirements for the Denver Metropolitan Area in the State of Colorado. The proposed settlement agreement generally provides for EPA to sign, within a specified timeframe, a Notice of Final Rulemaking ("NFRM") regarding each of the above-mentioned SIPs.

For a period of thirty [30] days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement agreement. EPA or the Department of Justice may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed settlement agreement if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicate that such consent is inappropriate,