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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Privacy Act of 1974; Notice of a Computer Matching Program for Identification of Food Stamp Program Participants Who Are Receiving Benefits in More Than One State

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.
ACTION: Notice of computer matching program between the Office of Inspector General (OIG), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Iowa Department of Human Services, Nebraska Department of Social Services, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Missouri Department of Social Services, Illinois Department of Public Aid, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, and Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services.

SUMMARY: OIG, USDA, is giving notice that it intends to conduct a computer matching program with the seven above-mentioned State Agencies in order to identify Food Stamp Program (FSP) participants in metropolitan areas spanning two or more States who are receiving program benefits in more than one State. The computer match will match information from the State Agency monthly participation tapes. This match will determine the universe of FSP participants who have received program benefits in more than one State. This information will assist the Food and Consumer Service in avoiding future double payments, strengthen current controls and prevent participants from receiving dual or unauthorized FSP benefits.

DATES: Computer matching is expected to begin April 1997 and, unless comments are received which will result in a contrary determination, will be completed 18 months from the beginning date. Comments must be

received within the 30-day comment period to be considered.

The computer matching described in this notice may begin after compliance with the reporting requirements cited in section 4 of Appendix 1 to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A-130—Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals (59 FR 37916; July 25, 1994). That section requires that Federal agencies provide the Chair of the House Committee on Government Operations, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and OMB with notice of the matching program and computer matching agreements 40 days before operating the program.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Paula Hayes, Assistant Inspector General, Policy Development and Resources Management, Office of Inspector General, USDA Stop 2310, Washington, DC 20250-2310, telephone (202) 720-6979. Comments can be reviewed at that address during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with subsection (o) of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, and applicable OMB guidance, USDA is issuing a public notice of its intent to conduct a computer matching program using data from the Iowa Department of Human Services, Nebraska Department of Social Services, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Missouri Department of Social Services, Illinois Department of Public Aid, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, and Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services.

The following information is provided as required by paragraph (b)(3) of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130 (July 25, 1994):

1. *Participating agencies:* The recipient agency is OIG. The source agencies are the Iowa Department of Human Services, Nebraska Department of Social Services, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Missouri Department of Social Services, Illinois Department of Public Aid, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, and Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services.

2. *Beginning and ending dates:* Matching will begin at least 40 days from the date copies of the signed computer matching agreement are sent to both Houses of Congress or at least 30 days from the date this Notice is published in the **Federal Register**, whichever is later, providing no comments are received which would result in a contrary determination. The matching agreement will continue in effect no longer than 18 months.

3. *Purpose of the match:* This computer matching program will allow OIG to review the internal controls over benefits paid to program participants in the seven States. As part of all USDA financial audits, the effectiveness of internal controls is reviewed in determining the type of opinion that can be rendered. This match will assist in making that overall determination. The review would allow USDA managers to assess the effectiveness of controls over payments to employees and help alleviate public concerns over the FSP.

4. *Description of the match:* OIG will compare data received from the seven State Agencies to determine program benefits paid to participants as of March 1997. Individuals common to one or more of the files will be extracted to form a separate data base of FSP participants who are receiving program benefits in more than one State. This information will be used as a basis for a random sample for audit.

5. *Legal authority:* Section 6(a)(1) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 3, and section 11(e)(8) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended.

6. *Categories of Individuals Involved.* The match will identify FSP participants who have received food stamps in more than one State during the same month.

7. *Records Systems Used:* The seven State Agencies will provide the following information extracted from their monthly participation tapes for March 1997: Name, social security number, address, city, county, state and ZIP code of each participant's residence. The OIG will in turn move this information into its Consolidated Assignments Personnel Tracking Administrative Information Network (CAPTAIN) system of records where the computer matches will be conducted.

8. *Agency Contact:* Inquiries about this matching program should be

directed to Paula Hayes, Assistant Inspector General, Policy Development and Resources Management, Office of the Inspector General, USDA Stop 2310, Washington, DC 20250-2310, telephone (202) 720-6979.

Dated: March 10, 1997.

Dan Glickman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 4, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 9th Floor. Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

[FR Doc. 97-7117 Filed 3-17-97; 3:40 pm]

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Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 7, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Adjudicatory Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 11, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 9th Fl. Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 14, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 9th Fl. Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Adjudicatory Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 18, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 9th Fl. Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 21, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Adjudicatory Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 25, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Fl. Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 28, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St. NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Adjudicatory Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-1428-000]

American Power Reserves Marketing Company; Notice of Issuance of Order

March 14, 1997.

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

On March 5, 1997, 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 APRMC should file a motion to intervene or protest with the 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).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, APRMC is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, 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