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Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of As-Built Exhibits

December 16, 1997.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* As-Built Exhibits.

b. *Project No.:* 8914-012.

c. *Dates Filed:* July 7, 1993 and December 5, 1997.

d. *Applicant:* Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District.

e. *Name of Project:* Taylor Draw Project.

f. *Location:* On the White River in Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Ann Brady 2252 East Main Street Rangely, CO 81648 (970) 675-5055.

i. *FERC Contact:* Paul Shannon, (202) 219-2866.

j. *Comment Date:* January 28, 1997.

k. *Description of Filings:* Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District (Rio Blanco) filed as-built exhibit drawings showing changes to the projects transmission line and boundary. Rio Blanco was authorized to construct a 7.5-mile-long transmission line from the project to the Southwest Rangely Substation. During construction, Rio Blanco instead tied into an existing transmission line 1,000 feet from the project's powerhouse. The as-built exhibits revise the project boundary to include the 1,000-foot-long new transmission line.

1. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments,

protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5938-1]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Hazardous Waste Generator Standards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Hazardous Waste Generator Standards, OMB Control Number 2050-0035, expiring on 2/28/98. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and

cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 21, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR, call Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm> and refer to EPA ICR No. 0820.07.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Hazardous Waste Generator Standards (OMB Control Number 2050-0035; EPA ICR No. 0820.07.) expiring 2/28/98. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: In the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended, Congress directed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to implement a comprehensive program for the safe management of hazardous waste. The core of the national waste management program is the regulation of hazardous waste from generation to transport to treatment and eventual disposal, or from "cradle to grave." Section 3001(d) of RCRA requires EPA to develop standards for small quantity generators. Section 3002 of RCRA among other things states that EPA shall establish requirements for hazardous waste generators regarding recordkeeping practices. Section 3002 also requires EPA to establish standards on appropriate use of containers by generators.

Finally, section 3017 of RCRA specifies requirements for individuals exporting hazardous waste from the United States, including a notification of the intent to export, and an annual report summarizing the types, quantities, frequency, and ultimate destination of all exported hazardous waste (additional reporting requirements for exporters and importers of recyclable materials are covered under ICR Number 1647.01).

This ICR targets four categories of informational requirements in part 262: pre-transport requirements for both large (LQG) and small (SQG) quantity generators (including the generator pre-transport requirements referenced in 40 CFR part 265), air emission standards requirements for LQGs (referenced in 40 CFR part 265, subparts I and J), recordkeeping and reporting requirements for LQGs and SQGs, and export requirements for LQGs and SQGs (i.e., notification of intent to export and annual reporting).

This collection of information is necessary to help generators and EPA (1) identify and understand the waste streams being generated and the hazards

associated with them, (2) determine whether employees have acquired the necessary expertise to perform their jobs, and (3) determine whether LQGs have developed adequate procedures to respond to unplanned sudden or non-sudden releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents to air, soil, or surface water. This information is also needed to help EPA determine whether tank systems are operated in a manner that is fully protective of human health and the environment and to ensure that releases to the environment are managed quickly and efficiently.

Additionally, this information contributes to EPA's goal of preventing contamination of the environment from hazardous waste accumulation practices, including contamination from equipment leaks and process vents. Export information is needed to ensure that (1) foreign governments consent to U.S. exported wastes, (2) exported waste is actually managed at facilities listed in the original notifications, and (3) documents are available for compliance audits and enforcement actions. In general, these requirements contribute to EPA's goal of preventing contamination of the environment. 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 for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 9/3/97 (62 FR 46491); no comments were received.

Burden Statement: The average annual public reporting burden per response for LQGs under this collection of information is estimated to range from 21 minutes to 32 hours, and the average annual public reporting burden per response for SQGs is estimated to range from 21 minutes to 7 hours. The average annual recordkeeping burden per response for LQGs under this collection of information is estimated to range from 27 minutes to 1 hour, and the average annual recordkeeping burden per response for SQGs is estimated to range from 18 minutes to 45 minutes. 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; 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.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Hazardous Waste Generators, Hazardous Waste Transporters who commingle waste with different Department of Transportation descriptions; and Importers or Exporters of Hazardous Waste.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 244,932.

Frequency of Response: On Occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 282,696 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$1,867,304.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 0820.07 and OMB Control No. 2050-0035—in any correspondence:

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. (or E-Mail Farmer.Sandy@epamail.epa.gov) and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 16, 1997.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5938-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Application for Preauthorization of a CERCLA Response Action

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 following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval:

Application for Preauthorization of a CERCLA Response; OMB Control No. 2050-0106; expiring on January 31, 1998. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 21, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the ICR call Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr/icr.htm>. Refer to EPA ICR No. 1304.05.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: "Application for Preauthorization of a CERCLA Response (OMB Control No. 2050-0106; EPA ICR No. 1304.05) expiring 1/31/98. This is a renewal of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: This statement supports the request for renewal of the information collection requirements contained in EPA's final rule "Response Claims Procedures for the Hazardous Substance Superfund" (40 CFR part 307), hereinafter referred to as the RCP. The RCP was promulgated on January 21, 1993, and the ICR for this rule needs to be renewed. The information collection requirements under the RCP will provide the information necessary to fulfill the statutory requirements of section 112 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA).

Under section 111(a)(2) of CERCLA, claimants are authorized to be reimbursed from the Hazardous Substance Superfund (the Fund) for necessary response costs incurred as a result of carrying out the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP, 40 CFR Part 300). In addition, section 122(b)(1) of CERCLA provides the President (EPA, by delegation under Executive Order (E.O.) 12580) with the discretionary authority to enter into agreements with potentially responsible parties (PRPs), whereby the PRPs will perform a preauthorized phase of a response action in return for reimbursement of an agreed-on portion of response costs from the Fund (i.e., a "mixed-funding" agreement).

Section 112(b)(1) of CERCLA authorizes EPA (as delegated by E.O. 12580) to prescribe the appropriate