

e. *Name of Project*: Enterprise.

f. *Location*: On the Augusta Canal of the Savannah River in the City of Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicants Contacts*: Kenneth G. Jaffe, Esq., Richard P. Sparling, Esq., Swidler & Berlin, 3000 K Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007–5116, (202) 424–7500. James E. Blanchard, Esq., 1200 First Union Bank Bldg., P.O. Box 905, Augusta, GA 30903, (706) 823–2411.

i. *FERC Contact*: Thomas F. Papsidero (202) 219–2715.

j. *Comment Date*: February 5, 1998.

k. *Description of Filing*: Application to transfer the license for the Enterprise Project to Enterprise Mill, LLC.

l. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1 & 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.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–5940–9]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Information Collection Request National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System for the Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System

**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 EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Information Collection Request National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Great Lakes Water Quality Guidance (EPA ICR Number 1639.03; OMB Control Number 2040–0180; expiration date March 31, 1998). 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.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before February 27, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** An original and four copies of comments should be submitted to Mark Morris (4301), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. This ICR concerning the Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System is available upon request by contacting Mark Morris (4301), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 260–0312. The ICR is also available for inspection and copying at U.S. EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604 by appointment only. Appointments may be made by calling Mary Willis Jackson (telephone 312–886–3717).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Morris (4301), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460 (202–260–0312).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by today's action are those discharging pollutants to waters of the United States in the Great Lakes System. Potentially affected categories and entities include:

Category	Examples of potentially affected entities
Industry .....	Industries discharging toxic pollutants to waters in the Great Lakes System as defined in 40 CFR 132.2.
Municipalities .....	Publicly-owned treatment works discharging toxic pollutants to waters of the Great Lakes System as defined in 40 CFR 132.2.

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by the final Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System (the Guidance). This table lists the types of entities that EPA is now aware could potentially be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in the table could also be affected. To determine whether your facility may be affected by this rule, you should examine the definition of "Great Lakes

System" in 40 CFR 132.2 and examine 40 CFR 132 which describes the purpose of water quality standards and implementation procedures. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the preceding **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

*Title:* Information Collection Request National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Great Lakes Water Quality Guidance (OMB Control No.

2040–0180; EPA ICR No.1639.03) expiring March 31, 1998.

*Abstract:* The primary objective of the Clean Water Act (CWA) is "to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the nation's waters" (section 101(a)). CWA section 402 establishes the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program to regulate the discharge of any pollutant or combination of pollutants from point sources into the waters of the United States. CWA

section 402(a), as amended, authorizes the EPA Administrator to issue permits for the discharge of pollutants if those discharges meet the following requirements:

- All applicable requirements of CWA sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, and 403; and
- Any conditions the Administrator determines are necessary to carry out the provisions and objectives of the CWA.

Section 101 of the Great Lakes Critical Programs Act (CPA) amends section 118 of the CWA and directs EPA to publish water quality guidance for the Great Lakes System. Provisions of the Guidance are codified in 40 CFR part 132. The Guidance establishes minimum water quality criteria, implementation procedures, and antidegradation provisions for the Great Lakes System.

EPA and delegated NPDES permitting authorities may need point source dischargers in the Great Lakes Basin to collect and submit information for the following reasons:

- To implement methodologies for setting numerical water quality criteria and values promulgated by States and Tribes for pollutants in the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes States will use the methodologies consistent with the final Guidance when revising existing or promulgating new water quality criteria.
- To evaluate requests for permit changes using antidegradation policies and procedures consistent with the final Guidance.
- To further the pollution prevention policy that focuses on the virtual elimination of toxic discharges into the Great Lakes System.
- To translate provisions consistent with the elements of the final Guidance into controls for point sources of pollutants.
- To identify the facilities that require additional permit conditions (i.e., those that are discharging pollutants at levels of concern into the Great Lakes System).
- To identify new pollutants in existing discharges.
- To evaluate water quality in the Great Lakes.
- To determine violations of State/Tribal provisions consistent with the Guidance.

Although the applicants collect and submit many types of information, this information can be broadly categorized as identification details (e.g., name, location, and facility description) and as information related to pollutant discharges into the Great Lakes.

Permitting authorities currently require dischargers to provide information such as the name, location,

and description of facilities to identify the facilities that require permits. EPA and authorized NPDES States store much of this basic information in the Permit Compliance System (PCS) database. PCS provides EPA with a nationwide inventory of NPDES permit holders. EPA Headquarters uses the information contained in the PCS to develop reports on permit issuance, backlogs, and compliance rates. The Agency also uses the information to respond to public and Congressional inquiries, develop and guide its policies, formulate its budgets, assist States in acquiring authority for permitting programs, and manage its programs to ensure national consistency in permitting.

NPDES permit applications and requests for supplemental information currently require information about wastewater treatment systems, pollutants, discharge rates and volumes, whole effluent toxicity testing and other data. Additional information collection requirements that may be necessary to implement State, Tribal, or EPA promulgated provisions consistent with the final Guidance include:

- Monitoring (pollutant-specific and whole effluent toxicity or WET);
- Pollutant minimization programs;
- Bioassays to support the development of water quality criteria;
- Antidegradation policy/demonstrations; and
- Regulatory relief options (e.g., variances from water quality criteria).

This information may be used to ensure compliance with provisions consistent with the Guidance and re-evaluate existing permit conditions and monitoring requirements. Data on discharges is entered into STORET and PCS, EPA's databases for ambient water quality data and NPDES permits, respectively. Results of water quality criteria testing will be entered into an EPA Information Clearinghouse database.

Permit applications may contain confidential business information. If this is the case, the respondent may request that such information be treated as confidential. All confidential data will be handled in accordance with 40 CFR 122.7, 40 CFR part 2, and EPA's Security Manual Part III, Chapter 9, dated August 9, 1976. However, CWA section 308(b) specifically states that effluent data may not be treated as confidential. No questions of a sensitive nature are associated with this information collection.

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 EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) evaluate whether the continued 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 continued 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.

**Burden Statement:** This ICR has estimated the burden and costs associated with implementation of the final Great Lakes Water Quality Guidance. It was assumed for this ICR that, except for WET testing, that all analytical activities are performed inhouse. The total annual burden to all respondents is estimated to be 87,872 hours with an associated cost of \$4,905,550. The total annual burden to local governments, as publicly owned treatment works (POTW) operators, is estimated to be 34,612 hours with an associated cost of \$2,036,646. The total annual burden to State and Federal governments is estimated to be 6,478 hours with an associated cost of \$205,234, of which 5,886 hours of the burden and \$186,470 fall upon the State governments.

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.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

**Tudor T. Davies,**

*Director, Office of Science and Technology.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5941-5]

### Water Conservation Plan Guidelines Subcommittee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On January 20-21, 1998, the Water Conservation Plan Guidelines Subcommittee of the Local Government Advisory Committee will hold a meeting in Austin, Texas. The Subcommittee will discuss the American Water Works Association's proposed guidelines and EPA's draft outline of the guidelines. The Subcommittee meeting is open and all interested persons are invited to attend on a space-available basis.

**DATES:** The Subcommittee meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 1998, and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 21, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Waller Creek Center, 625 East 10th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. On Tuesday the meeting will be in Room 105, and on Wednesday the meeting will be in the Training Room.

Requests for a summary of the meeting can be obtained by writing to John E. Flowers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wastewater Management (Mail Code 4204), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Designated Federal Official for this Subcommittee is John E. Flowers. He is the point of contact for information concerning any Subcommittee matters and can be reached by calling (202) 260-7288.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

**Alfred W. Lindsey,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Wastewater Management.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget

December 18, 1997.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. 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 control number. For further information contact Shoko B. Hair, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-1379.

#### Federal Communications Commission

*OMB Control No.:* 3060-0745.

*Expiration Date:* 12/31/2000.

*Title:* Implementation of the Local Exchange Carrier Tariff Streamlining Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996—CC Docket No. 96-187.

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 170 respondents; 25 hours per response (avg.); 4250 total annual burden hours for all collections.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$170,000.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Description:* In the *Report and Order* issued in CC Docket No. 96-187, the Commission adopts measures to implement the specific streamlining tariff filing requirements for local exchange carriers (LECs) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act). a. *Electronic filing requirement:* The 1996 Act provides that LECs may file tariffs on seven and fifteen days' notice (47 U.S.C. § 204(a)). The Common Carrier Bureau has established an Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS) that permits incumbent LECs to submit federal tariffs and associated documents electronically, via the Internet. At the present, use of ETFS by incumbent LECs for an official filing is voluntary. Mandatory use of ETFS by incumbent LECs is scheduled to commence on February 2, 1998. See Public Notice, DA 97-2491, released 11/25/97. (No. of respondents: 50; hours per response: 72 hours; total annual burden: 3600 hours). b. *Requirement that carriers desiring tariffs proposing rate decreases to be effective in seven days must be filed in separate transmittals:* The 1996 Act provides that LEC tariffs seeking rate

increases shall be effective in fifteen days and LEC tariffs seeking rate decreases shall be effective in seven days. The 15 day notice period applies to transmittals that contain both rate increases and decreases. Carriers wishing to take advantage of the seven day notice period must file rate decreases in separate transmittals. This result will permit all of the carriers' rate changes will still receive streamlined treatment. Carriers filing a rate decrease have the opportunity to file on the shorter seven-day notice period by transmitting rate decrease in a separate filing. Any other tariff filed pursuant to section 204(a)(3) of the Communications Act, including those that propose a rate increase or any change in terms and conditions of service other than a rate charge, shall be filed on 15 days' notice. (No. of respondents: 10; hours per response: 4 hours; total annual burden: 40 hours). c. *Requirement that carriers identify transmittals filed pursuant to the streamlined provisions of the 1996 Act:* Because of the short notice periods, the Commission adopts the requirement that carriers identify specifically transmittals filed pursuant to Section 204(a)(3), including whether the transmittals contain rate increases, rate decreases or both. The Commission requires that LECs display prominently in the upper right hand corner of the tariff transmittal letters a statement indicating that the tariff is being filed on a streamlined basis under section 204(a)(3) of the Act and whether the tariff filing contains a proposed rate increase, decrease or both. This requirement will result in minimal inconvenience to the LECs while allowing the Commission and public to identify quickly whether the tariff is eligible for streamlined treatment and the notice period to be applied to the filing. Without such a statement, we will treat transmittal as filed outside of section 204(a)(3), i.e., not on a streamlined basis. (No. of respondents: 50; hours per response: 9 hours; total annual burden: 350 hours). d. *Requirement that price cap LECs file their Tariff Review Plans (TRPs) prior to filing their annual access tariffs:* Under existing Commission rules, LECs are required to submit revisions to their annual access tariffs on 90 days' notice to be effective on July 1. Because these revisions are eligible for streamlined treatment, we will require carriers subject to price cap regulation to file a TRP prior to the filing of the annual access tariff revisions absent any information on the carriers' rates proposed rates, and to make it available to the public. Early filing of the TRPs