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David P. Boergers,
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2302-044]

Central Maine Power; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

August 4, 1998.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA was prepared for an application filed by Central Maine Power, Licensee for the Lewiston Falls Project. In its application filed on September 30, 1996, the licensee requests that the Commission amend the project license for the Lewiston Falls Project by removing the inoperable Bates No. 2 generating station from the project boundary.

The EA finds that the proposed action would not be a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be obtained by calling the Commission's public reference room at (202) 208-1371.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6641-027]

City of Marion and Smithland Hydroelectric Partners; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

August 4, 1998.

A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA is for an application to amend the Smithland Hydroelectric Project. The licensee proposes to replace the licensed three large turbine/generator units with 216 small turbines and 108 generator units. The Smithland Project is an existing U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers Dam, located on the Ohio River in Livingston County, Kentucky.

The DEIS was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the DEA can be viewed in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Please submit any comments within 60 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports, or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation.

Comments should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. Please affix Project No. 6641-027 to all comments. For further information, please contact the project manager, Ms. Rebecca Martin, at (202) 219-2650.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11128-004]

Odell Hydroelectric Company; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

August 4, 1998.

A draft environmental assessment (DEA) is available for public review. The DEA is for a proposed amendment to remove Red Dam as a project facility from the Brooklyn Project license. The DEA finds that approval of the proposed amendment would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Brooklyn Project is located on the Upper Ammonoosuc River, in Coos County, New Hampshire.

The DEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the DEA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371.

Please submit any comments on the DEA within 40 days from the date of this notice. Any comments, conclusions, or recommendations that draw upon studies, reports, or other working papers of substance should be supported by appropriate documentation. Comments should be addressed to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,

888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426. Please affix Project No. 11128-004 to all comments.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

FEDERAL REGISTER NUMBER: 98-19893.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE AND TIME:

Tuesday, July 28, 1998, 10:00 a.m., Meeting Closed to the Public.

This meeting has been cancelled.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATE AND TIME:

Thursday, July 30, 1998, 10:00 a.m., Meeting Open to the Public.

This meeting has been cancelled.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, August 13, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (Ninth Floor).

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Correction and Approval of Minutes.

Advisory Opinion 1998-11: John A. Ramirez on behalf of Patriot Holdings.

Advisory Opinion 1998-14: Eugene F. Douglass, and Eugene F. Douglass for U.S. Senate.

Advisory Opinion 1998-15: Fitzgerald for Senate, Inc., by Richard A.

Roggeveen, Treasurer.

Administrative Matters.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

Mr. Ron Harris, Press Officer, Telephone (202) 694-1220.

Marjorie W. Emmons,

Secretary of the Commission.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6141-1]

Pesticides; Application for New or Amended Pesticide Registration; Submission of EPA ICR No. 0277.11 to OMB for Review and Approval; Agency Information Collection Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this document announces that the Information Collection Request

(ICR) entitled: Application For New or Amended Pesticide Registration, [EPA ICR No. 0277.11, OMB No. 2070-0060] has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval pursuant to the OMB procedures in 5 CFR 1320.12. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated cost and burden. The Agency is requesting that OMB renew for 3 years the existing approval for this ICR, which is currently scheduled to expire on September 30, 1998. A **Federal Register** document 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 April 17, 1998 (63 FR 19250). EPA did not receive any comments on this ICR during the comment period. Additional comments may be submitted on or before [Insert date 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Farmer by phone at 202-260-2740, or via e-mail at "farmer.sandy@epa.gov," or using the address indicated below. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 0277.11 and OMB Control No. 2070-0060.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 0277.11 and OMB Control No. 2070-0060, 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 renew a currently approved information collection pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12.

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR No. 0277.11; OMB Control No. 2070-0060.

Current Expiration Date: Current OMB approval expires on September 30, 1998.

Title: Application For New or Amended Pesticide Registration.

Abstract: Under section 3 of the Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA, the Agency) is responsible for registering pesticide products on the basis of scientific data adequate to show that, when used according to label directions, they will

not pose unreasonable risk to human health, or the environment, including endangered species. Regulations that govern the implementation of this mandate are found in 40 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) parts 152 and 158.

An individual or entity wanting to obtain a registration for a pesticide product must submit an application package consisting of information relating to the identity and composition of the product, and supporting data (or compensation for other's data) for the product as outlined in 40 CFR part 158. The EPA bases registration decisions for pesticides on its evaluation of a battery of test data provided primarily by the applicants for registration. Required studies include testing to show whether a pesticide has the potential to cause unreasonable adverse human health or environmental effects. The Agency currently collects data on physical chemistry, acute and chronic toxicology, environmental fate, ecological effects, worker exposure, residue chemistry, environmental chemistry, and product performance. If the data show that the benefits of the pesticide product outweigh the risks, then a registration is approved.

Burden Statement: The information covered by this request is collected when an individual or entity applies for registration of a pesticide product. The EPA makes small businesses aware of the "Formulators's Exemption Statement" (EPA Form 8570-27) that allows an applicant to reduce their data submission burden when the pesticide product is comprised of an EPA-registered pesticide product by exempting the applicant from furnishing much of the data.

The annual registration applicant respondent burden for collection of information associated with this activity is estimated to average in a range from 8 hours to 188 hours per application depending upon the type of application made. Estimates for the annual applicant respondent burden for collection of information associated with the four categories of pesticide product applicants average: 188 hours per application for "Type A" antimicrobial products; 188 hours per application for new active ingredient, biochemical, new food use and new use products; eight hours per application for "Type B" antimicrobial products; and eight hours per application for amendments and notifications, etc. This estimate includes the time reading the regulations, planning the necessary data collection activities, conducting tests, analyzing data, generating reports and completing other required paperwork,

and storing, filing, and maintaining the data.

Respondents/Affected Entities:

Pesticide registrants. SIC codes 286 (Industrial Organic Chemicals) and 287 (Agricultural Chemicals).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,100 pesticide registrants.

Frequency of Response: One time, on occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 187,640 hours.

Estimated Total Annualized Costs: \$12 million.

Estimated Total Annual Capital Costs: There are no capital costs.

Changes in Burden Estimates: This information collection request has changed since the last OMB approval. After extensive consultation with stakeholders, the Office of Pesticide Programs has streamlined several forms and created two new ones. The revised and new forms take less time to complete and reduce the volume of paper pesticide registrants send to the Agency. Burden time and cost will decrease for the industry and the Agency. The first streamlining measure created two forms from three existing ones. The revised data compensation form (EPA Form 8570-34) replaced two older forms. This new form allows pesticide registrants to indicate the data requirements they have completed and to reference existing data produced by another company. The second revised form, the data matrix (EPA Form 8570-35), replaced an older form by clarifying the instructions and providing more protection for data submitters. For consistency, both revised forms are used for registration and reregistration.

In response to the President's Reinventing Government Initiative, EPA developed through a public notice and comment process a self-certification initiative. The outcome of this effort was the creation of two new forms, (EPA Forms 8570-356 and 8570-37), for the voluntary self-certification of product chemistry data for manufacturing-use and end-use products. The forms reduce industry's paperwork burden, expedite the review process and reduce the amount of time the Agency needs to review the product chemistry for registration or reregistration of these products.

Last year, EPA submitted an amendment to this ICR and obtained OMB approval for these revised forms and adjusted the OMB approved burden hours accordingly. These changes have now been fully integrated into this ICR. Other changes in this ICR relate to the removal of certain activities from coverage by this ICR. This ICR no longer includes burden hour or cost estimates

for activities conducted for the EPA Training Verification Program or the Pesticide Worker Protection Standards because these activities are now covered under a separate ICR. In addition, information previously collected as a one time information collection to support amended labeling requirements for termiticide products, Pesticide Regulation Notice 96-7, is complete and no longer estimated in this information request.

In addition to the removal of these items, the Agency has also added to its basic registration information collection. The additional burden hours represent an estimated increase in the activities related to the implementation of the 1996 amendments to FIFRA and include the implementation of the Reduced-Risk Initiative (PR Notice 97-3, attachment C).

These changes account for a total burden hour decrease from the total burden of the last approved ICR, which was 218,938 hours, to 187,640 hours per year, for a total net reduction of 31,298 hours from 3 years ago. However, since EPA has already adjusted the total burden hours in OMB's inventory to reflect the majority of the decreases, the total burden hours in OMB's inventory, which is currently 190,505 hours, will decrease to 187,640, for a total net reduction of just 2,865 hours.

The total respondent costs have increased from approximately \$6.0 million to \$12 million per year, for a total net increase of \$6 million. The reason for this increase in costs is due mainly to the update in the loaded labor hourly rates used to calculate the costs.

According to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12, EPA has submitted this ICR to OMB for review and approval. Any comments related to the renewal of this ICR should be submitted within 30 days of this document, as described above.

Dated: July 30, 1998.

Richard T. Westlund,

Acting Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6140-9]

Request for Applications for Essential Use Exemptions to the Production and Import Phaseout of Ozone Depleting Substances Under the Montreal Protocol

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Through this notice, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requesting applications for consideration at the Eleventh Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (the Protocol) to be held in September 1999, for exemptions to the production and import phaseout in 2000 and subsequent years for ozone-depleting substances (including halons 1211 and 1301, CFC-11, CFC-12, CFC-113, CFC-114, CFC-115, CFC-13, CFC-111, CFC-112, CFC-211, CFC-212, CFC-213, CFC-214, CFC-215, CFC-216, CFC-217, carbon tetrachloride, and methyl chloroform).

DATES: Applications for essential use exemptions must be submitted to EPA no later than September 24, 1998 in order for the United States (U.S.) government to complete its review and to submit nominations to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Protocol Parties in a timely manner.

ADDRESSES: Send three copies of application materials to: Chris O'Donnell, Stratospheric Protection Division (6205J), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Send one copy of application materials to: Air Docket A-93-39, 401 M Street, S.W. (6102), Room M1500, Washington, D.C. 20460.

CONFIDENTIALITY: Applications should not contain confidential or proprietary information. Such information should be submitted under separate cover and should be identified by placing on (or attaching to) the information, at the time it is submitted to EPA, a cover sheet, stamped or typed legend, or other suitable form of notice employing language such as "trade secret," "proprietary," or "company confidential." Information covered by a claim of business confidentiality will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent, and by means of the procedures, set forth at 40 CFR Part 2, Subpart B (41 FR 36902). If no claim of confidentiality accompanies the information when it is received by EPA, the information may

be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the company (40 CFR 2.203).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris O'Donnell at the above address or at (202) 564-9079 telephone, (202) 565-2095 fax, or odonnell.chris@epa.gov. General information may be obtained from the Stratospheric Ozone Hotline at 1-800-296-1996.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background—The Essential Use Nomination Process
- II. Information Required for Essential Use Applications for Production or Importation of Class I Substances in 2000 and Subsequent Years

I. Background—The Essential Use Nomination Process

As described in previous **Federal Register** (FR) notices (58 FR 29410, May 20, 1993; 59 FR 52544, October 18, 1994; 60 FR 54349, October 23, 1995; 61 FR 51110, September 30, 1996; and 62 FR 51655, October 2, 1997), the Parties to the Protocol agreed during the Fourth Meeting in Copenhagen on November 23-25, 1992, to accelerate the phaseout schedules for Class I ozone-depleting substances. Specifically, the Parties agreed to phase out the production of halons by January 1, 1994, and the production of other Class I substances, except methyl bromide, by January 1, 1996. The Parties also reached decisions and adopted resolutions on a variety of other matters, including the criteria to be used for allowing "essential use" exemptions from the phaseout of production and importation of controlled substances. Language regarding essential uses was added to the Protocol provisions in Article 2 governing the control measures. Decision IV/25 of the Fourth Meeting of the Parties details the specific criteria and review process for granting essential use exemptions.

At the Eighth Meeting of the Parties in 1996, the Parties modified the timetable for nomination of essential uses. Pursuant to Decision VIII/9, Parties may nominate a controlled substance for an exemption from the production phaseout by January 31 of each year. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) committees then review the nominations at their spring meetings and forward their recommendations for decision at the Meeting of the Parties later that year. The Parties may choose to grant the exemption for one or more of the nominated years, but each approved or pending application may be reconsidered and modified by the Parties at their annual meetings. Since the Parties in 1999 will be considering