

involvement on the development of its information collection requirements prior to obtaining approval with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

On October 1, 1995, the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) went into effect and expanded the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980. Among the additional agency responsibilities enumerated in the Act were the requirements to plan for the development of new collections of information and the extension of existing collections of information far in advance of sending them forward to OMB for approval. This additional advanced planning is necessary because agencies must develop greater public participation in the development of information collection requirements imposed on the public. To achieve this public participation, the Commission must "provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register**, and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies" [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. In these notices, the Commission must solicit comments on the need for the information, its practical utility, the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate, and on ways to minimize the burden, including through "the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology."

In addition, the Act continued the requirement that agencies publish a notice in the **Federal Register** stating that the proposed collection of

information has been submitted for OMB review. This is the second notice to appear in the **Federal Register** and provides the public with a second opportunity to comment. OMB must provide at least 30 days for public comment after receipt of the Commission's submission and prior to making a decision. In order for the Commission to obtain public comment and routine OMB review and approval, for both new collections of information and also to extend ongoing collections of information, it has to allow an additional 90 days in the approval process.

In order to properly account for any comments it receives in response to a **Federal Register** notice, it is necessary to establish a new docket prefix for notices concerning the Commission's collections of information. The new docket prefix will help the Commission to manage this type of work and assess its resources applicable to it. The new docket prefix will be ICFY-NNN-NNN, where the FY stands for the fiscal year in which the notice was issued, the first NNN is an identifier for the Commission's collection of information requirement and the second NNN represents either the first or second notice, with 000 to designate a 60 day notice and 001 to designate a 30-day notice. For example, IC98-592-000 would represent the 60-day notice for the Commission information collection FERC-592 during fiscal year 1998.

When an information collection requirement is also the subject of a proposed or final rule, the RM docket number would be used instead of an IC docket number.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Hearings and Appeals

#### Notice of Cases Filed During the Week of November 24 Through November 28, 1997

During the Week of November 24 through November 28, 1997, the appeals, applications, petitions or other requests listed in this Notice were filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy.

Any person who will be aggrieved by the DOE action sought in any of these cases may file written comments on the application within ten days of publication of this Notice or the date of receipt of actual notice, whichever occurs first. All such comments shall be filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0107.

Dated: December 23, 1997.

**George B. Breznay,**

*Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.*

#### SUBMISSION OF CASES RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Week of November 24 through November 28, 1997]

Date	Name and location of applicant	Case No.	Type of submission
November 25, 1997.	Rural Alliance for Military Accountability, Questa, NM.	VFA-0357	Appeal of an Information Request Denial. If Granted: The Freedom of Information Request Denial issued by Rocky Flats Field Office would be rescinded, and the Rural Alliance for Military Accountability would receive access to certain DOE information.
November 26, 1997.	Dykema Gossett, Washington, D.C. ....	VFA-0358	Appeal of an Information Request Denial. If Granted: The November 3, 1997 Freedom of Information Request Denial issued by the Oak Ridge Operations Office would be rescinded, and Dykema Gossett would receive access to certain DOE information.
November 25, 1997.	K&M Plastics, Elk Grove Village, IL .....	VFA-0356	Appeal of an Information Request Denial. If Granted: The Freedom of Information Request Denial issued by Rocky Flats Field Office would be rescinded, and K&M Plastics would receive access to certain DOE information.

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applications, petitions or other requests listed in this Notice were filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy.

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Appeals, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585-0107.

Dated: December 23, 1997.

**George B. Breznay,**

*Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.*

**LIST OF CASES RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

[Week of October 20 through October 24, 1997]

Date	Name and Location of applicant	Case No.	Type of Submission
10/21/97 .....	Glen M. Jameson, Lakewood, CO .....	VFA-0345	Appeal of an Information Request Denial. IF GRANTED: The September 17, 1997 Freedom of Information Request Denial issued by the Rocky Flats Field Office would be rescinded, and Glen M. Jameson would receive access to certain DOE information.
10/21/97 .....	Kona (LDM, Inc.), Coppell, TX .....	RR350-1	Request for Modification/ Rescission in the Permian Refund Proceeding IF GRANTED: The August 13, 1997 Decision and Order (Case No. RF350-1) issued to Kona (LDM, Inc.) would be modified regarding the firm's Application for Refund submitted in the Permian refund proceeding.
10/21/97 .....	Los Alamos Study Group, Santa Fe, NM .....	VFA-0346	Appeal of an Information Request Denial IF GRANTED: The October 7, 1997 Freedom of Information Request Denial issued by the Albuquerque Operations Office would be rescinded, and Los Alamos Study Group would receive access to certain DOE information.
10/21/97 .....	Personnel Security Review .....	VSA-0154	Request for Review of Opinion Under 10 CFR Part 710 IF GRANTED: The September 22, 1997 Opinion of an Office of Hearings and Appeals Hearing Officer, Case No VSO-0154, would be reviewed at the request of an individual employed by the Department of Energy.

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Appeals, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585-0107.

Dated: December 23, 1997

**George B. Breznay,**

*Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.*

**LIST OF CASES RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

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Date	Name and location of applicant	Case No.	Type of submission
10/14/97 .....	ChemData, Inc., Littleton, CO .....	VFA-0342	Appeal of an Information Request Denial. IF GRANTED: The September 9, 1997 Freedom of Information Request Denial issued by the Rocky Flats Field Office would be rescinded and ChemData, Inc. would receive access to certain DOE information.