

Water needs in Union County, Mississippi, are currently supplied by wells operated by municipal water systems, rural water associations, and institutional and industrial users. The average daily water use from the public water systems in 1996 was 2.365 million gallons per day (MGD) and the peak daily use was 4.040 MGD. Two-thirds of the county water needs are supplied by wells in the Eutaw-McShan aquifer, and most of these wells are near the City of New Albany. Pumping from these wells has lowered groundwater levels. New wells drilled in this area have generally been unproductive.

In order to meet projected future water supply needs, Union County and the City of New Albany combined efforts to develop an alternate water supply and have proposed constructing a multipurpose reservoir on a tributary of the Little Tallahatchie River. In order to obtain public input on this proposal and to fully evaluate a range of alternatives, TVA has decided to prepare an EIS.

Alternatives

Alternatives presently under consideration include: (1) No action; (2) construction of a multipurpose reservoir on a tributary to the Little Tallahatchie River; (3) construction of one or more pipelines from an existing water supply system with sufficient capacity to meet the needs of Union County; and (4) construction of new groundwater sources by tapping into additional aquifers. Reasonable alternative actions available to TVA are to relocate the transmission line, and the no action alternative. Some of the water supply alternatives would also involve actions by other federal agencies. TVA has identified two alternative routes for its transmission line if it is relocated. TVA invites the public to comment on these alternatives or to suggest other possible alternatives.

Proposed Issues To Be Addressed

The EIS will evaluate the water supply needs of Union County through the year 2050, and potential effects of alternative means of meeting the water supply needs. Potentially important issues for discussion in the EIS include:

1. Effects on stream discharge, water quality, and availability;
2. Impacts on terrestrial and aquatic ecology, including endangered and threatened species;
3. Impacts on floodplains, wetlands, recreation, and existing land uses; and
4. Socioeconomic, historic, archaeological, and cultural effects associated with the alternative actions.

This list is not intended to be all inclusive, nor is it intended to be a predetermination of impacts. As scoping and preparation of the EIS proceed, other issues may be revealed which will necessitate further analyses.

Scoping Process

Scoping, which is integral to the EIS process, is a procedure that solicits public input to the EIS process to ensure that: (1) Issues are identified early and properly studied; (2) issues of little significance do not consume substantial time and effort; (3) the EIS is thorough and balanced; and (4) delays caused by an inadequate EIS are avoided. TVA's procedures implementing the National Environmental Policy Act require that the scoping process commence after a decision has been reached to prepare an EIS in order to provide an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action. The scope of issues to be addressed in an EIS will be determined, in part, from written comments submitted by mail, and comments presented orally or in writing at a public scoping meeting. The preliminary identification of reasonable alternatives and environmental issues provided in this notice is not meant to be exhaustive or final. TVA considers the scoping process to be open and dynamic in the sense that alternatives other than those given above may warrant study and new matters may be identified for potential evaluation.

The scoping process will include both interagency and public scoping. The agencies expected to participate in interagency scoping include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and various State of Mississippi agencies including the Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, the Department of Economic and Community Development, State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Archives and History, and other federal, state and local agencies as appropriate. TVA anticipates that some of these agencies, because of their jurisdiction and/or expertise, will be cooperators in the development of the EIS.

The public is invited to submit written comments or e-mail comments on the scope of this EIS no later than the date given under the **DATES** section of this notice and/or attend the public scoping meeting. TVA will conduct a public meeting on the scope of the EIS in New Albany, Mississippi on Thursday, December 10, 1998. The meeting will be held at the Union County Courthouse, which is located at

116 East Bankhead. Registration for the meeting will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will begin with brief presentations by representatives of the Union County Development Association, the City of New Albany, and TVA explaining the proposed project and the EIS process. Following this presentation, attendees will be given the opportunity to express issues and concerns that should be considered in the EIS.

Upon consideration of the scoping comments, TVA will develop alternatives and identify important environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS. Following analysis of the water supply needs and of the environmental consequences of each alternative, TVA will prepare a draft EIS for public review and comment. A notice of availability of the draft EIS will be published in the **Federal Register** and area newspapers. TVA expects to have this draft EIS completed in early 2000.

Dated: November 24, 1998.

Kathryn J. Jackson,

Executive Vice President, Resource Group.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Meeting of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ISAC-14)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Industry Sector Advisory Committee (ISAC-14) will hold an open meeting on December 7, 1998 from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for December 7, 1998, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of Commerce Room 4830, located at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., unless otherwise notified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Millie Sjoberg, Department of Commerce, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, (202) 482-4792 or Bill Daley Jr., Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508, (202) 395-6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ISAC-14 will hold an open meeting on

December 7, 1998 from 9:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Agenda topics to be addressed will be:

1. An update by the Assistant Secretary for Trade Development on Trade Development's involvement in the recent APEC Ministerial and JCCT meeting.

2. Advice from the ISAC on small and medium-size enterprise (SME) export issues such as how the government can encourage more SMEs to export, export to multiple markets, use intermediaries (if appropriate), use electronic commerce to increase exports, etc.

3. A focus on electronic commerce including an overview of how electronic commerce can help SMEs export; a discussion of issues such as privacy, security, etc.; electronic commerce with respect to APEC/FTAA/WTO; a discussion of the Y2K issue; a demonstration of AID's Global Technology Network.

4. A briefing on ITA funding.

5. Committee Business.

Pete Felts,

Assistant United States Trade Representative, Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists those forms, reports, and recordkeeping requirements imposed upon the public which were transmitted by the Department of Transportation to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its approval in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 USC Chapter 35). Section 3507 of Title 44 of the United States Code, requires that agencies prepare a notice for publication in the **Federal Register**, listing information collection request submitted to OMB for approval or renewal under that Act. OMB reviews and approves agency submissions in accordance with criteria set forth in that Act. In carrying out its responsibilities, OMB also considers public comments on the proposed forms and the reporting and recordkeeping requirements. OMB approval of an information collection requirement must be renewed at least once every three years.

The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting

comments on the information collection's described below was published on September 16, 1998 [63 FR 49631].

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before January 4, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For copies of these documents, contact Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management, 202-267-2326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

U. S. Coast Guard

Title: Safety Approval of Cargo Containers.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0094.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Forms: N/A.

Affected Public: Container owners; container manufacturers; organizations to which the Coast Guard delegates its approval authority.

Abstract: The information collection requires owners and manufacturers of cargo containers to submit information and keep records to make it possible for the Coast Guard or its appointed agents to conduct the approval process. The reporting requirements are necessary to provide the Coast Guard the information it needs to approve new equipment and designs. The recordkeeping requirements are necessary to assist the Coast Guard in its inspections of containers following approval.

Need: This collection of information addresses the reporting and recordkeeping requirements for containers in 49 CFR Parts 450-453. These rules are necessary because the U.S. is signatory to the International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC). These rules prescribe only the minimum requirements of the CSC.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 71,505 hours annually.

Addresses: Written comments on the DOT information collection request should be forwarded, within 30 days of publication, to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: USCG Desk Officer. If you anticipate submitting substantive comments, but find that more than 10 days from the date of publication are needed to prepare them, please notify the OMB official of your intent immediately.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden

of the proposed information collections; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 20, 1998.

Phillip A. Leach,

Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed During the Week Ending November 20, 1998

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing.

Docket Number: OST-98-4764

Date Filed: November 16, 1998

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association

Subject:

PAC/Reso/402 dated October 28, 1998
r-1

Passenger Agency Resolution 850e
CAC/Reso/192 dated November 3, 1998
r-2

Cargo Agency Resolution 851e

Minutes:

PAC/Meet/155 dated October 28, 1998

CAC/Meet/131 dated November 3, 1998

Intended effective date: January 1, 1999.

Docket Number: OST-98-4780

Date Filed: November 18, 1998

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association

Subject:

PTC12 Telex Mail Vote 973

South Atlantic-Europe/Mideast Reso
010y

Telex Mail Vote Amendments #1, #2,
#3

Intended effective date: December 1, 1998.

Docket Number: OST-98-4781

Date Filed: November 18, 1998

Parties: Members of the International Air Transport Association

Subject:

PTC123 0059 dated November 13, 1998

North Atlantic Passenger Resos r1-18