

W. Reitz at (716) 857-7949, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation, 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make protest with reference to said application should on or before July 14, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for National Fuel to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 99-16449 Filed 6-28-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Southwestern Power Administration

Sam Rayburn Dam Project Power Rate

AGENCY: Southwestern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed extension.

SUMMARY: The Current Sam Rayburn Dam Project rate was approved by the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on December 7, 1994, Docket No. EF94-4021-000. These rates were effective October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1998. On August 14, 1998, the Deputy Secretary of Energy approved a one-year extension of the Sam Rayburn Dam rate schedule for the period October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999. The Administrator, Southwestern, has prepared Current and Revised 1999 Power Repayment Studies for the Sam Rayburn Dam Project which show the need for a minor rate adjustment of \$4,692 (0.2 percent increase) in annual revenues. In accordance with Southwestern's rate adjustment threshold, dated June 23, 1987, the Administrator, Southwestern, may determine, on a case by case basis, that for a revenue decrease or increase in the magnitude of two percent, deferral of a formal rate filing is in the best interest of the Government. The Secretary of Energy has the authority to extend rates, previously confirmed and approved by FERC, on an interim basis, pursuant to 10 CFR 903.22(h) and 903.23(a)(3). In accordance with Department of Energy (DOE) rate extension authority and Southwestern's rate adjustment threshold, the Administrator is proposing that the rate adjustment be deferred and that the current rates be extended for a one-year period effective through September 30, 2000.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before July 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant Administrator, Office of Corporate Operations, Southwestern Power Administration, Department of Energy, P.O. Box 1619, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101, (918) 595-6696, reeves@swpa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Energy was created by an Act of the U.S. Congress, Department of Energy Organization Act, Pub. L. 95-91, dated August 4, 1977, and Southwestern's power marketing activities were transferred from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Energy, effective October 1, 1977.

Southwestern markets power from 24 multiple-purpose reservoir projects with power facilities constructed and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These projects are located in the States of Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. Southwestern's marketing area includes these states plus Kansas and Louisiana. Of the total, 22 projects comprise an Integrated System and are interconnected through Southwestern's transmission system and

exchange agreements with other utilities. The other two projects (Sam Rayburn and Robert Douglas Willis) are not interconnected with Southwestern's Integrated System. Instead, their power is marketed under separate contracts through which two customers purchase the entire power output of each of the projects at the dams.

Following DOE Order Number RA 6120.2, the Administrator, Southwestern, prepared a 1999 Current Power Repayment Study (PRS) using the existing Sam Rayburn Dam Project rate schedule. This PRS, like the previous year's, includes estimates for both Southwestern's and the Corps' portions of the unfunded Civil Service Retirement Service and post retirement life/health costs. The PRS shows the cumulative amortization through FY 1998 at \$12,339,699 on a total investment of \$25,734,878. The FY 1999 Revised PRS indicates the need for an increase in annual revenues of \$4,692, or 0.2 percent.

As a matter of practice, Southwestern would defer an indicated rate adjustment that falls within Southwestern's plus-or-minus two percent rate adjustment threshold. The threshold was developed to add efficiency to the process of maintaining adequate rates and is consistent with cost recovery criteria within DOE Order Number RA 6120.2 regarding rate adjustment plans. The Sam Rayburn Dam Project's FY 1998 (last year's) PRS concluded that the annual revenues needed to be decreased by 0.2 percent. At that time, it was determined prudent to defer the decrease in accordance with the established threshold and the current rate schedule was continued for one year. It once again seems prudent to defer this rate adjustment of 0.2 percent, or \$4,692 per year in accordance with Southwestern's rate adjustment threshold and reevaluate the ability of the existing rate to provide sufficient revenues to satisfy costs projected in the FY 2000 (next year's) PRS.

On December 7, 1994, the current rate schedule for the Sam Rayburn Dam Project was confirmed and approved by the FERC on a final basis for a period that ended September 30, 1998. In accordance with 10 CFR 903.22(h) and 903.23(a)(3), the Secretary may extend existing rates on an interim basis beyond the period specified by the FERC.

As a result of the benefits obtained by a rate adjustment deferral (reduced Federal expense and rate stability) and the Secretary's authority to extend a previously approved rate, Southwestern's Administrator is proposing to extend the current Sam

Rayburn Dam Project rate schedule. The schedule is to be effective for the one-year period beginning October 1, 1999, and extending through September 30, 2000.

Opportunity is presented for customers and interested parties to receive copies of the study data for the Sam Rayburn Dam Project. If you desire a copy of the Repayment Study data package for the Sam Rayburn Dam Project, please submit your request to: Mr. Forrest E. Reeves, Assistant Administrator, Office of Corporate Operations, P.O. Box 1619, Tulsa, OK 74101, call (918) 595-6696 or e-mail reeves@swpa.gov.

Following review of the written comments (absent any substantive reasons to do otherwise), the Administrator will submit the rate extension proposal for the Sam Rayburn Dam Project to the Secretary of Energy for confirmation and approval.

Dated: June 16, 1999.

Michael A. Deihl,
Administrator.

[FR Doc. 99-16518 Filed 6-28-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6369-3]

Clean Air Act Advisory Committee, Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC) on November 19, 1990, to provide independent advice and counsel to EPA on policy issues associated with implementation of the Clean Air Act of 1990. The Committee advises on economic, environmental, technical scientific, and enforcement policy issues.

OPEN MEETING NOTICE: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. App. 2 Section 10(a)(2) notice is hereby given that the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee will hold its next open meeting on Tuesday, July 27, 1999, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Washington Marriott Hotel, 1221 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. The CAAAC's four Subcommittees (The Energy, Clean Air and Climate change Subcommittee; Linking Energy, Land Use, Transportation, and Air Quality Concerns Subcommittee; the Permits/NSR/Toxics Integration Subcommittee; and the Economic Incentives and Regulatory Innovations Subcommittee) will hold meetings on July 26. The

Climate Change Subcommittee is scheduled to meet from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; the Economics Incentives and Regulatory Innovations Subcommittee is scheduled to meet from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; the Permits/NSR/Toxics Subcommittee is scheduled to meet from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and the Linking Transportation Land Use and Air Quality Subcommittee is scheduled to meet from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. All subcommittee meetings will be held at the Washington Marriott Hotel, the same location as the full Committee.

INSPECTION OF COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS:

The Committee agenda and any documents prepared for the meeting will be publicly available at the meeting. Thereafter, these documents, together with CAAAC meeting minutes, will be available by contacting the Office of Air and Radiation Docket and requesting information under docket item A-94-34 (CAAAC). The Docket office can be reached by telephoning 202-260-7548; FAX 202-260-4400.

For Further Information concerning this meeting of the full CAAAC, please contact Paul Rasmussen, Office of Air and Radiation, US EPA (202) 260-6877, FAX (202) 260-8509 or by mail at US EPA, Office of Air and Radiation (Mail code 6102), 401 M St. S.W. Washington, D.C. 20460. For information on the Subcommittee meetings, please contact the following individuals: (1) Energy, Clean Air and Climate Change—Anna Garcia, 202-564-9492; (2) Permits/NSR/Toxics Integration—Debbie Stackhouse, 919 541-5354; (3) Economic Incentives and Regulatory Innovations—Carey Fitzmaurice, 202-260-7433; and (4) Linking Transportation Land Use and Air Quality Concerns—Gay MacGregor, 734-668-4438.

Dated: June 17, 1999.

Robert D. Brenner,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

[FR Doc. 99-16540 Filed 6-28-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-M

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6369-2]

Gulf of Mexico Program's Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Act, P.L. 92463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Program

(GMP) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

DATES: The CAC meeting will be held on Thursday, July 29, 1999 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Friday, July 30, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the River House Conference Facility, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi (228) 688-7618.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gloria D. Car, Designated Federal Officer, Gulf of Mexico Program Office, Building 1103, Room 202, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529-6000 at (228) 688-2421.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposed agenda items will include: Watershed Targeting, Coastal Sewage Initiative Discussion, Membership & Attendance Follow-up, GMP Project Presentations, and Ecoventures Project Presentation.

The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: June 21, 1999.

James D. Giattina,

Director, Gulf of Mexico Program Office.

[FR Doc. 99-16539 Filed 6-28-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6368-9]

Notice of Proposed Purchaser Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601-9675, notice is hereby given that a proposed purchaser agreement ("Purchaser Agreement") associated with the Warwick Township Creek Road Superfund Site ("Site") in Warwick Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, was executed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "Agency") and the Department of Justice and is now subject to public comment, after which the United States may modify or withdraw its consent if comments