

analyzed in the EA, including points of view in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views.

Procedures: The scoping meetings will be recorded by a court reporter and all statements (oral and written) will become a part of the formal record of the Commission's proceedings on the Sahko Hydroelectric Project. Individuals presenting statements at the meetings will be asked to clearly identify themselves for the record.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

Persons choosing not to speak at the meetings, but who have views on the issues or information relevant to the issues, may submit written statements for inclusion in the public record at the meetings. In addition, written scoping comments may be filed with the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426, until February 12, 1996.

All written correspondence should clearly show the following caption on the first page: Sahko Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 11060-000.

Intervenors—those on the Commission's service list for this proceeding (parties)—are reminded of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, requiring parties filing documents with the Commission, to serve a copy of the document on each person whose name appears on the official service list. Further, if a party files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. All entities commenting on this scoping document must file an original and eight copies of the comments with the Secretary of the Commission.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Ms. Deborah Frazier-Stutely, Environmental Coordinator, FERC, at (202) 219-2842.

m. Description of Project: The proposed project would consist of: (1) a 12-foot-high, 12-foot-wide, 80-foot-long earthfill sediment collection embankment with a crest at elevation 3,397 feet mean sea level (msl), containing a broadcrest weir, a 4-foot-high, 14-foot-wide overflow spillway, and a bypass pipe; (2) a 500-foot-long bypass ditch to be used during maintenance; (3) a 12-foot-high, 12-foot-wide, 110-foot-long earthfill intake embankment with a crest at elevation

3,394.5 feet msl, containing a concrete overflow spillway, an 8-foot-wide box shaped intake structure, and bypass pipe; (4) two unnamed springs; (5) a 24-inch-diameter, 1,950-foot-long partially buried steel penstock with a butterfly valve; (6) a 25-foot-wide, 50-foot-long masonry block powerhouse containing one pelton turbine and generating unit with an installed capacity of 500 Kw; (7) a 6-foot-wide, 3-foot-high, 30-foot-long rock rip-rap tailrace, discharging project flows into the Snake River; (8) a switchyard; (9) a 2,000-foot-long, 34.5-Kv transmission line tying into an Idaho Power Company line; and (10) related facilities.

The proposed project would operate run-of-ditch, where the project will use whatever flows enter the sediment impoundment as either irrigation waste flows or as emanating from the two unnamed springs on the applicant's property, and would generate about 1,178,000 kilowatthours of energy annually.

n. Purpose of Project: Project power will be sold to a local utility.

o. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A2, A9, B1, D8

p. Available Locations of Applications: A copy of the application, as amended and supplemented, is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, located at 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the applicant's office (see item (h) above).

A2. Development Application—Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified deadline date for the particular application. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A9. Notice of intent—A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit, if such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application). A notice of intent must be

served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

B1. Protests or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests 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 protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

D8. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time; therefore, the Commission is not now requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice requesting comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," or "COMPETING APPLICATION;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's Regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above address. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5341-4]

Agency Information Collection Activities under OMB Review**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 the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument. Pursuant to new requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act, a notice was published in the Federal Register on August 29, 1995 announcing the renewal of this ICR and requesting comment on the renewal.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 8, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL:

Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1617.02.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Surviving of Motor Vehicle Air Conditioners.

OMB Control No: 2060-0247.

EPA ICER No: 1617.02.

This is a request for an extension of a currently approved collection. Within the next few months, EPA intends to propose and finalize an amendment to the regulations implementing section 609. This amendment will, pursuant to a statutory mandate, establish standards for the recycling of any refrigerant in a motor vehicle air conditioner that substitutes for a class I or class II (i.e., CFC or HCFC) refrigerant. This amendment will not affect the current recordkeeping or reporting requirements under section 609.

Abstract: In 1992, EPA developed regulations under Section 609 of the Clean Air Act Amendment of 1990 (Act) for the recycling of CFC's in motor vehicle air conditioners. These regulations were published in 57 FR 31240, and are codified at 40 CFR Subpart B (§ 82.30 *et seq.*). The reasons the information is being collected, the way the information is to be used, and whether the requirements are mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain a benefit, are described below. The ICR renewal will not include any

burden for third-party or public disclosures not previously reviewed and approved by OMB.

Technician training and certification. According to Section 609(b)(4) of the Act, automotive technicians are required to be certified in the proper use of recycling equipment for servicing motor vehicle air conditioners. Certification programs must meet EPA standards. The Stratospheric Protection Division requires that certification programs send their training and testing materials to EPA for approval. The information requested is used by the Stratospheric Protection Division to guarantee a degree of uniformity in the testing programs for motor vehicle service technicians in addition to proper and valid certification.

Approved independent standards testing organizations. In addition, Section 609(b) (2)(A) of the Act requires independent laboratory testing of recycling equipment to be certified by EPA. The Stratospheric Protection Division requires independent laboratories to submit an application that proves their general capacity to certify equipment to meet the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) J standards for recycled refrigerant. The information requested is used by the Stratospheric Protection division to approve independent laboratories that can assure and industry accepted standard of quality in recycling and recovery equipment.

Substantially identical equipment. Section 609(b)(2)(B) of the Act allows equipment that was purchased before the proposal of the regulations to be approved by EPA if it is substantially identical to equipment that has been certified by an EPA approved independent laboratory. This measure is designed to incorporate or "grandfather" older equipment that has not been submitted to an independent laboratory for testing. The equipment manufacturer or owners may submit the following to the Stratospheric Protection Division: an application and supporting documents that includes process flow sheets, a list of equipment components and any other information that would indicate that the equipment is capable of recovering and/or cleaning the refrigerant to standards set forth in the appropriate appendix to the regulations. The information provided allows EPA to determine if the equipment is substantially identical to certified equipment.

Certification, reporting and recordkeeping. To facilitate enforcement under Section 609, EPA has developed several recordkeeping requirements. The information is used by the

Stratospheric Protection Division to verify compliance with Section 609 of the Act. First, an establishment that owns recover-only equipment must maintain records of the name and address of the facility that is reclaiming its refrigerant. Second, any person who owns approved refrigerant recovery or recycling equipment must retain records demonstrating that all persons authorized to operate the equipment are currently certified technicians. Last, any person who sells or distributes refrigerant that is in a container of less than 20 pounds must verify that the purchaser is a certified technician, unless the purchase of small containers is for resale only. In that case, the seller must obtain a written statement from the purchaser that the containers are for resale only and must indicate the purchaser's name and business address.

In addition, section 609(d)(3)-(4) of the Act requires that by January 1, 1992, all entities that service motor vehicle air containers for consideration must have acquired approved refrigerant recycling equipment. The establishment must have submitted to the Administrator on a one-time basis a certificate that provides the following information: the name of the equipment owner, the address of the service establishment where the equipment will be used, and the make, model, year, and serial number of the equipment. Note that this reporting requirement is contained in the statute itself and was not developed by EPA.

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. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on August 29, 1995.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .13 hours per response. This estimate 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.

Affected entities: Entities affected by this action are new and used motor vehicle dealers, gasoline service stations, truck rental and leasing facilities without drivers, passenger car rental facilities, top, body, upholstery repair and paint shops, general automotive repair shops, and automotive repair shops not elsewhere classified. Clean Air Act Section 609 automotive air-conditioning technician certification programs, and approved independent standards testing organizations, will also be affected.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 16,039.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 8,923 hours.

Frequency of Collection: Most requirements require collection on a one-time only basis.

This renewal shows a significant reduction in burden from the original information collection request. This reduction is due primarily to revisions in the estimates of the number of service facilities that must complete certifications for the equipment they have purchased. EPA estimates that over 250,000 pieces of equipment have been purchased in the United States. As a result, the Agency estimates that no more than 10,000 existing facilities, plus 4,000 new facilities, will need to complete the certification forms in any year. In addition, the reduction in burden hours from the original ICR is due in part to a revision in the estimate of the time it takes for a service facility manager to fill out the certification form. EPA believes that the original estimate of one half-hour was inaccurate. This time was halved, from one half-hour to one quarter-hour. Certain other changes to the ICR have been made in order to reflect the current size of the sectors affected by the ICR. For example, there are now approximately 25 organizations that certify automotive service technicians to work with recover/recycle equipment. This revised number of organizations is reflected in the cost and burden hour totals.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques, to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1617.02 and OMB Control No. 2060-0247 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory

Information Division (2136), 401 M Street, SW., Washington DC 20460 and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 28, 1995.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Information Division.

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Request for Comments: Preaward Compliance Review Report for all Applicants Requesting Federal Financial Assistance, Agency Information Collection Activities up for Renewal (OMB Control Number 2090-0014)

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 proposed and/or continuing Information Collection Requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICRs to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collections as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Office of Civil Rights, USEPA Waterside Mall (WSM), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Interested parties may receive a copy without charge by writing to this address or by calling Mary St. Peter at (202)260-4967.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary St. Peter: phone (202) 260-4967; fax (202) 260-4580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are grant and loan applicants, generally state and local governments, universities, etc., who must complete a simple form with the requested data.

Title: Preaward Compliance Review Report, EPA form 4700-4, OMB Control Number 2090-0014, expiration date 1/31/96.

Abstract: The information request and gathering is part of the requirement of 40 CFR Part 7, "Nondiscrimination in Program Receiving Federal Assistance

from the Environmental Protection Agency", at 40 CFR § 7.80. The regulation implements statutes which prohibit discrimination on the bases of race, color, national origin, sex and handicap. This information is also required, in part, by the Department of Justice regulations, 28 CFR 42.406 and 28 CFR 42.407. The information is collected on a short form from grant and loan applicants as part of the application. The EPA Director of Civil Rights manages the data collection through a regional component or delegated state, both of whom also carry out the data analysis and make the recommendation on the respondent's ability to meet the requirements of the regulation, as well as the respondent's current compliance with the regulation. The information and analysis is of sufficient value for the Director to determine whether the applicant is in compliance with the regulation. Analysis of the data allows EPA to determine:

(1) Whether there appears to be discrimination in the provision of program or activity services between the minority and non-minority population. This allows EPA to determine whether any action is necessary by it before the award of the grant or loan.

(2) Whether the respondent is designing grant or loan financed facilities to be accessible to handicapped individuals or whether a regulatory exemption is applicable. This allows EPA to determine whether design changes are necessary prior to the award of the grant or loan, which can save the respondent a significant amount of money, e.g., ensuring a facility is accessible to the handicapped is much less costly if this requirement is included in the design rather than after construction has begun.

(3) Whether the respondent receives or has applied for financial assistance from other Federal agencies. This information allows EPA to canvass these other agencies to avoid conducting duplicate compliance audits, reviews, or complaint investigations and is a reduction of burden on respondents. Responses to the collection of information are required to obtain a grant or loan and are kept on file by the state distributing the funds.

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 40 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to: