

and increase the likelihood that Praxair would unilaterally raise prices to consumers.

Under the proposed Consent Order, Praxair is required to divest four of CBI's atmospheric gases production facilities, either individually or in some combination. These facilities are located in: (1) Vacaville, California; (2) Irwindale, California; (3) Bozrah, Connecticut; and (4) Madison, Wisconsin. The proposed Consent states that this divestiture shall take place within twelve (12) months of the date the proposed Order becomes final, and shall be to an acquirer or acquirers approved by the Commission. If Praxair fails to divest the assets within 12 months, a trustee may be appointed to divest the four plants.

The proposed Order also requires Praxair to take all steps necessary to ensure that the plants to be divested continue as ongoing, viable and competitive operations. To this end, an Agreement to Hold Separate is incorporated into the proposed Order to preserve the four plants to be divested and to remedy any anticompetitive effects of the acquisition. Under the Hold Separate, Praxair commits to assure the complete independence and viability of the four plants to be divested. Furthermore, to assure that no confidential information is exchanged between Praxair and the businesses that will be divested, Praxair will hold those businesses separate and apart from all of its other operations.

The Order also requires Praxair to provide the Commission a report of compliance with the divestiture provisions of the Order within sixty (60) days following the date the Order becomes final, and every sixty (60) days thereafter until Praxair has completed the required divestiture.

Finally, with the exception of the Eastern Connecticut and Western Wisconsin/Southeastern Minnesota areas, where Praxair and CBI are each other's closest geographic competitor, the Complaint accompanying the Consent Order does not allege a violation with respect to merchant argon. Because merchant argon can be economically shipped significantly greater distances than nitrogen and oxygen, the geographic market for merchant argon most likely consists of the contiguous United States. CBI's share of the argon market is extremely small, seven other competitors would remain in the market after the acquisition, and anticompetitive effects on a national scale appear unlikely. However, localized unilateral anticompetitive effects are likely in the Eastern Connecticut and Western Wisconsin/Southeastern Minnesota areas, where Praxair and CBI are each other's closest competitors. The divestitures that the proposed Consent Order requires in Eastern Connecticut and Western Wisconsin/Southeastern Minnesota eliminate the likelihood of unilateral anticompetitive effects in merchant argon in those areas.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed Order, and it is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the agreement and proposed Order or to modify in any way their terms.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Project(s):

Title: Refugee Unaccompanied Minor Placement Report, Refugee Unaccompanied Minor Progress Report.

OMB No.: 0970-0034.

Description: The two reports collect information necessary to administer the refugee unaccompanied minor program. The ORR-3 (Placement Report) is submitted to ORR by the service provider agency at initial placement and whenever there is a change in the child's status, including termination from the program. The ORR-4 is submitted annually and records the child's progress toward the goals listed in the child's case plan.

Respondents: State governments.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
ORR-3	20	50	.417	417
ORR-4	20	55	.250	275

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 692.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, Division of Information Resource Management Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be

identified by title. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file without special characters or encryption.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the

use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

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