

tariff issues which were set for a technical conference by Commission order issued September 30, 1996 in Docket No. RP96-366-000. The Settlement provided for certain changes to the operating provisions in FGT's currently effective tariff and modified or withdrew tariff changes originally proposed by FGT's August 30, 1996 filing in Docket No. RP96-366-000. All active parties either supported or did not oppose the Settlement but one party requested that a provision included in the Settlement be incorporated into FGT's Tariff. By order issued January 16, 1996 (January 16 Order) the Commission approved the Settlement and required FGT to incorporate a Settlement provision regarding a recorded phone message into its Tariff. FGT states that instant filing is in compliance with the January 16 Order.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,  
*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. RP91-143-040]**

**Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Revenue Sharing Report November 1995-October 1996**

January 23, 1997.

Take notice that on January 17, 1997, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) filed its Interruptible/Overrun (I/O) Revenue Sharing Report with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) in accordance with the Stipulation and Agreement (Settlement) filed on September 24, 1992, and approved by the Commission's February 3, 1993 order issued in Docket No. RP91-143-000, et al.

Great Lakes states that this report reflects application of the revenue sharing mechanism and remittances made to firm shippers for I/O revenue

collected for the November 1, 1995 through October 31, 1996 period, in accordance with Article IV of the Settlement. Great Lakes states that such remittances, totaling \$107,789, were made to Great Lakes' firm shippers on December 18, 1996.

Great Lakes states that copies of the report were sent to its firm customers, parties to this proceeding and the Public Service Commissions of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Great Lakes further states the amounts remitted are based on implementation of the Commission's orders in Docket Nos. RP91-143, RS92-63 and RP95-422, et al. The amounts remitted may be adjusted at a future date in accordance with the provisions of Articles III and V of the Settlement, as certain of the Commission's orders referenced above are under Petitions for Review in the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in *Rochester Gas and Electric Company v. FERC* Nos. 96-1136, et al. Great Lakes states it will adjust the amounts remitted to comply with any further Commission action or judicial review resulting from disposition of the aforementioned court proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before January 30, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Commission's Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. ER97-852-000]**

**Ontario Hydro Interconnected Markets Inc. Notice of Filing**

January 23, 1997.

Take notice that on January 3, 1997, Ontario Hydro Interconnected Markets Inc. tendered for filing an amendment to its prior filing in this docket, consisting of Attachment B ("Methodology To Assess Available Transmission Transfer Capability") to the "Ontario Hydro Proposed Transmission Reservation Tariff For Transactions Out Of And

Through The Province of Ontario," that was previously filed in this docket. Ontario Hydro Interconnected Markets Inc. states that the attachment was inadvertently omitted from some of the copies of its filing.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before January 31, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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**[Docket No. EL97-21-000, et al.]**

**Southern California Edison Company v. San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Enova Energy, Inc. and Ensource Corporation, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings**

January 21, 1997.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Southern California Edison Company v. San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Enova Energy, Inc., Ensource Corporation

[Docket No. EL97-21-000]

Take notice that on January 10, 1997, Southern California Edison Company tendered for filing a complaint against San Diego Gas & Electric Company, (SDG&E) Enova Energy, Inc., (Enova Energy) and Ensource Corporation (Ensource) requesting that the Commission find that the merger of Enova and Pacific Enterprises (owner of Ensource), which involves their public utility subsidiaries—SDG&E, Enova Energy, and Ensource is subject to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, and direct that the companies submit an application for merger approval to the Commission.

*Comment date:* February 7, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**2. Truckee Donner Public Utility District**

[Docket No. EL97-22-000]

Take notice that on January 14, 1997, Truckee Donner Public Utility District (Truckee) tendered for filing a Petition for Declaratory Order clarifying certain conflicting language in its Order 888 and its pro forma open access transmission tariff in order to resolve a dispute between Truckee and Sierra Pacific Power Company concerning a good-faith transmission request submitted by Truckee to Sierra. Truckee also submitted a request for exemption from or waiver of filing fee.

*Comment date:* February 11, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**3. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation**

[Docket No. ER96-224-002]

Take notice that on January 16, 1997, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation tendered for filing its compliance report in the above-referenced docket.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standards Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**4. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation**

[Docket Nos. ER96-1477-002 and EL95-47-003]

Take notice that on January 7, 1997, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation tendered for filing its refund report in the above referenced dockets.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**5. Pennsylvania Power & Light Company**

[Docket No. ER97-114-001]

Take notice that on January 8, 1997, Pennsylvania Power & Light Company ("PP&L") filed a refund compliance report in the above referenced docket.

PP&L states that copies of this filing have been sent to PECO and to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**6. Detroit Edison Company**

[Docket No. ER97-324-001]

Take notice that on December 31, 1997, Detroit Edison Company tendered for filing its compliance filing in the above-referenced docket pursuant to the Commission's December 19, 1996, order in this proceeding.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**7. United Illuminating Company**

[Docket No. ER97-885-000]

Take notice that on December 23, 1996, United Illuminating Company tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**8. Cambridge Electric Light Company**

[Docket No. ER97-904-000]

Take notice that on December 23, 1996, Cambridge Electric Light Company tendered for filing data to set forth the actual Net Annual Costs of constructing, owning, and maintaining its Transmission System for the twelve month period ending December 31, 1995.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**9. Southern California Edison Company**

[Docket No. ER97-1013-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Southern California Edison Company tendered for filing a Notice of Cancellation of Rate Schedule FPC No. 61.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**10. Southern California Edison Company**

[Docket No. ER97-1014-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Southern California Edison Company tendered for filing a Notice of Cancellation of Rate Schedule FPC No. 71.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**11. Kansas City Power & Light Company**

[Docket No. ER97-1028-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL) tendered for filing a Notice of Cancellation of Service Schedule B, to KCPL's Rate Schedule FERC No. 104.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**12. Kansas City Power & Light Company**

[Docket No. ER97-1029-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL) tendered for filing a Notice of Cancellation of Service

Schedule C, to KCPL's Rate Schedule FERC No. 88.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**13. Kansas City Power & Light Company**

[Docket No. ER97-1030-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL) tendered for filing a Notice of Cancellation of Service Schedule A, to KCPL's Rate Schedule FERC No. 88.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**14. Kansas City Power & Light Company**

[Docket No. ER97-1031-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL) tendered for filing a Notice of Cancellation of Service Schedule C, to KCPL's Rate Schedule FPC No. 34 and Service Schedule E to KCPL's Rate Schedule FPC No. 34.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**15. Kansas City Power & Light Company**

[Docket No. ER97-1032-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL) tendered for filing a Notice of Cancellation of Service Schedule C, to KCPL's Rate Schedule FPC No. 55 and Service Schedule D, Supplement No. 2 KCPL's Rate Schedule FPC No. 55.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**16. Kansas City Power & Light Company**

[Docket No. ER97-1033-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL) tendered for filing a Notice of Cancellation of Service Schedule D, Supplement No. 5 to KCPL's Rate Schedule FPC No. 53.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**17. Kansas City Power & Light Company**

[Docket No. ER97-1034-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Kansas City Power & Light Company (MCPL) tendered for filing a Notice of Cancellation of Service

Schedule C, Supplement No. 2 to KCPL's Rate Schedule FPC No. 53.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

18. Public Service Company of Colorado

[Docket No. ER97-1062-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCO) tendered for filing a Notice of Cancellation of PSCO Rate Schedule No. 8.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

19. Potomac Edison Company

[Docket No. ER97-1066-000]

Take notice that on December 31, 1996, Potomac Edison Company tendered for filing a request for disclaimer of jurisdiction or, in the alternative, for acceptance and waiver.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

20. Louisville Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER97-1085-000]

Take notice that on January 3, 1997, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing a copy of a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement between Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Illinois Power under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

21. Commonwealth Edison Company

[Docket No. ER97-1086-000]

Take notice that on January 3, 1997, Commonwealth Edison Company (Edison), submitted Amendment No. 3 to the Interconnection Agreement between Edison and Northern Indiana Public Service Company (Northern Indiana). Amendment No. 3 eliminates certain service schedules that provide services redundant to those obtained through Edison's and Northern Indiana's unbundled power sales and open-access transmission tariffs. The Commission has previously designated the Interconnection Agreement as Edison's FERC Rate Schedule No. 17.

Edison requests an effective date of December 31, 1996, for Amendment No. 3, and accordingly seeks waiver of the Commission's requirements. Copies of this filing were served upon Northern Indiana, the Illinois Commerce Commission, and the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

22. MidAmerican Energy Company

[Docket No. ER97-1087-000]

Take notice that on January 3, 1997, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), 106 East Second Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801 filed with the Commission the Third Amendment dated December 19, 1996 to Firm Power Interchange Service Agreement (Interchange Agreement) dated August 21, 1985 entered into by a predecessor of MidAmerican and the City of Independence, Missouri (Independence). In Docket No. ER96-1501-000, MidAmerican has filed a Service Agreement dated June 1, 1996 which has been executed by MidAmerican and Independence for the purpose of including all transactions pursuant to the Interchange Agreement on and after June 1, 1996 under MidAmerican's Rate Schedule for Power Sales, FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 5, related to market-based pricing.

MidAmerican requests an effective date of January 1, 1997, for the Third Amendment and seeks a waiver of the Commission's notice requirement pursuant to *Prior Notice and Filing Requirements Under Part II of the Federal Power Act*, 64 FERC ¶ 61,139 (1993), *reh'g*, 65 FERC ¶ 61,081 (1993) and *Southern Company Services, Inc.*, 75 FERC ¶ 61,130 (1996). MidAmerican has served a copy of the filing on representatives of Independence, the Iowa Utilities Board, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

23. Northeast Utilities Service Company

[Docket No. ER97-1088-000]

Take notice that on January 3, 1997, Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO), tendered for filing a Service Agreement to provide Short-Term Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service to the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company under the NU system Companies' Open Access Transmission Service Tariff No. 8.

NUSCO states that a copy of this filing has been mailed to the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company.

NUSCO requests that the Service Agreement become effective January 6, 1997.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

24. Duke Power Company

[Docket No. ER97-1089-000]

Take notice that on January 3, 1997, Duke Power Company (Duke), tendered for filing a Service Agreement for Market Rate (Schedule MR) Sales between Duke and Saluda River Electric Cooperative, Inc. dated December 19, 1996. Duke requests an effective date of December 19, 1996.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

25. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER97-1090-000]

Take notice that on January 2, 1997, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an executed Transmission Service Agreement between NMPC and Public Service Electric and Gas Company. This Transmission Service Agreement specifies that Public Service Electric and Gas Company has signed on to and has agreed to the terms and conditions of NMPC's Open Access Transmission Tariff as filed in Docket No. OA96-194-000. This Tariff, filed with FERC on July 9, 1996, will allow NMPC and Public Service Electric and Gas Company to enter into separately scheduled transactions under which NMPC will provide transmission service for Public Service Electric and Gas Company as the parties may mutually agree.

NMPC requests an effective date of December 20, 1996. NMPC has requested waiver of the notice requirements for good cause shown.

NMPC has served copies of the filing upon the New York State Public Service Commission and Public Service Electric and Gas Company.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

26. Public Service Company of Colorado

[Docket No. ER97-1091-000]

Take notice that on January 3, 1997, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service), tendered for filing a Service Agreement between Public Service and Enserco Energy Inc. (Enserco) under Public Service's Electric Coordination Service Tariff. The Service Agreement is a general enabling agreement that will permit Enserco to arrange individual Coordination Power and Energy transactions in accordance with Service Schedule A of the Tariff.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**27. The Washington Water Power Company**

[Docket No. ER97-1092-000]

Take notice that on January 2, 1997, Washington Water Power (WWP), tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to 18 CFR 35.12, an Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for the Sale of Energy between The Washington Water Power Company and The City of Seattle. The term of the Agreement is to commence on January 15, 1997 and continue through December, 2000.

WWP requests that the Commission accept the amended filing effective January 15, 1997 and waive the 60-day notice requirement. No parties will be adversely effected by the granting of this waiver.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**28. Southwestern Electric Power Company**

[Docket No. ER97-1093-000]

Take notice that on January 2, 1997, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), tendered for filing Amendment No. 7 to the Power Supply Agreement, dated April 8, 1982, between SWEPCO and Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NTEC) in order to mitigate the impact of a scheduled rate increase.

SWEPCO requests waiver of the Commission's notice requirement in order that Amendment No. 7 may become effective on January 1, 1997. Copies of the filing were served upon NTEC and the Public Utility Commission of Texas,

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**29. MidAmerican Energy Company**

[Docket No. ER97-1094-000]

Take notice that on January 2, 1997, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), 106 East Second Street, Davenport, Iowa 52801, tendered for filing an amendment to its initial filing in the above-referenced docket. The amendment consisted of an executed Service Agreement dated June 1, 1996 entered into by MidAmerican with the City of Independence, Missouri pursuant to MidAmerican's Rate Schedule for Power Sales, FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 5.

MidAmerican requests an effective date of June 1, 1997, for the Service Agreement and accordingly seeks a waiver of the Commission's notice requirement. MidAmerican has served a copy of the amended filing on all parties

designated on the official service list, the Iowa Utilities Board, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**30. Louisville Gas and Electric Company**

[Docket No. ER97-1095-000]

Take notice that on January 3, 1997, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing Service Agreements between LG&E and various companies under LG&E's Rate Schedule GSS. LG&E requests that the agreements become effective as of December 31, 1996.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**31. PacifiCorp**

[Docket No. ER97-1096-000]

Take notice that on January 2, 1997, PacifiCorp, tendered for filing in accordance with 18 CFR Part 35 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, Service Agreements with IGI Resources, Inc., and Idaho Falls Electric Light Division under, PacifiCorp's FERC Electric Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 3, Service Schedule PPL-3.

Copies of this filing were supplied to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and the Public Utility Commission of Oregon.

A copy of this filing may be obtained from PacifiCorp's Regulatory Administration Department's Bulletin Board System through a personal computer by calling (503) 464-6122 (9600 baud, 8 bits, no parity, 1 stop bit).

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**32. Louisville Gas and Electric Company**

[Docket No. ER97-1097-000]

Take notice that on January 3, 1997, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E), tendered for filing a copy of a Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service Agreement between Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company under LG&E's Open Access Transmission Tariff.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**33. Minnesota Power and Light Company**

[Docket No. ER97-1098-000]

Take notice that on January 3, 1997, Minnesota Power & Light Company

(Minnesota Power), submitted for filing four (4) Service Agreements under which Minnesota Power, Western Power Services, Inc., Wisconsin Electric Power Company, and Cinergy Services, Inc., respectively, will take non-firm, point-to-point transmission service under Minnesota Power's open access transmission tariff.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**34. Cinergy Services, Inc.**

[Docket No. ER97-1099-000]

Take notice that on January 2, 1997, Cinergy Services, Inc. (Cinergy), tendered for filing a service agreement under Cinergy's Open Access Transmission Service Tariff (the Tariff) entered into between Cinergy and Plum Street Energy Marketing, Inc.

Cinergy and Plum Street Energy Marketing, Inc. are requesting an effective date of December 15, 1996.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**35. Entergy Power Marketing Corp.**

[Docket No. ER97-1101-000]

Take notice that on January 3, 1997, Entergy Power Marketing Corp., filed an amendment to its standards of conduct.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**36. Northeast Utilities Service Company**

[Docket No. ER97-1102-000]

Take notice that on January 3, 1997, Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO), tendered for filing, a Service Agreement to provide Non-Firm Point-to-Point Transmission Service to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company under the NU System Companies' Open Access Transmission Service Tariff No. 8.

NUSCO states that a copy of this filing has been mailed to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company.

NUSCO requests that the Service Agreement become effective January 6, 1997.

*Comment date:* February 3, 1997, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

**Standard Paragraph**

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211

and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5681-7]

### Agency Information Proposed Collection; Comment Request; National Request for Information (RFI) for Vendor Information System for Innovative Treatment Technologies (VISITT) and Vendor Field Analytical and Characterization Technologies System (Vendor FACTS)

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 continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): National Request for Information (RFI) for Vendor Information System for Innovative Treatment Technologies (VISITT) and Vendor Field Analytical and Characterization Technologies System (Vendor FACTS). The EPA ICR Number is 1583.02, OMB Control Number is 2050-0114 and current expiration date is July 31, 1997. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by April 4, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Technology Innovation Office (5102G), Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Individuals interested in obtaining a copy of the ICR at no charge may send their requests to the above address or by calling (703) 603-9903.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Carl Ma by telephone at (703) 603-9903, by telefax at (703) 603-9135, or by E-mail at "ma.carl@epamail.epa.gov".

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Affected entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are technology vendors who are interested in the voluntary participation in EPA's databases on innovative technologies for the clean-up, characterization and monitoring of hazardous waste sites.

**Title:** National Request for Information (RFI) for Vendor Information System for Innovative Treatment Technologies (VISITT) and Vendor Field Analytical and Characterization Technologies System (Vendor FACTS). The EPA ICR Number is 1583.02, OMB Control Number is 2050-0114 and current expiration date is July 31, 1997.

**Abstract:** As part of a broad effort to promote the routine consideration and use of more cost effective technologies by the Agency and others, the Technology Innovation Office created the VISITT and Vendor FACTS databases for the purpose of disseminating the latest information on technologies to clean-up, characterize, or monitor hazardous waste sites. Version 5.0 of VISITT contains information on 346 technologies to remediate soil and groundwater contaminated with hazardous wastes. Version 2.0 of Vendor FACTS contains approximately 129 technologies for field analytical and site characterization. These systems help technology vendors promote their technologies by providing readily available information to system users, such as site managers, on the options for site monitoring and clean-up. In addition, the systems provide a communication link between technology users and vendors. Each year, EPA invites vendors to participate in these databases on a voluntary basis and requests specific, non-confidential technology information for listing in the databases. EPA does not verify the accuracy of submitted data or claims made by vendors. 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 48 CFR Chapter 15. One of EPA's highest priorities has been to encourage the use of innovative technologies to speed-up the site remediation process and at the same time to reduce project costs. EPA is working toward these goals by providing the site managers with the necessary information to select

the most applicable and cost-effective technology for their sites. In order to obtain such critical information, once every year, EPA invites vendors to participate in the databases by submitting or updating information on new technologies as they emerge or become commercially available. Originally, EPA based the burden hours estimates for individual respondents on two non-statistical pre-tests designed to minimize the burden of potential respondents. In the first pre-test, non-respondent technical experts completed the Vendor Information Form (VIF), and in the second pre-test, vendors who participated in the workgroup to develop the system were asked to estimate the time it would take to complete the VIF. Several vendors based their time estimates on actual time required to fill out the form. To improve its estimates of respondent burden, EPA conducted a small survey of actual respondents. The revised estimates are now 25 hours and 13 hours respectively for an original VIF submittal and an VIF update. EPA is further trying to minimize respondent burden by providing an option to fill out and submit the VIF electronically.

**Burden Statement:** The following assumptions were made to estimate individual respondent burden:

- Participation in the databases is voluntary; therefore, some potential respondents will read the instructions for completing the VIF, and will choose not to respond.
- Participating new respondents will complete the entire VIF. EPA assumed that each new respondent will complete an average of two VIFs and current participants will submit two updated VIFs each year.

First-time respondents will take a maximum of 50 hours to complete the form for two technologies (or 25 hours per technology). This value is consistent with the maximum values obtained from our respondent survey. Respondents updating two previously submitted forms will require a total of 26 hours. Estimates are the same for VISITT and Vendor FACTS respondents. Based on current trend, the Agency expects, on average, 120 new respondents and 300 current respondents providing updates each year for the next three years beginning in 1997. The hourly rates for management, technical, and clerical staff have been increased by 5% from previous year to bring them in line with current contractor hourly rates. For 1997, the values are \$77 for management, \$46 for technical staff, and \$29 for clerical support. The Agency