

entered into pursuant to the Service Agreement and the Tariff.

MidAmerican requests an effective date of May 1, 1997 for these Agreements, and accordingly seeks a waiver of the Commission's notice requirement. MidAmerican has served a copy of the filing on Hudson, the Iowa Utilities Board, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Comment date: June 9, 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2523-007; Project No. 11496-000]

N.E.W. Hydro, Inc. City of Oconto Falls, Wisconsin; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

May 28, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) Regulations, 18 CFR 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the applications for a new license for the Oconto Falls Hydroelectric Project, located on the Oconto River, in Oconto County, Wisconsin; and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. In the EA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the existing

project and has concluded that approval of the project, with appropriate environmental protection measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street N.E., Washington, DC 20426. For further information, please contact Edward R. Meyer at (202) 208-7998.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[AD-FRL-5833-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Information Collection Request for Iron and Steel Foundries

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 Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Information Collection Request for Iron and Steel Foundries, EPA ICR Number 1809.01. 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 on or before August 4, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit written comments to the Emission Standards Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711. A copy of the draft survey questionnaire may be obtained without charge by writing to this address or by contacting the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. A copy of the draft questionnaire and supporting statement are also available electronically on the Technology Transfer Network (TTN), one of EPA's electronic bulletin boards. The TTN provides information and technology exchange in various areas of air pollution control. The service is free,

except for the cost of a phone call. Dial (919) 541-5742 with a modem of up to 14,400 baud per second (BPS). The TTN is also accessible through the Internet at "TELNET ttnbbs.rtpnc.epa.gov." If more information on the TTN is needed, call the help desk at (919) 541-5384. The help desk is staffed from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern time. A voice menu system is available at other times.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Maysilles, Metals Group, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone number (919) 541-3265, facsimile number (919) 541-5600, electronic mail address "maysilles.jim@epamail.epa.gov."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are iron and steel foundries, which are facilities primarily engaged in manufacturing iron and steel castings. The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes for these facilities include 3321 (gray and ductile iron foundries), 3322 (malleable iron foundries), 3324 (steel investment foundries), and 3325 (steel foundries, not elsewhere classified).

Title: Information Collection Request for Iron and Steel Foundries, EPA ICR Number 1809.01.

Abstract: The EPA is charged under section 112 of the Clean Air Act (the Act) with developing national emission standards for listed hazardous air pollutants (HAP). Preliminary information indicates that there are major sources of HAP in the iron and steel foundry source categories. These categories were listed pursuant to section 112(c) of the Act on July 16, 1992, and section 112(d) of the Act requires the Administrator to promulgate regulations establishing emission standards for this source category. Standards must be promulgated by November 15, 2000. The responses to the survey are mandatory and are being collected under the authority of section 114 of the Act.

The Emission Standards Division (ESD) of the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards plans to use the survey responses to develop legally defensible maximum achievable control technology (MACT) standards. The focus of the survey is on determinations of HAP emissions, emission controls, and control performance, which are critical elements in the development of technology-based standards. Other questions in the survey provide information that ESD will use to develop reasonable estimates of impacts associated with potential standards,