

ELECTRIC AGENDA

E-1.

DOCKET # EC97-19, 000, LONG ISLAND LIGHTING COMPANY

Order on merger.

E-2.

DOCKET # EC97-22, 000, PG&E CORPORATION AND VALERO ENERGY CORPORATION

OTHER #S ER97-1847, 000, VALERO POWER SERVICES COMPANY

Order on disposition of jurisdictional facilities and proposed changes to market-based rate schedule.

E-3.

DOCKET # EC97-5, 000, OHIO EDISON COMPANY AND PENNSYLVANIA POWER COMPANY, ET AL.

OTHER #S ER97-412, 000, FIRST ENERGY SYSTEM/OHIO EDISON COMPANY ER97-413, 000, OHIO EDISON COMPANY AND PENNSYLVANIA POWER COMPANY, ET AL.

Order on merger application, open access tariff and joint dispatch agreement.

OIL AND GAS AGENDA

I.

PIPELINE RATE MATTERS

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RESERVED

II.

PIPELINE CERTIFICATE MATTERS

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RESERVED

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5858-4]

Request for Nominations of Candidates for the National Environmental Education Advisory Council

Due Date: September 2, 1997.

SUMMARY: Section 9 (a) and (b) of the National Environmental Education Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-619) mandates a National Environmental Education Advisory Council. The Advisory Council provides advice, consults with, and makes recommendations to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on matters relating to the activities, functions, and policies of EPA under the Act. EPA is requesting nominations of candidates for membership on the Council. The Act requires that the Council be comprised of eleven (11) members appointed by the Administrator of EPA, after consultation with the Secretary of the U.S.

Department of Education. Members represent a balance of perspectives, professional qualifications, and experience. The Act specifies that members must represent the following:

- Primary and secondary education (one of whom shall be a classroom teacher)—two members.
- Colleges and universities—two members.
- Not-for-profit organizations involved in environmental education—two members.
- State departments of education and natural resources—two members.
- Business and industry—two members.
- Senior Americans—one member.

Members are chosen to represent the various geographic regions of the country, and the Council shall have minority representation. The professional backgrounds of Council members include scientific, policy, and other appropriate disciplines. Each member of the Council shall hold office for a one (1) to three (3) year period, which runs from November to November of each calendar year.

Members are expected to participate in up to two (2) meetings per year and bi-monthly or more conference calls per year. Members of the Council shall receive compensation and allowances, including travel expenses, at a rate fixed by the Administrator. There are currently five (5) vacancies on the Advisory Council that must be filled. These include the following:

- Primary and Secondary Education (classroom teacher or non-formal educator)—one vacancy (Nov. 1996–Nov. 1999)
- Not-for-profit organization—one vacancy (Nov. 1996–Nov. 1999)
- State department of natural resources—one vacancy (Nov. 1996–Nov. 1999)
- Senior Americans—one vacancy (Nov. 1996–Nov. 1999)
- Colleges and Universities—one vacancy (Nov. 1996–Nov. 1999)

EPA particularly seeks candidates with demonstrated experience and/or knowledge in any of the following environmental education issue areas:

- Integrating environmental education into state and local education reform and improvement;
- State, national and tribal level environmental education;
- Cross-sector partnerships; leveraging resources for environmental education;
- Professional development for teachers and other education professionals;
- Targeting under-represented audiences, including low-income and

multi-cultural audiences, senior citizens, and other adults.

Additional considerations:

The Council is also looking for individuals who demonstrate the following:

- strong leadership skills
- analytical ability
- ability to stand apart and evaluate programs in an unbiased fashion
- team players
- conviction to follow-through and to meet deadlines
- ability to review items on short notice

DATES: Nominations of candidates to fill the existing vacancies on the Council must be submitted no later than September 2, 1997. Any interested person or organization may submit nominations of qualified persons. The nominations must include the following:

- Name/address/phone of nominating individual
- 1–2 page resume of nominated candidate
- Two (2) letters of support for the nominee
- One (1) page statement of “How the candidate is qualified.” This must not exceed one (1) page and may be written by either the nominator or nominee.
- One (1) page statement by the nominee on his/her personal perspective on environmental education. This must not exceed one (1) page.

Note: If you submitted an application packet for the non-profit, college and university, or primary and secondary education positions in the previous solicitation notice (February 15, 1997), it is not necessary for you to submit a new application package. Your application will be reviewed again, unless you wish to withdraw your nomination. Please provide written notice by the deadline if you do not wish to be considered a nominee for the currently available positions.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations to Ginger Keho, Advisory Council Coordinator, Environmental Education Division, Office of Communications, Education and Public Affairs (1707), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ginger Keho at the above address, or call (202) 260-4129. E-mail address: keho.ginger@epamail.epa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council provides the Administrator with advice and recommendations on EPA implementation of the National Environmental Education Act. In general, the Act is designed to increase public understanding of environmental issues and problems, and to improve the

training of environmental education professionals. EPA will achieve these goals, in part, by awarding grants and/or establishing partnerships with other Federal agencies, state and local education and natural resource agencies, not-for-profit organizations, universities, and the private sector to encourage and support environmental education and training programs. The Council is also responsible for preparing a national biennial report to Congress that will describe and assess the extent and quality of environmental education, discuss major obstacles to improving environmental education, and identify the skill, education, and training needs for environmental professionals.

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Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Communications, Education and Public Affairs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5857-1]

Wyoming: Final Determination of Adequacy of the State's Municipal Solid Waste Permit Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (Region VIII).

ACTION: Notice of final determination of full program adequacy for Wyoming's application.

SUMMARY: Section 4005(c)(1)(B) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984, requires States to develop and implement permit programs to ensure that municipal solid waste landfills (MSWLFs) which may receive hazardous household waste or conditionally exempt small quantity generator waste will comply with the revised Federal MSWLF Criteria (40 CFR part 258). Section 4005(c)(1)(C) of RCRA requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine whether States have adequate "permit" programs for MSWLFs, but does not mandate issuance of a rule for such determinations. On January 26, 1996, EPA proposed a State Implementation Rule (SIR) (40 CFR parts 239 and 258) that will provide procedures by which EPA will approve, or partially approve, state landfill permit programs. The Agency intends to approve adequate State MSWLF permit programs as applications are submitted. Thus, these

approvals are not dependent on final promulgation of the SIR. Prior to promulgation of the SIR, adequacy determinations will be made based on the statutory authorities and requirements. In addition, States may use the draft SIR as an aid in interpreting these requirements. The Agency believes that early approvals have an important benefit. Approved State permit programs provide interaction between the State and the owner/operator regarding site-specific permit conditions. Only those owners/operators located in States with approved permit programs can use the site-specific flexibility provided by Part 258 to the extent the State permit program allows such flexibility. EPA Notes that regardless of the approval status of a State and the permit status of any facility, the Federal Criteria will apply to all permitted and unpermitted MSWLFs.

The State of Wyoming applied for a determination of adequacy under section 4005 of RCRA. EPA reviewed Wyoming's MSWLF application and made a tentative determination that Wyoming's MSWLF permit program is adequate to assure compliance with the revised MSWLF Criteria. After reviewing all comments received, EPA is today issuing a final determination that Wyoming's program is adequate. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** The determination of adequacy for Wyoming shall be effective on July 15, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerald Allen (8P2-P2), U.S. EPA Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466, Phone 303-312-7008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

On October 9, 1991, EPA promulgated revised Criteria for MSWLFs (40 CFR part 258). Subtitle D of RCRA, as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), requires States to develop permitting programs to ensure that MSWLFs comply with the Federal Criteria. Subtitle D also requires that EPA determine the adequacy of State municipal solid waste landfill permit programs to ensure that facilities comply with the revised Federal Criteria. To fulfill this requirement, the Agency has proposed a State Implementation Rule (SIR), (40 CFR Parts 239 and 258, January 26, 1996). The rule will specify the requirements which State programs must satisfy to be determined adequate.

EPA intends to approve State MSWLF permit programs prior to the final

promulgation of the SIR. EPA interprets the requirements for States to develop "adequate" programs for permits or other forms of prior approval to impose several minimum requirements. First, each State must have enforceable standards for new and existing MSWLFs that are technically comparable to EPA's revised MSWLF criteria. Next, the State must have the authority to issue a permit or other notice of prior approval to all new and existing MSWLFs in its jurisdiction. The State also must provide for public participation in permit issuance and enforcement as required in section 7004(b) of RCRA. Finally, EPA believes that the State must show that it has sufficient compliance monitoring and enforcement authorities to take specific action against any owner or operator that fails to comply with an approved MSWLF program.

EPA Regions will determine whether a State has submitted an "adequate" program based on the interpretation outlined above. EPA plans to provide more specific criteria for this evaluation in the proposed State Implementation Rule, (SIR). EPA expects States to meet all of these requirements for all elements of a MSWLF program before it gives full approval to a MSWLF program.

B. State of Wyoming

On November 6, 1992, Wyoming submitted an application for partial program adequacy determination for the State's MSWLF permit program. On October 8, 1993, EPA published a final determination of partial adequacy for Wyoming's program. Further background on the final partial program determination of adequacy appears at 58 FR 52491 (October 8, 1993). In that action, EPA approved all portions of the State's MSWLF permit program except portions of Wyoming's regulations incorporating the federal ground water and corrective action requirements in 40 CFR 258, subpart E, and the Federal financial annual requirement in 40 CFR 258, subpart G.

On September 30, 1994, the State of Wyoming submitted a revised application for partial program adequacy determination. EPA reviewed Wyoming's application and tentatively determined that the following portions of the State's Subtitle D program ensured compliance with the Federal Revised Criteria.

1. Ground-water monitoring and corrective action requirements (40 CFR 258.50, 258.51, and 258.53 through 258.58).
2. Financial assurance requirements (40 CFR 258.70 through 258.74).