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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OA96-186-001]

#### UtiliCorp United Inc.; Notice of Filing

October 1, 1997.

Take notice that on August 15, 1997, in compliance with the Commission's July 31, 1997, Order in this docket, UtiliCorp United Inc., filed with the Commission revised open access transmission tariff sheets on behalf of its Missouri Public Service Company, WestPlains Energy-Colorado, and WestPlains Energy-Kansas operating divisions. The revised tariff sheets separately state rates for Scheduling, System Control and Dispatch Service.

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 October 10, 1997. Protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the 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.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5906-4]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request; Application for Reference or Equivalent Method Determination

**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): Application for Reference and Equivalent Method Determination, EPA ICR Number: 0559.06, OMB No: 2080-0005, expiration date: 01/31/98. 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 December 8, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Human Exposure and Atmospheric Sciences Division/Atmospheric Methods and Monitoring Branch, Mail Drop 46, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR without charge by contacting the hereinafter named person.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frank F. McElroy, 919-541-2622; facsimile number: 919-541-7953; E-Mail: MCELROY.FRANK@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are manufacturers or vendors of air monitoring instruments suitable for use by state and local air monitoring agencies in their federally required air surveillance monitoring networks, and agents acting for instrument manufacturers or vendors. Other applicants include state or local air monitoring agencies.

*Title:* Application for Reference and Equivalent Method Determination (OMB Control No. 2080-0005; EPA ICR No. 0559.06; expiring January 31, 1998).

*Abstract:* State air monitoring agencies are required to use EPA-designated reference or equivalent methods in their air monitoring networks to determine compliance with the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). A manufacturer or seller of an air monitoring method (e.g. an air monitoring sampler or analyzer) which seeks EPA designation of their products must carry out prescribed tests of the method. The test results and other information must then be submitted to the EPA in the form of an application for a reference or equivalent method determination in accordance with 40 CFR part 53. The EPA uses this information to determine whether the particular method should be designated as either a reference or equivalent

method. After designation of a method, the applicant must also maintain records of the names and mailing addresses of all ultimate purchasers of all analyzers or samplers sold as designated methods under the method designation. Following designation of a method for PM<sub>2.5</sub>, the applicant must also submit a checklist signed by an ISO-certified auditor to indicate that the samplers or analyzers sold as part of a designated method are manufactured in an ISO 9001-register facility. Responses to the collection of information are voluntary but are required to obtain a benefit (40 CFR part 53). Submission of information that is claimed by the applicant to be confidential business information may be necessary to make a reference or equivalent method determination. The confidentiality of any submitted information identified as such will be protected in full accordance with 40 CFR part 53.15 and all applicable provisions of 40 CFR part 2.

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.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond.

*Burden Statement:* The EPA estimates that the total annual respondent burden for all activities covered in this ICR is approximately 6926 hours at a cost of \$405,378. EPA estimates an average burden of 1118 hours and an estimated cost of \$65,816 per major application, based on an estimated 6 applications per year. However, it should be noted that such applications range widely in content and extent. Accordingly, the individual respondent burden for a particular application response may differ substantially from the average burden. EPA estimates the average