

Dismissals

The following submissions were dismissed.

Name	Case No.
Karen Coleman-Wiltshire	VFA-0325

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Issuance of Decisions and Orders by the Office of Hearings and Appeals; Week of December 1 through December 5, 1997

During the week of December 1 through December 5, 1997, the decisions and orders summarized below were issued with respect to appeals, applications, petitions, or other requests filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy. The following summary also contains a list of submissions that were dismissed by the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Copies of the full text of these decisions and orders are available in the Public Reference Room of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Room 1E-234, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-0107, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., except federal holidays. They are also available in *Energy Management: Federal Energy Guidelines*, a commercially published loose leaf reporter system. Some decisions and orders are available on the Office of Hearings and Appeals World Wide Web site at <http://www.oha.doe.gov>.

Dated: January 27, 1998.

George B. Breznay,
Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.

**Department of Energy
Office of Hearings and Appeals**

[Decision List No. 62]

Week of December 1 through December 5, 1997

Appeal

Glen M. Jameson, 12/2/97
[VFA-0345]

Glen M. Jameson filed an Appeal from a determination that the Office of Headquarters Procurement Services (PS) of the Department of Energy (DOE) issued to him on September 17, 1997. In that determination, PS identified a responsive document, but concluded that portions of this document were exempt from mandatory disclosure pursuant to Exemption 4 of the FOIA. In his Appeal, Mr. Jameson contended that the disclosure of the requested information is not likely to impair

the Government's ability to obtain similar information in the future and that its disclosure is not likely to cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the submitter, PAI Corporation. The DOE found that release of the requested information is likely to cause competitive harm to the submitter under Exemption 4. However, the DOE remanded the matter to PS for further segregation and release of possibly non-exempt material. Consequently, the Appeal filed by Mr. Jameson was granted as set forth in the Decision and Order and denied in all other respects.

Refund Applications

Atlantic Richfield Company/Major Oil, Inc. K.C. Distributing, Inc., 12/2/97
[RF304-15508; RF304-15509]

The DOE found that firms having common ownership had filed applications in the ARCO special refund proceeding without revealing their relationship. The DOE found that the two firms should have been considered together in calculating the amount of their refunds. The DOE rescinded the refunds in part and directed the firms to refund the amount of the excessive refund.

Philippine Airlines, Inc., 12/5/97
[RG272-01075]

The DOE granted an Application for Refund filed on behalf of Philippine Airlines, Inc., in the crude oil overcharge refund proceeding conducted under 10 CFR part 205, Subpart V. The DOE found that Philippine Airlines is the proper party to receive the refund. The Philippine Government had also claimed the refund by arguing that it had owned the stock of Philippine Airlines during the refund period. The DOE found that Philippine Airlines has been in business continually since the refund period and, as a corporation, is entitled to the refund regardless of who owns the corporate stock.

Refund Applications

The Office of Hearings and Appeals issued the following Decisions and Orders concerning refund applications, which are not summarized. Copies of the full texts of the Decisions and Orders are available in the Public Reference Room of the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

CITY OF SANTA PAULA ET AL	RF272-96352	12/5/97
CRUDE OIL SUP- PLE REF DIST	RB272-00127	12/5/97
CRYSTAL, INC. ET AL	RK272-03055	12/2/97
OZINGA BROS. INC. ET AL	RK272-4529	12/5/97

RICHARD B. GENTRY ET AL	RK272-1966	12/5/97
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Dismissals

The following submissions were dismissed.

NAME	CASE NO.
PERSONNEL SECURITY HEARING	VSO-0175
T & T LEASING CORP.	RK272-04686
WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER CO.	RK272-04713

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5962-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Evaluation of the Burden of Waterborne Disease Within Communities in the United States

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB):

Evaluation of the burden of waterborne disease within communities in the United States. EPA ICR Number: 1727.02. OMB Control Number: 2080-0050. Current expiration date: July 31, 1998. 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 April 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: US EPA, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Human Studies Division, Epidemiology and Biomarkers Branch, Mail Drop 58-A, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the ICR without charge by contacting: Dr. Elizabeth Hilborn at: (919) 966-0658—telephone, (919) 966-7584—fax, hilborn.e@epamail.epa.gov—E-mail, or by mailing request (address above).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which are served by a community water system.

Title: Evaluation of the burden of waterborne disease within communities in the United States. (OMB Control No. 2080-0050; EPA ICR No.:1727.02) expiring 7/31/98.

Abstract: The proposed study will be conducted by the Epidemiology and Biomarkers Branch, Human Studies Division, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Development, US EPA. Participation in this collection of information is strictly voluntary. The Branch will conduct a feasibility study of water utilities and a health study of individuals served by targeted drinking water utilities.

Drinking water utilities serving populations greater than 15,000 will be asked to provide information on the utility and results of monitoring activities. The information will be used to assess the feasibility of conducting an environmental health study to evaluate the burden of water-borne disease in the community it serves. A utility representative will be interviewed to gather information on: miles of distribution pipe, storage capacity, quantity of source water, the availability of the previous year's monitoring records, and the utilities' willingness to participate. The water utility will provide annual reports describing the monthly mean and range: water

temperature, turbidity, particle counts, pH, color, total and fecal coliforms, heterotrophic plate count, total organic carbon, chlorine residual (free and total), total organic halides, total trihalomethanes, total haloacetic acids, viruses, *Giardia*, and *Cryptosporidium*.

In the health studies, approximately 1000 households will be randomly selected from each community. Eligibility for households to participate will include residence of one or more children between the ages of two and ten years as children are the most sensitive population for illnesses of interest. We expect that each household has, on the average 2.2 members for a total of approximately 2200 individuals participating in each study.

Demographic information and a short health history will be requested from household members at the beginning of each study. A representative from each household will be asked to fill out a monthly health questionnaire for each family member for a total of eighteen months. The monthly health information requested includes a checklist for upper respiratory illness, gastrointestinal illness, fever, and severity of illness. Care will be taken to maintain participant confidentiality; this work is mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996.

The information will be used to estimate the burden of waterborne disease in communities within the United States (US). Health data obtained from the household checklists will be compared with the corresponding monitoring data at the water utility to determine whether any increase in symptoms is associated with higher levels of contaminants. Overall illness rates will be measured. Specific relationships between microorganisms and disease may be developed by

linking microorganisms found in the water with those found in symptomatic people.

The information is being collected as part of a research program to support the Office of Water in estimating the burden of waterborne disease in the US as mandated under the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, section 1458. This study will also provide information on the level of disease associated with microorganisms found in the drinking water. The information could potentially be used by other laboratories in the Office of Research and Development such as the National Risk Management Laboratory (Cincinnati) and the National Exposure Research Laboratory (Cincinnati). The information may also be used in comparison analyses by scientists in government or academia who are conducting similar types of studies. There is no maintenance of records required under this ICR.

Burden Statement: Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Feasibility Study:

Respondent activities	Burden hours @ \$25.00/hr	Frequency	Costs (dollars)
1. Read questionnaire instructions	0.05	1	1.25
2. Gather information	0.50	1	12.50
3. Complete questionnaire	0.50	1	12.50
4. Return questionnaire as requested	0.05	1	1.25
Total	1.10	4	27.50

Annual Reporting Burden: Hr. total (1.10) × No. of Respondents (400) = 440 hrs.

Annual Cost: Cost total (\$27.50) × No. of Respondents (400) = \$11,000.00.

No Annual Recordkeeping Burden:

Health Study:

Respondent activities	Burden hours @ \$10.00/hr	Frequency hour	Total	Costs (dollars)
1. Read questionnaire instruction	0.10	9	0.9	9.00
2. Gather information from family members	0.25	9	2.25	22.50
3. Record information biweekly	0.10	18	1.80	18.00

Respondent activities	Burden hours @ \$10.00/hr	Frequency hour	Total	Costs (dollars)
4. Return questionnaire monthly	0.05	9	0.45	4.50
Total	0.50	45	5.40	54.00

Annual Reporting Burden: Hr. total (5.4) × No. of Respondents (1000) = 5,400 hrs.

Annual Cost: Cost total (\$54.00) × No. of Respondents (1000) = \$54,000.00.

No Annual Recordkeeping Burden.

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 accuracy of 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, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Dated: January 16, 1998.

Hillel S. Koren,

Director, Human Studies Division, Office of Research and Development/NHEERL.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission Under Delegated Authority 5 CFR 1320, Comments Requested

January 30, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other

Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated information techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before April 6, 1998. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M St., N.W., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0609.

Title: Section 76.934(e), Petitions for extension of time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities; state, local or tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 35. (25 petitioners + 10 local franchise authorities ("LFAs")).

Estimated Time Per Response: 4 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 140 hours, calculated as follows: We estimate that small cable systems will annually submit 25 petitions for extension of time, with approximately 15 of the petitions being addressed to the Commission and 10 being addressed to LFAs. We estimate that the average burden to small cable systems to file each petition is 4 hours and that the average burden to LFAs to review each petition is 4 hours. 25 petitions filed × 4 hours = 100 hours. 10 LFA reviews of petitions × 4 hours = 40 hours.

Total Annual Cost to Respondents: Postage and photocopying expenses for each petition are estimated at \$2 per filing. 25 × \$2 = \$50.

Needs and Uses: Section 76.934(e) states that small cable systems may obtain an extension of time to establish compliance with rate regulations provided that they can demonstrate that timely compliance would result in severe economic hardship. Requests for extension of time should be addressed to the local franchising authority ("LFA") concerning rates for basic service and equipment and to the Commission concerning rates for a cable programming service tier and associated equipment. The information collected from entities will be used by the Commission and LFAs to grant temporary relief to small systems who demonstrate a need for an extension of time to come into compliance with rate regulation.

OMB Control Number: 3060-0610.

Title: Section 76.958, Notice to Commission of rate change while complaint is pending.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Time Per Response: .5 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 200 hours. Annually, we estimate that cable operators will be required to notify the Commission of proposed cable service tier rate increases during the Commission reviews of pending rate complaints an estimated 400 times. The estimated average burden to make each