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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11072-001 New York]

#### Trenton Falls Hydroelectric Company, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

April 24, 1998.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for original license for the Boyd Dam Hydroelectric Project, located on the East Branch of the Fish Creek in Lewis County, New York, and has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the project.

Copies of the FEA are available in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

For further information, contact William Diehl at (202) 219-2813 or Ed Lee at (202) 219-2809.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6006-3]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; NPDES Modification and Variance Requests

**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 Pollutant Discharge

Elimination System (NPDES) Modification and Variance Requests, EPA ICR No. 0029.07, OMB No. 2040-0068, expires August 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 June 29, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the ICR will be available at the Water Docket (W-98-11), Mail Code-4101, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M. Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Copies of the ICR can be obtained free of charge by writing to this address. All public comments shall be submitted to: ATTN: NPDES Modification and Variance ICR Renewal Comment Clerk, W-98-11, Water Docket MC-4101, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Please submit the original and three copies of your comments and enclosures (including references). Commenters who want EPA to acknowledge receipt of their comments should enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted. Comments may also be submitted electronically to: ow-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and forms of encryption. Electronic comments must be identified by the docket number W-98-11. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1 format or ASCII file format. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. The record for this proposed ICR revision has been established under docket number W-98-11, and includes supporting documentation as well as printed, paper versions of electronic comments. It does not include any information claimed as CBI. The record is available for inspection from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, at the Water Docket, Room M2616, Washington, DC 20460. For access to the docket materials, please call (202) 260-3027 to schedule an appointment.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are NPDES

permit applicants that request a variance from the conditions that would normally be imposed on the applicant's discharge or NPDES permittees that request a modification of the NPDES or sewage sludge management permit conditions.

*Title:* NPDES Modification and Variance Requests (OMB Control No. 2040-0068, EPA ICR No. 0029.07) expiring 8/31/98.

*Abstract:* This ICR calculates the burden and costs associated with modifications and variances made to NPDES permits and to the National Sewage Sludge Management Program permit requirements. The regulations specified at 40 CFR 122.62 and 122.63 specify information a facility must report in order for the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine whether a permit modification is warranted. A NPDES permit applicant may request a variance from the conditions that would normally be imposed on the applicant's discharge. An applicant must submit information so the permitting authority can assess whether the facility is eligible for a variance, and what deviation from Clean Water Act (CWA) provisions is necessary. In general, EPA and authorized States use the information to determine whether: (1) the conditions or requirements that would warrant a modification or variance exist, and (2) the progress toward achieving the goals of the Clean Water Act will continue if the modification or variance is granted. Other uses for the information provided include: Updating records on permitted facilities, supporting enforcement actions, and overall program management, including policy and budget development and responding to Congressional inquiries. 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