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i. FERC Contact: Dave Cagnon, (202) 219-2693.

j. Comment Date: November 9, 1998.

k. Description of Application:

Westinghouse Electric Corporation (WEC), co-licensee with Lovejoy Tool Company for the referenced project is applying to transfer its interest in the license to Siemens Westinghouse Technical Services, Inc. WEC divested its power generation business unit and sold it to Siemens Corporation, which established Siemens Westinghouse Technical Services, Inc. Lovejoy Tool Company will remain as co-licensee.

1. The notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS",

"RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time

specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6170-9]

Federal Information Processing Publications (FIPs) Waiver

ACTION: Notice of FIPS waiver.

SUMMARY: The Chief Information Officer for the Environmental Protection Agency has granted a waiver to the Agency to use the cryptographical features provided in Travel Manager Plus in lieu of the Secure Hashing Standard (FIPS PUB 180-1), Digital Signature Standard (FIPS PUB 186), and Data Encryption Standard (FIPS PUB 46-2). This waiver is pursuant to section 111 (d) (3) of the Federal Property and Services Act of 1949, as amended.

DATES: The waiver takes effect upon authorization and will expire January 1, 2001. If the vendor incorporates Federal standards into the core product prior to January 1, 2001, EPA will end the waiver early at that time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Day, Office of Information Resources Management, 401 M Street S.W. (3401), Washington, D.C. 20460, 202-260-4465.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal Information Processing Standards publications (FIPS PUBS) for the Secure Hashing Standard (FIPS PUB 180-1), Digital Signature Standard (FIPS PUB 186), and the Data Encryption Standard (FIPS PUB 46-2) establish standards for generating digital signatures (which can be used to verify authenticity) and for the encryption of sensitive information transmitted and stored electronically. These FIPS publications also allow Federal agencies to waive them under certain circumstances:

A waiver may be granted if compliance with a standard would adversely affect the accomplishment of the mission of an operator of a Federal computer system; or compliance with a standard would cause a major financial impact on the operator which is not offset by Government-wide savings.

The Chief Information Officer for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has granted a waiver of FIPS PUBS

180-1, 186, and 46-2 to enable EPA to use the built-in cryptographical features of the product Travel Manager. The installed version of Travel Manager Plus, currently used by EPA, does not employ FIPS standard cryptography.

EPA determined that the cryptographic protection embedded in Travel Manager Plus provides an appropriate level of security to protect the unclassified information used, communicated, and stored by EPA. Upon reviewing Travel Manager Plus' cryptographic capabilities, Agency personnel have concluded that if properly implemented, Travel Manager Plus provides a full range of security functionality that satisfies Agency requirements.

The additional costs required to purchase and maintain FIPS-compliant products that provide equivalent security functionality as that provided by non-standard, but commercially acceptable cryptography found in Travel Manager Plus is a significant factor underlying the granting of this waiver. The acquisition costs for either software-or hardware-based products that implement existing Federal cryptographic standards are unnecessary. By using the cryptography embedded in Travel Manager Plus, EPA is able to avoid unnecessary costs, while utilizing security functionality widely used throughout the Federal government.

In accordance with FIPS requirements, notice of this waiver has been sent to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

John Sandy,

Acting Assistant Administrator and Chief Information Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Implementation Order to Streamline Small Grants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency is issuing an Implementation Order to Streamline Small Grants. The purpose of the order is to simplify and