

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, NE, Washington, DC 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: February 23, 1999, 64 FR 8810.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: February 24, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

CHANGE IN THE MEETING: The following Company has been added on the Agenda scheduled for the February 24, 1999 meeting.

Item No.: CAE-21

Docket No. and Company: EL99-977-000, United Illuminating Company and Wisvest-Connecticut, L.L.C.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6305-6]

Environmental Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Activities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) requests comments on its current efforts to protect public health and the environment through its national compliance and enforcement program and to solicit ideas on how it can further improve public health and the environment through new compliance and enforcement initiatives.

DATES: Written comments must be received by EPA on or before April 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted in writing to the Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center (2201A), Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington DC 20460 or via electronic mail to docket.oeca@epamail.epa.gov. Interested parties may obtain copies of “Protecting Your Health and the Environment Through Innovative Approaches to Compliance—Highlights from the Past 5 Years” as well as summaries of conference discussions (available in late March) through the OECA website at <http://www.epa.gov/oeca/polguid/oeca5sum.html> or by contacting the Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center at 202-564-2614 or 202-564-2119.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Rosenberg (202-564-2611), Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Enforcement Capacity and Outreach Office (2201A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In late 1994, EPA reorganized its enforcement and compliance operations to improve their effectiveness in ensuring compliance with national environmental laws. Along with recognition that maintaining a strong enforcement presence is an important means of deterring potential violators, the reorganization reflects a belief in the value of complementary approaches in achieving compliance with public health and environmental laws. Enforcement functions were

consolidated in a single office (OECA) to ensure an efficient and effective media-specific and multi-media enforcement program. Major new compliance assistance programs were put in place to foster compliance with public health and environmental assistance laws. OECA has invested a considerable amount of its time and resources in new programs and policies to achieve its vision of a strong, integrated enforcement and compliance assurance program. An array of new tools has been developed that are designed to promote compliance with the Nation's environmental laws. Among these initiatives are EPA's nine compliance assistance centers that provide industrial sector-based assistance to small businesses and others seeking to comply with the law, its Small Business Policy and a similar self-audit policy for all companies which provide incentives for discovery of violations and prompt disclosure and correction, and the National Performance Measures Strategy, a new approach toward measuring compliance and related environmental benefits. These efforts have benefitted tremendously from extensive involvement of Americans from all walks of life—State, Tribal and local governments, businesses, professional groups, academia and citizens.

OECA is interested in the views of its various stakeholders on the actions it has taken over the past five years to make its enforcement and compliance programs more effective and to solicit ideas on how it can further improve public health and the environment through compliance assurance efforts. On January 26, 1999 and on February 3, 1999, OECA hosted conferences entitled “Protecting Public Health and the Environment Through Innovative Approaches to Compliance” in Washington, D. C. and in San Francisco, CA., respectively. In addition to a plenary roundtable discussion on how well OECA's innovative compliance and enforcement approaches have been working, participants representing the broad range of stakeholders gathered in small group discussions to address specific questions related to compliance assistance, information and accountability, compliance incentives, and innovative approaches to enforcement. In addition to the ideas offered during these conferences, OECA is interested in obtaining written comments from other stakeholders on the topics and key questions posed at the conferences. Upon receipt and consideration of the comments offered, OECA plans to issue a report,