

railroad or earns more than the prescribed amounts. The collection obtains earnings information needed by the Railroad Retirement Board to determine possible reduction in annuities because of LPE earnings.

Additional Information or Comments

Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Laurie Schack (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 08/08-0155]

CapEx L.P.; Notice of Issuance of a Small Business Investment Company License

On May 8, 1998, an application was filed by CapEx L.P. at 1670 Broadway, Suite 3350, Denver, Colorado 80202 with the Small Business Administration (SBA) pursuant to Section 107.300 of the Regulations governing small business investment companies (13 CFR 107.300 (1997)) for a license to operate as a small business investment company.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 301(c) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, after having considered the application and all other pertinent information, SBA issued License No. 08/08-0155 on March 4, 1999, to CapEx Partners, L.P. to operate as a small business investment company.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59.11, Small Business Investment Companies)

Dated: July 6, 1999.

Don A. Christensen,

Associate Administrator for Investment.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 06/76-0317]

TD Origen Capital Fund, L.P.; Notice of Issuance of a Small Business Investment Company License

On September 14, 1998, an application was filed by TD Origen Capital Fund, L.P. at One Technology Center, 1155 University Blvd., S.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106 with the Small Business Administration (SBA) pursuant to Section 107.300 of the Regulations governing small business investment companies (13 CFR 107.300 (1997)) for a license to operate as a small business investment company.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 301(c) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, after having considered the application and all other pertinent information, SBA issued License No. 06/76-0317 on March 1, 1999, to TD Origen Capital Fund, L.P. to operate as a small business investment company.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59.11, Small Business Investment Companies)

Dated: July 6, 1999.

Don A. Christensen,

Associate Administrator for Investment.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 09/09-0365]

VK Capital Company; Notice of Surrender of License

Notice is hereby given that VK Capital Company, 600 California Street, Suite 1700, San Francisco, California 94108-2704, has surrendered its license to operate as a small business investment company under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (the Act).

VK Capital Company, L.P. was licensed by the Small Business Administration on February 7, 1986.

Under the authority vested by the Act and pursuant to the regulations promulgated thereunder, the surrender was effective as of May 26, 1999, and accordingly, all rights, privileges, and franchises derived therefrom have been terminated.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59.011, Small Business Investment Companies)

Dated: June 30, 1999.

Don A. Christensen,

Associate Administrator for Investment.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Peaking Capacity Additions

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

ACTION: Issuance of Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: This notice is provided in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 to 1508) and TVA's procedures implementing the National Environmental Policy Act. TVA has decided to adopt the preferred alternative identified in its Final Environmental Impact Statement for Peaking Capacity Additions. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was made available to the public on May 13, 1999. A Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Final EIS was published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 1999. Under the preferred alternative, TVA will construct additional peaking capacity at two TVA fossil plants: 340 megawatts (MW) at Johnsonville Fossil Plant, in Humphreys County, Tennessee and 340 MW at Gallatin Fossil Plant in Sumner County, Tennessee. The additions will be gas fired simple cycle combustion turbines.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard B. Armstrong Jr., NEPA Specialist, Environmental Management, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, mail stop WT 8C, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1499; telephone (423) 632-8059 or e-mail rbarstrong@tva.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In December 1995, TVA issued its final Energy 2020 Integrated Resource Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. This document projected demands for electricity in the TVA power service area through the year 2020 and evaluated different ways of meeting these projected increases. Under the forecast adopted by TVA, the demand for electricity was projected to exceed TVA's 1996 generating capacity of 28,000 (MW) by approximately 6,250 MW in the year 2005. TVA decided to meet this demand through a combination of supply-side options and customer service options.

One of the supply-side options was to construct additional peaking capacity within the TVA power system. Tiering

from the Energy Vision 2020 EIS, this Peaking Addition EIS evaluates the decision of adding up to 1,530 MW capacity among three existing TVA fossil plants: Colbert Fossil Plant, Colbert County, Alabama; Gallatin Fossil Plant, Sumner County and Johnsonville Fossil Plant, Humphreys County, Tennessee. The evaluation considered the following: the No Action Alternative, and seven Action Alternatives based on all combinations of the use of one, two or three candidate sites. Other options evaluated included generation technology, transmission connectivity and distribution, and fuel supply. The three candidate sites were selected based on the following criteria: location in the TVA service area, sites currently owned by TVA, and use of TVA fossil plants that now operate combustion turbines. Operating nuclear plant sites were not considered. The alternative selected was based on both economic and environmental considerations. The preferred alternative locates the capacity additions at Gallatin and Johnsonville Fossil Plants, Tennessee.

On August 12, 1998, TVA issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS on its proposed construction of additional peaking capacity at TVA existing sites. Press announcements were sent to TVA region news media on July 22, 1998, which generally described TVA's plans to add new peaking capacity by June 2000. On August 24, 1998, TVA issued a press release which contained specific information about TVA's intent to hold public scoping meetings concerning the peaking additions. Also, newspaper notices were published for the meetings. These meetings were held at the following locations: Gallatin, Sumner County, Tennessee; Waverly, Humphreys County, Tennessee and Cherokee, Colbert County, Alabama. Public comments were considered in preparing the draft EIS. A NOA of the draft EIS was published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the **Federal Register** on January 29, 1999. Three public information and comment meetings were held on February 16, 18, and 22, 1999 at Waverly, Tennessee; Cherokee, Alabama; and Gallatin, Tennessee respectively. Comments were received from three federal and three state agencies, two corporations, and eight individuals. After considering all comments, TVA revised the EIS appropriately. The Final EIS was distributed to commenting agencies and the public on May 13, 1999. A NOA of the final EIS was published by EPA in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 1999.

Alternatives Considered

Alternative methods of meeting TVA's future electrical generation capacity requirements were evaluated in Energy Vision 2020. One of the selected methods was to construct additional electric generation capacity within the TVA system. Tiering from Energy Vision 2020, to address the peaking capacity additions, two alternatives were evaluated: a No Action Alternative and an Action Alternative.

Under the No Action Alternative, TVA would not construct additional peaking generation capacity and would not construct or upgrade transmission lines or natural gas lines connecting to the new facilities to the TVA transmission system and fuel supplies. Instead, TVA would select another fossil alternative evaluated in Energy Vision 2020, such as an option purchase agreement or spot market purchases. This would not necessarily preclude development and construction of additional generating capacity in the future by TVA or suppliers of power to TVA. However, this would be uncertain at this time.

Under the Preferred Alternative, TVA would construct peaking capacity additions of 340 MW at both Gallatin and Johnsonville Fossil Plant sites, increasing the total peaking capacity of the TVA system by 680 MW. Each site would receive four simple-cycle combustion turbines (CT) with a per unit capacity of 85 MW. These CTs are designed to operate with dual fuel capacity firing either natural gas or low sulfur distillate fuel oil to maximize fuel flexibility and lower operational cost. The CTs at both sites would be equipped with dry low nitrogen oxides (NO_x) burners for natural gas firing and would use water injection for NO_x control when firing No. 2 distillate oil. The peaking capacity additions are proposed to be completed and operational by June 2000. In addition to the peaking capacity additions, associated transmission lines serving as a connection to TVA's power distribution system would be constructed and or upgraded.

Decision

TVA has decided to implement the Preferred Alternative at Gallatin and Johnsonville fossil plant sites, because it would add a total capacity of 680 MW to the TVA power system with minimal environmental impacts and would be more cost effective than constructing additional capacity at the Colbert Fossil Plant in Colbert County, Alabama. TVA will also build and upgrade the associated transmission lines serving as

a connection to the TVA power distribution system. This will help TVA meet the projected demand for electricity in its service area as well as maintain reliable service to TVA customers.

Environmentally Preferred Alternative

TVA has concluded that the Preferred Alternative is the environmentally preferred alternative. Alternatives that included the Colbert Fossil plant required the construction of new or upgraded natural gas pipelines which had additional potential impacts. There is no clear basis for identifying either the No Action or the Preferred Alternative as environmentally preferable to the other. Selection of the No Action Alternative would eliminate potential adverse impacts from TVA's construction and operation of new generation peaking capacity. However, there is no assurance that power purchased by TVA under the No Action Alternative would be produced by existing facilities or by facilities with less environmental impacts than the facilities contemplated by the Preferred Alternative. To the contrary, given the current and projected needs for new power generation, it may be more reasonable to assume the purchased power would be produced by new generating units with unknown environmental cost. Also, by selecting the Preferred Alternative and constructing its own generation units, TVA can better assure that appropriate mitigation measures are employed and that the construction and operation of the new units will comply with all environmental regulations and policies. In addition, the Preferred Alternative may better assure the reliability necessary to meet customer demand.

Environmental Consequences and Commitments

Standard construction and best management practices would be followed in all aspects of the project construction and operation to avoid or minimize adverse environmental impacts. In addition, TVA has adopted the following mitigation measures pertaining to the construction and operation of the peaking capacity additions at Gallatin and Johnsonville:

- Air quality impacts of construction dust will be mitigated by sprinkling water on open construction areas and roads to reduce fugitive dust emissions.
- Air emission during operation will comply with limits set in the PSD permit to be issued by Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC).

- TVA will use natural gas and low sulfur distillate oil (maximum sulfur content of 0.05%) as fuels.
- TVA will install post-combustion emission controls on all CTs.
- Best Management Practices will be used at all stream and river crossings by natural gas pipelines and transmission line resagging, reconducting, and new construction activities.
- All wetlands will be avoided by vans, trucks, bulldozers and other equipment used to access points along transmission ROW where resagging and reconducting activities are required. In no case will equipment pass through wetlands.
- Discharges to surface waters will comply with limits set in NPDES permits issued by Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.
- Stormwater will be managed in accordance with Storm Water Pollution Prevention Control and Countermeasure plans.
- A TVA botanist will delineate a 50 feet buffer around each population of bladderpod (*Lesquerella perforata*) plant in the Spring Creek bottom area along the Gallatin to Lebanon Industrial Park ROW. No construction related traffic, vehicular or pedestrian, will be allowed within the delineated buffer area. Botanists from TVA and TDEC will meet on site with the transmission line reconducting project engineer or project manager to emphasize the significance of the bladderpod populations and the importance of enforcing the restrictions of maintaining the non-intrusive 50 feet buffer zone. If any activities relating to the reconducting of the transmission line through the Spring Creek bottom area are modified to the extent that these activities may directly or indirectly impact this species, TVA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and TDEC would meet to establish a strategy to protect the species.
- TVA will use BMP techniques in accordance with TVA guidelines for environmental protection (Muncey 1992) during the construction of transmission lines.
- Transmission line and natural gas pipeline ROW will be revegetated where natural vegetation is removed.
- TVA will avoid the removal of unique vegetation.
- Construction delivery trucks will not be loaded beyond legal limits and will meet all safety standards. Hauling will comply with all state, federal, and local ordinances.
- Impacts on cultural resources will be mitigated in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

between TVA and the Tennessee State Historical Preservation Officer and with Section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act (NHPA). All proposed transmission line ROWs that require reconducting, resagging or new construction will be surveyed for cultural, archaeological and historic resources.

Dated: June 28, 1999.

Joseph R. Bynum,

Executive Vice President, Fossil Power Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of The Secretary

Application of Puerto Rico Airways, Corp. for Issuance of New Certificate Authority

AGENCY: Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of Order to Show Cause (Order 99-7-7), Docket OST-98-4838.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation is directing all interested persons to show cause why it should not issue an order (1) finding Puerto Rico Airways, Corp. fit, willing, and able, and (2) awarding it a certificate to engage in interstate scheduled air transportation of persons, property, and mail.

DATES: Persons wishing to file objections should do so no later than July 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Objections and answers to objections should be filed in Docket OST-98-4838 and addressed to Department of Transportation Dockets (SVC-124 Room PL-401), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 and should be served upon the parties listed in Attachment A to the order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Galvin Coimbre, Air Carrier Fitness Division (X-56, Room 6401), U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-5347.

Dated: July 13, 1999.

A. Bradley Mims,

Acting Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG 1999-5126]

Collection of Information by Agency Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the Coast Guard has forwarded the Information Collection Report (ICR) abstracted below to OMB for review and comment. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and comment by OMB ensure we impose on the public the lightest burden of paperwork compatible with our performance of duties.

DATES: Please submit comments on or before August 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please send comments to both (1) the Docket Management Facility (DMS), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, and (2) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), OMB, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, attention: USCG Desk Officer.

Copies of the complete ICR are available for inspection and copying in public docket USCG 1999-5126 of the DMS between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. They are also available for downloading, inspection, and printing from the internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>; and for inspection at Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S. Coast Guard, room 6106, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this document, call Barbara Davis, Office of Information Management of the Coast Guard, at 202-267-2326. For questions on this docket, call Dorothy Walker, Chief of Dockets of the DMS, at 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory History

This request constitutes the 30-day notice required by OMB. The Coast Guard has already published [64 FR 9371 (February 25, 1999)] the 60-day notice required by OMB. That request elicited no comments.