

Tuesday, May 23, 2000, 7 to 9 p.m.,
New Milford High School
Auditorium, 25 Sunny Valley Road,
New Milford, CT 06776

Wednesday, May 24, 2000, 7 to 9 p.m.,
Housatonic Valley Regional High
School Lecture Hall, 246 Warren
Turnpike Road, Falls Village, CT
06031

Please direct any questions regarding these meetings to (1) James T. Griffin, via telephone, (202) 219-2799, email james.griffin@ferc.fed.us, or by letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426; or (2) John Whitefield via telephone (860) 665-3769, email whitjr@NU.COM, or by letter to the Connecticut Light & Power Company, P.O. Box 270, Hartford, CT 06141, or (3) both of these gentlemen.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-260-000]

Texas Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes In FERC Gas Tariff

May 3, 2000.

Take notice that on April 28, 2000, Texas Gas Transmission Corporation (Texas Gas) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed in Appendix A to the filing, with an effective date of June 1, 2000.

Texas Gas states that the proposed general rate case changes would increase revenues from jurisdictional transportation services by approximately \$81 million, based on the twelve-month period ended January 31, 2000, as adjusted, compared with the underlying rates.

Texas Gas states that the adjustments in rates are attributable to:

- (1) An increase in the utility rate base;
- (2) Increases in depreciation expense;
- (3) Increase in rate of return and related taxes; and
- (4) Revised system rate design quantities.

Texas Gas further states that it has served copies of this filing upon the company's jurisdictional customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11243-016]

Cordova Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

May 3, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application requesting the Commission's approval of an application to amend the license for the Power Creek Project for the routing of a section of the licensed underground transmission line to an underwater route along the bottom of Eyak Lake. The Power Creek Project is located on Power Creek near Cordova, Alaska.

A Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) has been prepared by staff for the proposed action. In the FEA, Commission staff does not identify any significant impacts that would result from the Commission's approval of the proposed rerouting of a section of the project transmission to an underwater route. Thus, staff concludes that approval of the proposed amendment of license would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The FEA has been attached to and made a part of an Order Amending License, issued April 27, 2000, for the

Power Creek Project (FERC No. 11243-016). Copies of the FEA can be viewed at the Commission's Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The FEA also may be viewed on the Web at www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6603-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request; Investigations Into Compliance of Stationary Sources with the Accidental Release Prevention Program

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 proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Investigations Into Possible Noncompliance of Stationary Sources with the Accidental Release Prevention Program, EPA ICR No. 1908.01. 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 July 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Superfund Division, Office of Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention, Region 5, United States Environmental Protection Agency, SC-6J, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Silvia Palomo, Telephone Number:
(312) 353-2172, E-
Mail: palomo.silvia@epa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are major stationary sources of air emissions that have applied for or obtained a Title V operating permit.

Title: Investigations into Compliance of Stationary Sources with the Accidental Release Prevention Program

established in 40 CFR Part 68, EPA ICR No. 1956.01. This is a new collection.

Abstract: On June 20, 1996, EPA published risk management regulations mandated under the accidental release prevention provisions under the Clean Air Act Section 112(r)(7), 42 U.S.C. 7412(r)(7). These regulations were codified in 40 CFR Part 68. The intent of Section 112(r) is to prevent accidental releases to the air and mitigate the consequences of such releases by focusing prevention measures on chemicals that pose the greatest risk to the environment. The chemical accident prevention rule required owners and operators of stationary sources subject to the rule to submit a risk management plan by June 21, 1999 to EPA. The Office of Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention (OCEPP), Superfund Division, Region 5, is responsible for implementing and enforcing the Risk Management Program. In order to fulfill its responsibilities as the implementing office, OCEPP will collect information from major stationary sources of air emissions to determine whether or not these sources are in compliance with the risk management program regulations. The information will be requested through certified mail and pursuant to Section 114(a) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7414(a). Therefore, response to the information collection is mandatory.

Any information submitted to EPA for which a claim of confidentiality is made will be safeguarded according to the Agency policies set forth in Title 40, Chapter 1, Part 2, Subpart B—Confidentiality of Business Information (see 40 CFR 2; 41 FR 36902, September 1, 1976; amended by 43 FR 40000, September 8, 1978; 43 FR 42251, September 20, 1978; 44 FR 17674, March 23, 1979). 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 information collected will include the names of the regulated substances used, produced, or stored on-site; amount of the regulated substances; copies of inventory records; copies of Material Safety Data Sheets; capacity of the container which stores or handles the regulated substance; and the number of employees.

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.

Burden Statement: EPA estimates that a total of 2,000 respondents will receive the request for information. The total burden for the respondents for this collection of information is estimated to be 3,000 hours with an average of 1.5 hours per response and a labor cost of \$49. The responses will be one-time, and do not involve periodic reporting or recordkeeping. No capital or start-up expenses will be required. 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.

Dated: April 28, 2000.

William Munro,

Director, Superfund Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6603-6]

Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Petition for Objection to Proposed State Operating Permit for Exxon Chemical Americas' (Exxon) Polypropylene Unit Baton Rouge Polyolefins Plant Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of final order on petition to object to State operating permit.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the EPA Administrator has denied a petition to object to a proposed state operating permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for Exxon's Chemical Americas proposed polypropylene unit at its Polyolefins Plant in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Clean Air Act (Act), the petitioners may seek judicial review in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit within 60 days of this decision under section 307 of the Act.

ADDRESSES: You may review copies of the final order, the petition, and other supporting information at EPA, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. If you wish to examine these documents, you should make an appointment at least 24 hours before visiting day. The final order is also available electronically at the following address: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/t5pfr.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jole Luehrs, Chief, Air Permitting Section, Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, EPA, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, telephone (214) 665-7250, or e-mail at luehrs.jole@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act affords EPA a 45-day period to review, and object to as appropriate, operating permits proposed by State permitting authorities. Section 505(b)(2) of the Act authorizes any person to petition the EPA Administrator within 60 days after the expiration of this review period to object to State operating permits if EPA has not done so. Petitions must be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period provided by the State, unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was impracticable to raise these issues during the comment period or the grounds for the issues arose after this period.

Ms. Marylee Orr, Executive Director of the Louisiana Environmental Action Network (LEAN) submitted a petition to the Administrator on December 30, 1998, seeking EPA's objection to the title V operating permit issued for Exxon's proposed polypropylene unit at Exxon's polyolefins plant in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The petition was submitted on behalf of the North Baton Rouge Environmental Association and LEAN (Petitioners). The petition objects to issuance of the Exxon permit on two grounds: (1) Alleged discrimination under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act; and (2) the Baton Rouge ozone