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The Participants Committee requests an effective date of August 1, 2000, for commencement of participation in NEPOOL by Mead Oxford.

*Comment date:* June 22, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 8. New England Power Pool

[Docket No. ER00-2675-000]

Take notice that on June 1, 2000, the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) Participants Committee filed for acceptance a signature page to the New England Power Pool Agreement dated September 1, 1971, as amended, signed by the Energy Council of Rhode Island (TEC-RI). The NEPOOL Agreement has been designated NEPOOL FPC No. 2.

The Participants Committee states that the Commission's acceptance of TEC-RI's signature page would permit NEPOOL to expand its membership to include TEC-RI. The Participants Committee further states that the filed signature page does not change the NEPOOL Agreement in any manner, other than to make TEC-RI a member in NEPOOL.

The Participants Committee requests an effective date of June 1, 2000, for commencement of participation in NEPOOL by TEC-RI.

*Comment date:* June 22, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 9. Panda Perkiomen Power, L.P.

[Docket No. ER00-2676-000]

Take notice that on June 1, 2000, Panda Perkiomen Power, L.P. (Panda Perkiomen), tendered for filing pursuant to Rule 205, 18 CFR 385.205, a petition for waivers and blanket approvals under various regulations of the Commission and for an order accepting its FERC Electric Rate Schedule No. 1, and for the purpose of permitting Panda Perkiomen to assign transmission capacity and to resell Firm Transmission Rights, to be effective no later than sixty (60) days from the date of its filing.

Panda Perkiomen intends to engage in electric power and energy transactions as a marketer and a broker. In transactions where Panda Perkiomen sells electric energy, it proposes to make such sales on rates, terms, and conditions to be mutually agreed to with the purchasing party. Neither Panda

Perkiomen nor any of its affiliates is in the business of transmitting or distributing electric power.

Rate Schedule No. 1 provides for the sale of energy and capacity at agreed prices.

*Comment date:* June 22, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 10. American Ref-Fuel Company of Delaware Valley, L.P.

[Docket No. ER00-2677-000]

Take notice that on June 1, 2000, American Ref-Fuel Company of Delaware Valley, L.P. (ARC), submitted for filing, pursuant to Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, and Part 35 of the Commission's regulations (18 CFR Part 35), a Petition for authorization to make sales of electric capacity and energy at market-based rates and for related waivers and blanket authorizations.

*Comment date:* June 22, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 11. Indianapolis Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER00-2678-000]

Take notice that on June 1, 2000, Indianapolis Power & Light Company (IPL) tendered for filing blanket service agreements under IPL's Wholesale Power Sales Tariff. The Tariff was accepted for filing effective April 29, 2000 and has been designated as IPL's FERC Electric Tariff Revised Volume 2.

IPL is requesting waiver of notice to permit the service agreements to be made effective May 17, 2000.

A copy of the filing was served upon the parties to the service agreements.

*Comment date:* June 22, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 12. Indianapolis Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER00-2680-000]

Take notice that on June 1, 2000, Indianapolis Power & Light Company (IPL) tendered for filing unexecuted service agreements for service under IPL's Wholesale Power Sales Tariff. The Tariff was accepted for filing effective April 29, 2000 and has been designated as IPL's FERC Electric Tariff Revised Volume 2.

IPL is requesting waiver of notice to permit the service agreements to be made effective June 1, 2000.

A copy of the filing was served upon the parties to the service agreements.

*Comment date:* June 22, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### 13. Ameren Services Company

[Docket No. ER00-2681-000]

Take notice that on June 1, 2000, Ameren Services Company (AMS) tendered for filing an Interconnection Agreement between AMS and Reliant Energy Shelby County, LP (Reliant). AMS asserts that the purpose of the Agreement is to, among other things, establish the rights and obligations of Reliant, the point of interconnection and Corporate Guaranty.

*Comment date:* June 22, 2000, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

### Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://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-6715-2]

### Notification of Episodic Releases of Oil and Hazardous Substances; Request for Comment on Renewal Information Collection

**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 continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Notification of Episodic Releases of Oil

and Hazardous Substances (EPA ICR No. 1049.09, OMB No. 2050-0046). This is a request to renew an existing ICR that is currently approved. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 14, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments submitted by regular U.S. Postal Service mail should be sent to: Docket Coordinator, Superfund Docket Office, Mail Code 5201G, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number 102RQ-ER2 in the subject line on the first page of your comment. Comments may also be submitted electronically or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for these submission methods as provided in unit III of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynn Beasley, (703) 603-9086. Facsimile number: (703) 603-9104. Electronic address: beasley.lynn@epa.gov. Comments should not be submitted to this contact person.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. Does This Notice Apply to Me?**

You may be affected by this notice if you are the person in charge of a facility or vessel that releases hazardous substances into the environment or discharges oil into U.S. waters as specified in section 103(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended, and section 311 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), as amended. To determine if the facility or vessel you are in charge of is affected by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability provisions at 40 CFR parts 110, 117, and 302.

### **II. How Can I Get Additional Information or Copies of This Document or Other Support Documents?**

#### *A. By Phone, Fax, or E-Mail*

If you have any questions or need additional information about this notice or the information collection request (ICR) referenced, please contact Lynn Beasley, (703) 603-9086. Facsimile number: (703) 603-9104. Electronic address: beasley.lynn@epa.gov.

#### *B. In Person*

The official record for this notice, including the public version, and the referenced ICR have been established under docket control number 102RQ-ER2 (including comments and data submitted electronically, as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of any electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI), and the referenced ICR are available for inspection in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Superfund Docket Office, Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The Superfund Docket is open from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number of the Superfund Docket is (703) 603-9232.

### **III. How Can I Respond to This Notice?**

#### *A. How and to Whom Do I Submit the Comments?*

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. Be sure to identify the docket control number 102RQ-ER2 in your correspondence.

1. By mail. Submit written comments to: Docket Coordinator, Superfund Docket Office, Mail Code 5201G, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. In person or by courier. Deliver written comments to: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Superfund Docket Office, Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. Telephone: (703) 603-9232.

3. Electronically. Submit your comments and/or data electronically by e-mail to: superfund.docket@epa.gov. Please note that you should not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comment and data will also be accepted on standard computer disks in WordPerfect 6/7/8 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number 102RQ-ER2. Electronic comments on this notice may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

#### *B. How Should I Handle CBI Information That I Want To Submit to EPA?*

You may claim information that you submit in response to this notice as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must also be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public docket by EPA without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult with Lynn Beasley, (703) 603-9086. Facsimile number: (703) 603-9104. Electronic address: beasley.lynn@epa.gov.

#### *C. What Information Is EPA Particularly Interested In?*

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of EPA, including whether the information will have practical utility.
2. Evaluate the accuracy of EPA's estimates of the burdens of the proposed collections of information.
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
4. Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated or electronic collection technologies or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### *D. What Should I Consider When I Prepare My Comments for EPA?*

EPA invites you to provide your views on the various options EPA proposes, new approaches EPA hasn't considered, the potential impacts of the various options (including possible unintended consequences), and any data or information that you would like EPA to consider during the development of the final action. You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

- Explain your views as clearly as possible.
- Describe any assumptions that you used.
- Provide technical information and/or data to support your views.

- If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate.
- Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
- Offer alternative ways to improve the rule or collection activity.
- Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.
- At the beginning of your comments (e.g., as part of the "Subject" heading), be sure to properly identify the document on which you are commenting. You can do this by providing the docket control number assigned to the notice, along with the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation, or by using the appropriate EPA ICR or the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

#### IV. To What Information Collection Activity or ICR Does This Notice Apply?

EPA is seeking comments on the following ICR:

*Title:* Notification of Episodic Releases of Oil and Hazardous Substances.

*ICR numbers:* EPA ICR No. 1049.09 OMB No. 2050-0046.

*ICR status:* This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on June 30, 2000. 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 information collections appear on the collection instruments or instructions, in the **Federal Register** notices for related rulemakings and ICR notices, and, if the collection is contained in a regulation, in a table of OMB approval numbers in 40 CFR part 9.

*Abstract:* Section 103(a) of CERCLA, as amended, requires the person in charge of a facility or vessel to immediately notify the National Response Center (NRC) of a hazardous substance release into the environment if the amount of the release equals or exceeds the substance's reportable quantity (RQ) limit. The RQ of every hazardous substance can be found in Table 302.4 of 40 CFR 302.4.

Section 311 of the CWA, as amended, requires the person in charge of a vessel to immediately notify the NRC of an oil spill into U.S. navigable waters if the spill causes a sheen, violates applicable water quality standards, or causes a sludge or emulsion to be deposited beneath the surface of the water or upon adjoining shorelines.

The reporting of a hazardous substance release that is above the

substance's RQ allows the Federal government to determine whether a Federal response action is required to control or mitigate any potential adverse effects to public health or welfare or the environment. Likewise, the reporting of oil spills allows the Federal government to determine whether cleaning up the oil spill is necessary to mitigate or prevent damage to public health or welfare or the environment.

The hazardous substance and oil release information collected under CERCLA section 103(a) and CWA section 311 also is available to EPA program offices and other Federal agencies who use the information to evaluate the potential need for additional regulations, new permitting requirements for specific substances or sources, or improved emergency response planning. Release notification information, which is stored in the national Emergency Response Notification System (ERNS) data base, is available to State and local government authorities as well as the general public. State and local government authorities and the regulated community use release information for purposes of local emergency response planning. Members of the general public, who have access to release information through the Freedom of Information Act, may request release information for purposes of maintaining an awareness of what types of releases are occurring in different localities and what actions, if any, are being taken to protect public health and welfare and the environment. ERNS fact sheets, which provide summary and statistical information about hazardous substance and oil release notifications, also are available to the public.

#### V. What Are EPA's Burden and Cost Estimates for This ICR?

Under the PRA, "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. For this collection, it includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and use 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.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of this estimate, which is only briefly summarized in this notice. The annual public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4.1 hours per reportable hazardous substance release or oil spill. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

*Respondents/affected entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are facilities or vessels that manufacture, process, transport, or otherwise use certain specified hazardous substances and oil.

*Estimated total number of reportable releases of hazardous substances and oil per year:* 29,204.

*Frequency of response:* When a reportable release occurs.

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 119,737 hours.

*Estimated total annual burden costs:* \$3,411,000.

#### VI. Are There Changes in the Estimates from the Last Approval?

In the renewal ICR, EPA will review the current burden and cost statement and adjust it accordingly. EPA does not expect the burden and cost statement in the renewal ICR to differ significantly from the burden and cost statement in the current ICR.

#### VII. What Is the Next Step in the Process for This ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact Lynn Beasley, (703) 603-9086. Facsimile number: (703) 603-9104. Electronic address: beasley.lynn@epa.gov.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Information collection requests, Reporting and record keeping requirements.

Dated: June 1, 2000.

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*Director, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response.*

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