

American Electric Power Company, Inc. (70-8429)

American Electric Power Company, Inc. ("AEP"), a registered holding company, and its wholly owned subsidiary, AEP Resources, Inc. ("Resources", and together with AEP, "Applicants"), both located at 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215, have filed a post-effective amendment under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, 12(b), 32 and 33 of the Act and rules 45 and 53 under the Act to their application-declaration previously filed under the Act.

By orders dated December 22, 1994, May 10, 1996 and April 27, 1998 ("Prior Orders") (HCAR Nos. 26200, 26516 and 26864), the Commission authorized AEP and Resources to, among other things, issue debt and equity securities ("Securities")¹ through December 31, 2000, for investment in "exempt wholesale generators" ("EWGs") and "foreign utility companies" ("FUCOs"), as defined in sections 32 and 33 of the Act. AEP and Resources were also authorized to acquire the securities of one or more companies ("Project Parents") that directly or indirectly hold the securities of one or more EWGs or FUCOs ("Power Projects"). The Prior Orders also provided authority for AEP to guarantee the obligations of Resources, for AEP and Resources to guarantee the obligations of one or more Project Parents or Power Projects, and for Project Parents to guarantee the obligations of their Power Projects² all in an aggregate amount which, together with the proceeds of the Securities, would not exceed 100% of AEP's consolidated retained earnings, as defined in rule 53(a) under the Act ("Investment Limitation").

By order dated June 14, 2000 (HCAR No. 27186), the Commission approved the merger of AEP and Central and South West Corporation ("CSW"), a

¹ In particular, AEP was authorized to issue and sell up to ten million shares of its common stock and to incur short-term debt in the form of notes issued to banks and commercial paper. Resources was authorized to incur short-term and long-term debt. The Applicants state that, because of the adoption of rule 52, any securities issuance by any associate company, other than AEP, constitutes an exempt transaction under the rule.

² The Prior Orders provided that AEP could guarantee Resources' issuance of long-term notes having terms of not less than nine months nor more than twenty years, bearing interest at a fixed rate, a fluctuating rate or a combination of fixed and fluctuating rates. AEP was authorized also to guarantee borrowings by Resources under lines of credit that would generally bear interest at an annual rate not greater than the prime commercial rate in effect from time to time. Finally, the prior Orders authorized AEP to guarantee the issuance and sale of commercial paper by Resources maturing not more than 270 days from the date of issuance.

registered holding company. In the order, the Commission also increased the Investment Limitation to allow AEP to issue and sell Securities and provide guarantees in an amount of up to 100% of AEP and CSW's combined consolidated retained earnings after giving effect to the merger ("Modified Investment Limitation").

The Applicants now request authority for AEP to extend, through June 30, 2005 and within the Modified Investment Limitation, AEP's authority under the Prior Orders to issue and sell Securities and to guarantee the indebtedness and other financial commitments of Resources, Project Parents and Power Projects for investments in EWGs and FUCOs. The Applicants separately request authority, through June 30, 2005, for Resources to guarantee obligations, other than indebtedness,³ of Project Parents and Power Projects, and for Project Parents to guarantee obligations of Power Projects, other than indebtedness, each in amounts not exceeding \$3 billion outstanding at any time.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 3478]****Office of Visa Services; 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: J Visa Waiver Review Application Data Sheet**

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. This process is conducted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: New collection of information Originating Office: CA/VO.

Title of Information Collection: J Visa Waiver Review Application Data Sheet.

Frequency: Once per application.

Form Number: None assigned.

³ The Applicants state that guarantees by AEP subsidiaries of indebtedness is exempt under rules 45 and 52.

Respondents: Foreign Applicants.
Estimated Number of Respondents per year: 10,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 2 hours.
Total Estimated Burden: 20,000 hours.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency.

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Public comments, or requests for additional information, regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed to Eric Cohan, 2401 E St NW, Rm L-703, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, Tel: 202-663-1164.

Dated: September 14, 2000.

George Lannon,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services,
Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 3477]****Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Notice of Information Collection Under Emergency Review: State Department Form DS-2031, OMB No. 1405-0095**

AGENCY: Department of State.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Type of Request: Emergency approval.
Originating Office: OES/OMC.

Title of Information Collection:

Shrimp Exporter's/Importer's Declaration.

Frequency: 10,000.

Form Number: DS-2031.

Respondents: Shrimp exporters and importers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.