

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for reinstatement of revised optional forms Applying for a Federal Job (OF 510) and Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF 612). The OF 510 is used to provide guidance to the general public on how to apply for Federal jobs. The form provides information on what necessary work, education, and other information applicants should provide in association with vacancy announcements and completing their application method of choice. The OF 612 is a data collection form used to collect applicant qualification information associated with vacancy announcements. The form provides necessary guidance to applicants so that they can be considered for employment when applying for Federal jobs.

A comment request for these optional forms was published in the **Federal Register** on October 8, 1999 [FR Doc. 99-26230]. During the initial 60-day comment request, OPM received and took action on the following comments: (1) Updated Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements have been incorporated in both optional forms; (2) an applicant e-mailed OPM identifying format errors on our downloadable OF 612, a Microsoft Word file, from OPM's USAJOBS web site [<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>], which has since been corrected; and (3) one Federal agency e-mailed OPM clarifying whether it was OPM's intention to make the OF 612 mandatory and whether applicants can still use resumes for applying to Federal employment. OPM responded stating we have no intention of making the OF 612 mandatory and that application via a resume is still perfectly acceptable. The OF 612 will continue to be an "optional form."

In addition, OPM has revised the OF 510 to include updated information and tips for applying for a Federal job, updated Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements, and re-designed the optional form for a new look and easier flow. The OF 612 has been revised to include updated Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements. Existing stock of both optional forms are still usable until current stock is depleted.

Upon clearance from the Office of Management and Budget, it is OPM's intention to make both optional forms available via OPM's web site and OPM's USAJOBS web site. Presently both existing versions of these optional forms are available on both sites. A transmittal

memo from OPM will be sent to all Federal agency personnel directors via the Human Resources Management Council, announcing the approved forms and where/how to order new stock.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on 202-606-8358 or e-mail at mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before May 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to:

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and

Office of Management & Budget, Office
of Information & Regulatory Affairs,
ATTN: Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk
Officer, New Executive Office
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U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Steven R. Cohen,
Acting Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[**Extension: Form 1, Rules 6a-1 and 6a-2, Rule 6a-3; SEC File No. 270-18; SEC File No. 270-15; OMB Control No. 3235-0017; OMB Control No. 3235-0021**]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available
From: Securities and Exchange Commission,
Office of Filings and Information Services,
Washington, DC 20549.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") sets forth a regulatory scheme for national securities exchanges. Rule 6a-1 under the Act¹ generally requires an applicant, for initial registration as a national securities exchange, to file an application with the Commission on Form 1. An exchange that seeks an

exemption from registration based on limited trading volume also must apply for such exemption on Form 1. Rule 6a-2 under the Act² requires registered and exempt exchanges: (1) To amend the Form 1 if there are any material changes to the information provided in the initial Form 1; and (2) to submit periodic updates of certain information provided in the initial Form 1, whether such information has changed or not. The information required pursuant to Rules 6a-1 and 6a-2 is necessary to enable the Commission to maintain accurate files regarding the exchange and to exercise its statutory oversight functions. Without the information submitted pursuant to Rule 6a-1 of Form 1, the Commission would not be able to determine whether the respondent met the criteria for registration or exemption set forth in Sections 6 and 19 of the Act. Without the amendments and periodic updates of information submitted pursuant to Rule 6a-2, the Commission would have substantial difficulty determining whether a national securities exchange or exempt exchange was continuing to operate in compliance with the Act.

The respondents to the collection of information are entities that seek registration as a national securities exchange or that seek exemption from registration based on limited trading volume. After the initial filing of Form 1, both registered and exempt exchanges are subject to ongoing informational requirements.

Initial filings on Form 1 by new exchanges are made on a one-time basis. The Commission estimates that it will receive approximately three initial Form 1 filings per year and that each respondent would incur an average burden of 47 hours to file an initial Form 1 at an average cost per response of approximately \$4517. Therefore, the Commission estimates that the annual burden for all respondents to file the initial Form 1 would be 141 hours (one response/respondent x three respondents x 47 hours/response) and \$13,551 (one response/respondent x three respondents x \$4517/response).

There currently are nine entities registered as national securities exchanges and two exempt exchanges. The Commission estimates that each registered or exempt exchange files one amendment or periodic update to Form 1 per year, incurring an average burden of 25 hours to comply with Rule 6a-2. The Commission estimates that the annual burden for all respondents to file amendments and periodic updates to the Form 1 pursuant to Rule 6a-2 is 275

¹ 17 CFR 240.6a-1

² 17 CFR 240.6a-2.

hours (11 respondents x 25 hours/response x one response/respondent per year) and \$25,630 (11 respondents x \$2330/response x one response/respondent per year).

Section 6 of the Act³ sets out a framework for the registration and regulation of national securities exchanges. Under Commission Rule 6a-3,⁴ one of the rules that implements Section 6, a national securities exchange (or an exchange exempted from registration as a national securities exchange based on limited trading volume) must provide certain supplemental information to the Commission, including any material (including notices, circulars, bulletins, lists, and periodicals) issued or made generally available to members of, or participants or subscribers to, the exchange. Rule 6a-3 also requires the exchanges to file monthly reports that set forth the volume and aggregate dollar amount of securities sold on the exchange each month. The information required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 6a-3 is designed to enable the Commission to carry out its statutorily mandated oversight functions and to ensure that registered and exempt exchanges continue to be in compliance with the Act.

The respondents to the collection of information are national securities exchanges and exchanges that are exempt from registration based on limited trading volume.

The Commission estimates that each respondent makes approximately 25 such filings on an annual basis at an average cost of approximately \$21 per response. Currently, 11 respondents (nine national securities exchanges and two exempt exchanges) are subject to the collection of information requirements of rule 6a-3. The Commission estimates that the total burden for all respondents is 137.5 hours (25 filings/respondent per year x 0.5 hours/filing x 11 respondents) and \$5775 (\$21/response x 25 responses/respondent per year x 11 respondents) per year.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d)

ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: April 6, 2001.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27375]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

April 6, 2001.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by May 1, 2001, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of any attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After May 1, 2001, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

GPU, Inc., et al. (70-7926)

GPU, Inc., ("GPU"), 300 Madison Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962, a registered holding company, and its electric public utility subsidiaries, Jersey Central Power & Light Company ("JCP&L"), Metropolitan Edison Company ("Met-Ed"), and Pennsylvania Electric Company ("Penelec"), (collectively, "GPU Subsidiaries" or together with GPU, "Applicants"), each of 2800 Pottsville Pike, Reading, Pennsylvania 19640 have filed with this Commission a post-effective amendment under sections 6, 7, 9(a), 10 and 12(b) of the Act and rules 45 and 54 under the Act, to their declaration previously filed under the Act.

By orders dated December 15, 2000 (Holding Company Act Release ("HCAR") No. 27302), June 22, 1999 (HCAR No. 27041), December 22, 1997 (HCAR No. 26801), and July 17, 1996 (HCAR No. 26544) ("Prior Orders"), the Commission, among other things, authorized through December 31, 2003 ("Authorization Period"): (1) the Applicants to issue, sell and renew from time to time their respective unsecured promissory notes, with maturity dates not more than nine months after issuance, to various commercial banks under loan participation arrangements and lines of credit ("Lines of Credit"); (2) the GPU Subsidiaries to issue and sell from time to time their unsecured promissory notes as commercial paper ("Commercial Paper"); (3) the Applicants to issue, sell and renew from time unsecured promissory notes to lenders other than commercial banks, insurance companies or similar institutions ("Other Short-Term Debt") (borrowings under Lines of Credit, Commercial Paper and Other Short-Term Debt are collectively referred to as "Short-Term Borrowings"); (4) the Applicants to issue and sell from time to time unsecured promissory notes under an amended and restated credit agreement ("Credit Agreement") in an aggregate amount of up to \$250 million; and (5) GPU to issue and sell from time to time Commercial Paper in aggregate amount of up to \$100 million. The authorized amounts of Short-Term Borrowings that may be outstanding at any one time for each Applicants are as follows: GPU, up to \$250 million; JCP&L, up to the limitation on short-term indebtedness contained in its charter—\$266 million as of December 31, 2000; Met-Ed, up to \$150 million; and Penelec, up to \$150 million (collectively, "Authorized Amounts").

Applicants propose that the GPU Subsidiaries issue, sell and renew Other Short-Term Debt to GPU, in addition to

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁴ 17 CFR 240.6a-3.