

a. *Application Type*: Amendment to license.

b. *Project No*: 3033-019.

c. *Date Filed*: December 17, 2002.

d. *Applicant*: Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation.

e. *Name of Project*: Dam No. 2 Hydropower Project.

f. *Location*: Desha and Arkansas Counties, Arkansas.

g. *Filed Pursuant to*: 18 CFR 4.200.

h. *Applicant Contact*: S. Maurice Robinson, Vice President, Engineering, Construction, and Operations Division, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation, One Cooperative Way P.O. Box 194208 Little Rock, Arkansas 72219-4208, (501) 570-2497.

i. *FERC Contact*: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Mr. Robert Shaffer at (202) 502-8944, or e-mail address: [robert.shaffer@ferc.gov](mailto:robert.shaffer@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments and or motions*: March 14, 2003.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-3033-019) on any comments or motions filed.

k. *Description of Request*: The licensee proposes to change the route of the project's transmission line, as well as its length and voltage. The license authorized an 11.5 mile-long, 230-kV line extending from the powerhouse in a southwesterly direction to the Arkansas Power and Light Company (now Entergy Arkansas, Inc. (EAI)) grid at Dumas, Arkansas. Instead, a 15.5 mile-long, 115-kV line was constructed along a different route, wandering in a southwesterly direction from the powerhouse to EAI's grid at Dumas, Arkansas. Some points along the constructed transmission line route are approximately 3 miles apart from the authorized route.

l. *Locations of the Application*: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of rules of practice and procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*: Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

p. *Agency Comments*: Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

q. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OH156-1; FRL-7453-5]

### Response To Petition To Withdraw Approval, Delegation, and Authorization To Administer Federal Environmental Programs; OH

**AGENCY**: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION**: Notice of final action.

**SUMMARY**: In 1997, the Ohio Citizen Action, the Ohio Environmental Council, Rivers Unlimited, and the Ohio Sierra Club submitted a petition requesting EPA to withdraw approval, delegation, or authorization from the State of Ohio to administer certain air, water, and waste Federal environmental programs based on the Ohio Environmental Audit Privilege and Immunity Law. The petitioners supplemented and amended the petition in 1998, 1999, and 2000 requesting EPA to review Ohio's implementation of certain air, water, and waste programs. EPA is denying the petition because EPA did not find sufficient evidence to justify withdrawal or revocation of the programs covered by the petition.

**DATES**: Under section 307(b) of the Clean Air Act, petitions for judicial review of today's action denying the petition to withdraw or revoke Clean Air Act programs may be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit on or before April 25, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**:

Maria Gonzalez, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard (C14-J), Chicago, Illinois 60604, phone number (312) 886-6630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: In 1997, the Ohio Citizen Action, the Ohio Environmental Council (which was later replaced by the Ohio Public Interest Research Group), Rivers Unlimited, and the Ohio Sierra Club, submitted a petition requesting EPA to withdraw approval, delegation, or authorization from the State of Ohio to administer certain federal environmental programs. The petition initially requested EPA to withdraw or revoke certain air, water, and waste environmental programs based on the Ohio Environmental Audit Privilege and Immunity Law (the Audit Law). Petitioners supplemented and amended the petition on September 18, 1998, August 4, 1999, and January 27, 2000, to add allegations about how the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) was implementing the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act hazardous waste program and solid waste permit program; the Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program; and the Clean Air Act Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS), New Source Review (NSR), Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), non-compliance penalties, and Title V programs.

On December 21, 2000, EPA denied the Audit Law component of the petition, but continued its review of Ohio EPA's implementation of the programs covered by the amended and supplemented petition.

Because the petition seeks withdrawal or revocation of programs, the focus of our review was whether it is appropriate to initiate withdrawal or revocation proceedings based on the withdrawal criteria for each of the affected programs. The Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and their implementing regulations set forth the withdrawal or revocation criteria for programs authorized, delegated or approved pursuant to these acts. EPA reviewed Ohio EPA's implementation of each program based on the criteria for that program.

Beginning in January of 2000, EPA Region 5 staff conducted reviews of Ohio's environmental programs covered by the petition. EPA staff visited Ohio EPA district and central offices, the Ohio Attorney General's Office and local air agencies; interviewed employees; and reviewed files. EPA staff also reviewed the affidavits submitted by the petitioners in July and August of 2000. EPA reviewed how Ohio EPA implemented the affected programs during the period from 1995 to 2000.

On September 4, 2001, EPA Region 5 made public a preliminary report, dated August 30, 2001, entitled "Draft Report on U.S. EPA Review of Ohio Environmental Programs" (Draft Report) summarizing the petitioners' allegations and setting forth its preliminary findings with respect to the requests to withdraw or revoke the eight environmental programs. EPA held two public meetings in Columbus, Ohio on November 13, 2001, to answer questions and take comments on the report. EPA accepted comments from the public until January 14, 2002.

The Draft Report also made recommendations that, if implemented, would alleviate concerns related to the withdrawal criteria and obviate the need for further review. EPA followed up with Ohio EPA on the recommendations made in the Draft Report. Ohio EPA has taken steps in each program that should benefit its implementation of those programs.

A final report and background documents which detail EPA's findings with respect to each allegation in the petition for each program, along with a responsiveness summary that responds to the comments made at the public meeting and during the comment period are at the following EPA Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/region5/ohioreview>. You

may also access this information at the following repositories located in Ohio: Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati; Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County, 305 Wick Avenue, Youngstown; Columbus Metropolitan Library, 96 South Grant Avenue, Columbus; Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, 325 Michigan Street, Toledo; Briggs Lawrence County Public Library, 321 South Fourth Street, Ironton; Cleveland Public Library, 325 Superior Avenue, Cleveland; State of Ohio Senate, Senate Building, Energy, Natural Resources & Environment, Room 143, First Floor, Columbus; Dayton & Montgomery County Public Library, 215 East Third Street, Dayton; Washington County Public Library, 615 Fifth Street, Marietta; Dover Public Library, 525 North Walnut Street, Dover; State of Ohio House of Representatives, Environmental Committee, 77 South High Street, 13th Floor, Columbus.

As discussed in detail in the final report and background documents, EPA did not find sufficient evidence to justify withdrawal or revocation of the programs covered by the petition. Therefore, EPA denied the petition to withdraw or revoke its approval, delegation, or authorization from the State of Ohio to administer certain Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act environmental programs by letter dated February 7, 2003.

Dated: February 7, 2003.

**Thomas V. Skinner,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[FRL-7453-2]**

### **Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Announcement of conference.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Water's Office of Science and Technology, and Battelle will co-sponsor the "26th Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment" to discuss all aspects of environmental measurement. The conference is open to the public.

**DATES:** The annual conference will be held on April 29-30, 2003. On April 29, 2003, the conference will begin at 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at 5:30 p.m. A workshop on "Whole Effluent Toxicity

(WET) Testing to Support EPA's Final Rule" will be presented from 3 to 5:30 p.m. On April 30, 2003, the conference will begin at 8:45 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. On May 1, 2003, a public meeting on "Detection and Quantitation" will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a one-hour break from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza Hotel, 350 North Orleans Street, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. 60654.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Conference and workshop arrangements are being conducted by DynCorp Systems & Solutions LLC. For information on registration, conference fees, hotel rates, reservations, and transportation, please contact Jennifer Maglinao, by e-mail at [jennifer.maglinao@DynCorp.com](mailto:jennifer.maglinao@DynCorp.com) or by telephone at (703) 461-2137. If you have technical questions regarding the conference, workshop, or public meeting, please contact Marion Kelly by e-mail at [kelly.marion@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.marion@epa.gov) or by facsimile at (202) 566-1053.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 26th Annual Conference on Analysis of Pollutants in the Environment is designed to bring together representatives of regulated industries, commercial environmental laboratories, State and Federal regulators, municipal water and wastewater laboratories, and environmental consultants and contractors to discuss all aspects of environmental measurement focusing on environmental water regulations, compliance monitoring, and related issues.

The tentative program topics for the conference follow:

#### **Tuesday, April 29, 2003**

Welcome and Opening Remarks.

Update on Analytical Methods in EPA's Wastewater Programs.

Pollutants to be Tested for in EPA's 2004 National Sewage Sludge Survey.

E-Chem, AOAC-International's Methods Database.

Automated Discrete Sample Analyses Applied to Standard Environmental Methods.

Validation of Improved Methods for Fecal Coliforms and *Salmonella* in Biosolids.

Determination of *Cryptosporidium* in Water Using Molecular Methods.

Uncertainty in Microbiological Measurements.

Workshop on "Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Testing to Support EPA's Final Rule".