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t. *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.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP96-200-092, RP96-200-097, RP96-200-101, RP96-200-102, RP96-200-103, RP96-200-104, RP96-200-105, RP96-200-106, RP96-200-107, RP96-200-108, RP96-200-110, RP96-200-111, RP96-200-113, and RP96-200-114]

CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Technical Conference

December 5, 2003.

The Commission staff will hold a technical conference in the captioned subdockets on December 12, 2003, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Commission's headquarters at 888 First St. NE., Washington, DC, in a room to be established. The technical conference will further discuss issues raised by the September 15, 2003 Order in Docket Nos. RP96-200-092, *et al.*, (104 FERC ¶ 61,280), which directed CenterPoint Energy Transmission Company (CEGT) to file certain tariff provisions and to modify certain non-conforming gas transportation agreements.

The issues in the enumerated Docket No. RP96-200 subdockets are closely related. Therefore, Commission staff believes that the discussion of these issues at a public technical conference, which would be open only to Commission staff and interested parties that have intervened in these subdockets, will assist in an efficient resolution of these matters. Interested parties desiring further information

should contact John M. Robinson of the advisory staff at 202-502-6808.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[SFUND-2000-0009, FRL-7598-9]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Notification of Episodic Releases of Oil and Hazardous Substances, EPA ICR Number 1049.10, OMB Control Number 2050-0046

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 a continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. This ICR is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2004. 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 February 10, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number SFUND-2000-0009, to EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by email to superfund.docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Superfund Docket Office, Mail Code 5202T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn M. Beasley, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Office of Emergency Prevention, Preparedness, and Response, Emergency Response Staff, 5204G, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 603-9086; fax number: (703) 603-9104; e-mail address: beasley.lynn@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID number SFUND-2000-0009, which is available for public viewing at the Superfund Docket in the

EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Superfund Docket is (202) 566-0276. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified above.

Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA within 60 days of this notice. EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EDOCKET as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EDOCKET. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket.

Although identified as an item in the official docket, information claimed as CBI, or whose disclosure is otherwise restricted by statute, is not included in the official public docket, and will not be available for public viewing in EDOCKET. For further information about the electronic docket, see EPA's **Federal Register** notice describing the electronic docket at 67 FR 38102 (May 31, 2002), or go to <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>.

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.

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

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