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Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings; Additional Types of Filings To Be Included in Combined Notice of Filings

June 1, 2006.

The purpose of this notice is to announce that effective June 1, 2006, the Commission will issue notices for the following types of filings using the combined notice of filings method instituted on May 17, 2005.

EC—Applications of Electric Public Utilities For Authority to Sell, Lease, Purchase, Acquire, or Merge and Applications for Determination of Jurisdiction
EG—Applications for Exempt Wholesale Generation Determination
ES—Issuance of Securities and Assumption of Liabilities of Electric Utilities
FC—Foreign Utility Company Request
PH—Exemption from or Waiver of Regulation as Holding Company

In addition, the Secretary is making the following changes to the filing procedures for the types of filings listed above:

1. Filers are no longer required to include draft notices in floppy disk format with the filing.
2. Filers requesting a short comment period for the filing must clearly state such request in the "Re:" section of the filing, for example:

Re: Signal Hill Wichita Falls Power, L.P.
Docket No. EG06-____
Request for shortened comment period

The notices issued under the combined notice of filings method will be added to eLibrary and will be published in the **Federal Register** under the name "Combined Notice of Filings." Each filing will be listed with its identifying details as follows:

Docket Number—This item contains a hyperlink to the eLibrary docket sheet for the docket number.

Name of Applicant(s)—This item shows the applicant name as it appears on the filing.

Description—This item contains a basic description of the filing and a hyperlink that opens the filed document in eLibrary, as stored in eLibrary.

Filing Date—This item shows the date on which the document was filed with the Commission.

Accession Number—This item contains a hyperlink that will open the "Info" area of eLibrary for the filed document. There may be instances in which the accession number for the particular filing changes after issuance of the combined notice. In this case, the user will have to search eLibrary to access the document.

Comment Date—This item indicates the comment date for the particular filing.

The "Combined Notice of Filings" is indexed in eLibrary as follows, for example: "Combined Notice of Filings, June 1, 2006: This notice contains information concerning multiple filings received by FERC." The Commission may issue more than one "Combined Notice of Filings" on any given day. In this case, the eLibrary index will read as follows, for example: "Combined Notice of Filings; June 1, 2006 #2: This notice contains information concerning multiple filings received by FERC."

In time, the Commission expects to issue the majority of notices of filings using the combined notice of filings method. By this initiative, the Commission seeks to simplify the manner in which the Commission's staff prepares notices and thereby expedite the public issuance of notices.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Docket No. EPA-R02-OAR-2006-0342; FRL-8181-7]

Adequacy Status of the Submitted 2009 Early Progress Direct PM_{2.5} and NO_x Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets for Transportation Conformity Purposes for Northern New Jersey

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy.

SUMMARY: In this notice, EPA is notifying the public that we have found

that the motor vehicle emissions budgets ("budgets") for direct PM_{2.5} and NO_x in the submitted PM_{2.5} early progress state implementation plan (SIP) for the New Jersey portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT PM_{2.5} nonattainment area to be adequate for transportation conformity purposes. The transportation conformity rule requires that the EPA conduct a public process and make an affirmative decision on the adequacy of budgets before they can be used by metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) in conformity determinations. As a result of our finding, the MPOs in northern New Jersey, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), must use the new 2009 direct PM_{2.5} and NO_x budgets from the early progress PM_{2.5} SIP for future conformity determinations.

DATES: This finding is effective June 23, 2006.

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The finding and the response to comments will be available at EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Today's notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have already made. EPA Region 2 sent a letter to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on May 31, 2006 stating that the 2009 direct PM_{2.5} and NO_x budgets in the submitted early progress SIP for Northern New Jersey (dated May 18, 2006) are adequate for conformity purposes. The purpose of New Jersey's May 18, 2006 submittal was to establish budgets for the metropolitan planning organizations in northern New Jersey to use in making conformity determinations. EPA's adequacy finding will also be announced on EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/adequacy.htm>.

Transportation conformity (40 CFR part 93) is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. EPA's conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs, and projects conform to SIPs and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they conform. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will