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m. The City and Borough of Sitka has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all federal and state resources agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and others affected by the project. The City and Borough of Sitka has also demonstrated that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. The City and Borough of Sitka has submitted a communications protocol that is supported by the stakeholders.

The purpose of this notice is to invite any additional comments on the City and Borough of Sitka's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations. Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date. The City and Borough of Sitka will complete and file a preliminary Environmental Assessment, in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which an applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs, and other parties during preparation of the license application and before filing the application, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simplify and expedite the licensing process by combining the pre-filing consultation and environmental review processes into a single process, to facilitate greater participation, and to improve communication and cooperation among the participants.

The City and Borough of Sitka has met with federal and state resources agencies regarding the proposed Takatz Lake Hydroelectric Project. The City and Borough of Sitka intends to file 6-month progress reports during the alternative procedures process that leads to the

filing of a license application by September 2011.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP09-79-000]

Leaf River Energy Center LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

March 24, 2009.

Take notice that on March 10, 2009, Leaf River Energy Center LLC (Leaf River), 53 Riverside Avenue, Westport, Connecticut, 06880, filed in Docket number CP09-79-000, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Leaf River's blanket certificate issued in Docket number CP08-8-000. Leaf River asked for authorization to construct, own and operate a new natural gas pipeline lateral and associated facilities (Sonat Lateral) that will connect the Leaf River Energy Center, a certificated underground natural gas storage and pipeline header facilities, located in Smith, Jasper and Clarke Counties, Mississippi, with a Southern Natural Gas Company (Sonat) interstate natural gas transmission pipeline in place of the facilities that Leaf River originally proposed for that purpose. Leaf River submitted information supplementing prior notice of proposed construction activity under blanket certificate on March 23, 2009, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Laura L. Luce, Leaf River Energy Center LLC, 53 Riverside Avenue, Westport, CT 06880, at (203) 557-1000 or at lluce@ngsenergy.com.

Any person may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the

Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission's staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a) (1) (iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OARM-2008-0827; FRL-8788-2]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Contractor Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation (Renewal), EPA ICR Number 0246.10, OMB Control Number 2030-0016

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before April 30, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number EPA-HQ-OARM-2008-0827, to (1) EPA Online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), by e-mail to

oei.docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information Docket, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB by mail to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donna Blanding, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Acquisition Management, Mail Code 3802R, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; (202) 564-1130; fax number: (202) 565-2475; e-mail address: blanding.donna@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On November 13, 2008 (73 FR 67152), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments. Any additional comments on this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID number EPA-HQ-OARM-2008-0827, which is available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person viewing at the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC 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 Office of Environmental Information Docket is (202) 566-1752.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at <http://www.regulations.gov>, to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "docket search," then key in the docket ID number identified above. Please note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov> as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, confidential business information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. For further

information about the electronic docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Title: Contractor Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation (Renewal).

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 0246.10, OMB Control No. 2030-0016.

ICR Status: This ICR is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2009. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: At the completion of a cost reimbursement contract, contractors will report final costs incurred, including direct labor, materials, supplies, equipment, other direct charges, subcontracting, consultant fees, indirect costs, and fixed fee. Contractors will report this information on EPA Form 1900-10. EPA will use this information to reconcile the contractor's costs. Establishment of the final costs and fixed fee is necessary to close out the contract. Responses to the information collection are mandatory for those contractors completing work under a cost reimbursement contract, and are required to receive final payment. Information submitted is protected from public release in accordance with the Agency's confidentiality regulation, 40 CFR 2.201 *et seq.*

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 240 minutes per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of

information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: All contractors who have completed an EPA cost reimbursement type contract will be required to submit EPA Form 1900-10.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Frequency of Response: At contract completion.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 80.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$8,491 which includes \$0 annual capital/startup costs, \$240 annual O&M costs, and \$8,251 annual labor costs.

Changes in the Estimates: In the last OMB clearance, respondent burden hours were estimated at 32 hours per year. The current estimate is 80 hours per year for an overall increase of 48 hours. The increase in burden from the previous approval is a result of the increased time needed, by the respondents', per action due to the complexity of some of the contracts to be closed out and the timeliness of consulted subcontractors, which often increases the amount of time needed to gather the required information.

Dated: March 25, 2009.

John Moses,

Acting Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2009; FRL-8787-5]

Guidance on the Development, Evaluation, and Application of Environmental Models

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Document Availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of the final "Guidance Document on the Development, Evaluation, and Application of Regulatory Environmental Models," EPA/100/K-09/003 (hereinafter "Models Guidance"). EPA's Council for Regulatory Environmental Modeling (CREM) developed the Models Guidance and its companion product, the "Models Knowledge Base" (hereinafter "Models KBase," http://cfpub.epa.gov/crem/knowledge_base/knowledge.cfm), to