Energy, Inc.; Primary Power Marketing LLC, and WASP Energy, LLC) have failed to file their delinquent Electric Quarterly Reports.

The Commission hereby revokes the market-based rate authority and terminates the electric market-based rate tariffs of the above-captioned public utilities.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notices

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

Cancellation

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at 11 a.m.
PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).
STATUS: This hearing has been canceled.
AUDIT HEARING: Biden For President, Inc.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 10 a.m.
PLACE: 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).
STATUS: This Meeting Will Be Open To The Public.

Items To Be Discussed

Correction and Approval of Minutes.
Report of the Audit Division on Friends for Menor Committee.
2010 Rulemaking Schedule.
Management and Administrative Matters.

Individuals who plan to attend and require special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Darlene Harris, Acting Commission Secretary, at (202) 694–1040, at least 72 hours prior to the hearing date.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:
Judith Ingram, Press Officer, Telephone: (202) 694–1220.
Darlene Harris,
Acting Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Open Market Committee: Domestic Policy Directive of March 16, 2010

In accordance with § 271.25 of its rules regarding availability of information (12 CFR part 271), there is set forth below the domestic policy directive issued by the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on March 16, 2010.¹

The Federal Open Market Committee seeks monetary and financial conditions that will foster price stability and promote sustainable growth in output. To further its long–run objectives, the Committee seeks conditions in reserve markets consistent with federal funds trading in a range from 0 to ¼ percent. The Committee directs the Desk to complete the execution of its purchases of about $1.25 trillion of agency MBS and of about $175 billion in housing–related agency debt by the end of March. The Committee directs the Desk to engage in dollar roll transactions as necessary to facilitate settlement of the Federal Reserve’s agency MBS transactions. The System Open Market Account Manager and the Secretary will keep the Committee informed of ongoing developments regarding the System’s balance sheet that could affect the attainment over time of the Committee’s objectives of maximum employment and price stability.

By order of the Federal Open Market Committee, April 8, 2010.

Brian F. Madigan,
Secretary, Federal Open Market Committee.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission (”FTC” or “Commission”).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The information collection requirements described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (“PRA”). The FTC is seeking public comments on its proposal to extend through May 31, 2013, the current PRA clearance for information collection requirements contained in its Contact Lens Rule. That clearance expires on May 31, 2010.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 17, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments electronically or in paper form, by following the instructions in the Request for Comments part of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below. Comments in electronic form should be submitted by using the following Web link: (https://publiccomment FTC/contactlenstrulepra2) (and following the instructions on the web-based form). Comments in paper form should be mailed or delivered to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Room H–135 (Annex J), 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, in the manner detailed in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520, federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” means agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. 44 U.S.C. 3502(3); 5 CFR 1320.3(c).

On December 24, 2009, the FTC sought comment on the information collection requirements associated with the Contact Lens Rule (the Rule), 16 CFR part 315. No comments were received. Pursuant to the OMB regulations, 5 CFR Part 1320, that implement the PRA, the FTC is providing this second opportunity for public comment while seeking OMB approval to renew the pre-existing clearance for the Rule (OMB Control No. 3084–0005). All comments should be filed as prescribed in the ADDRESSES section above and in the Request for

¹Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on March 16, 2010, which includes the domestic policy directive issued at the meeting, are available upon request to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551. The minutes are published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and in the Board’s annual report.
Comments (found below), and must be received on or before May 17, 2010.

The Rule was promulgated by the FTC pursuant to the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act (“FCLCA”), Pub. L. 108–164 (December 6, 2003), which was enacted to enable consumers to purchase contact lenses from the seller of their choice. The Rule became effective on August 2, 2004. As mandated by the FCLCA, the Rule requires the release and verification of contact lens prescriptions and contains recordkeeping requirements applying to both prescribers and sellers of contact lenses.

Specifically, the Rule requires that prescribers provide a copy of the prescription to the consumer upon the completion of contact lens fitting and verify or provide prescriptions to authorized third parties. The Rule also mandates that a contact lens seller may sell contact lenses only in accordance with a prescription that the seller either: (a) Has received from the patient or prescriber; or (b) has verified through direct communication with the prescriber. In addition, the Rule imposes recordkeeping requirements on contact lens prescribers and sellers. For example, the Rule requires prescribers to document in their patients’ records the medical reasons for setting a contact lens prescription expiration date of less than one year. The Rule requires contact lens sellers to maintain records for three years of all direct communications involved in obtaining verification of a contact lens prescription, as well as prescriptions, or copies thereof, which they receive directly from customers or prescribers.

The information retained under the Rule’s recordkeeping requirements is used by the Commission to substantiate compliance with the Rule and may also be used by the Commission to substantiate the Rule’s recordkeeping requirements is used by the Commission to substantiate the Rule’s recordkeeping requirements, or to bring enforcement actions based on violations of the Rule.

Request for Comments

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments electronically or in paper form. Comments should refer to “Contact Lens Rule: FTC File No. P054510” to facilitate the organization of comments. Please note that your comment — including your name and your state — will be placed on the public record of this proceeding, including any publicly accessible FTC Web site, at (http://www.ftc.gov/os/publiccomments.shtm). Because comments will be made public, they should not include any sensitive personal information, such as an individual’s Social Security Number; date of birth; driver’s license number or other state identification number, or foreign country equivalent; passport number; financial account number; or credit or debit card number. Comments also should not include any sensitive health information, such as medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, comments should not include any “[t]rade secret or any commercial or financial information which is obtained from any person and which is privileged or confidential …” as provided in Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (“FTC Act”), 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and Commission Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2). Comments containing material for which confidential treatment is requested must be filed in paper form, must be clearly labeled “Confidential,” and must comply with FTC Rule 4.9(c).

Because paper mail addressed to the FTC is subject to delay due to heightened security screening, please consider submitting your comments in electronic form. Comments filed in electronic form should be submitted by using the following Web link: (https://public.commentworks.com/ftc/contactlensrulepnm) (and following the instructions on the web-based form). If this Notice appears at (http://www.regulations.gov), you may also file an electronic comment through that Web site. The Commission will consider all comments that regulations.gov forwards to it.

A comment filed in paper form should include the “Contact Lens Rule: FTC File No. P054510” reference both in the text and on the envelope, and should be mailed or delivered to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Room H–135 (Annex J), 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. The FTC is requesting that any commenter filing a paper form be sent by courier or overnight service, if possible, because U.S. postal mail in the Washington area and at the Commission is subject to delay due to heightened security precautions.

Comments on any proposed recordkeeping, or disclosure requirements that are subject to Paperwork Reduction Act review by the Office of Management and Budget should additionally be submitted to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Federal Trade Commission. Comments should be submitted via facsimile to (202) 395-1567 because U.S. postal mail at the OMB is subject to delays due to heightened security precautions.

The FTC Act and other laws the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. The Commission will consider all timely and responsive public comments that it receives, whether filed in paper or electronic form. Comments received will be available to the public on the FTC’s Web site, to the extent practicable, at (http://www.ftc.gov/os/publiccomments.shtm).

As a matter of discretion, the Commission makes every effort to remove home contact information for individuals from the public comments it receives before placing those comments on the FTC’s Web site. More information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, may be found in the FTC’s privacy policy at (http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.shtm).

Burden Statement

Commission staff estimates the paperwork burden of the FCLCA and Rule based on its knowledge of the eye care industry. Staff believes there will be some burden on individual prescribers to provide contact lens prescriptions, although it involves merely writing a few items of information onto a slip of paper and handing it to the patient, or perhaps mailing or faxing it to a third party. In addition, there will be some recordkeeping burden on contact lens sellers—including retaining prescriptions or records of “direct communications”—pertaining to each sale of contact lenses to consumers who received their original prescription from a third party prescriber.

Estimated total annual hours burden: 850,000 hours (rounded to the nearest thousand). Based upon staff knowledge of the industry, this figure is derived by adding approximately 567,000 disclosure hours for contact lens prescribers to approximately 283,000 recordkeeping hours for contact lens sellers, for a combined industry total of 850,000 hours. This is slightly lower than the estimates previously submitted to OMB (the similar figure was 950,000 hours in 2006); and is due to a drop in the estimated number of contact lens wearers from 36 million (2006) to 34 million (2008).

No provisions in the Rule have been amended since staff’s prior submission to OMB. The Rule’s disclosure and recordkeeping requirements, therefore, remain the same. As noted above, the number of contact lens wearers in the...
United States is estimated to be approximately 34 million. Therefore, assuming an annual contact lens exam for each contact lens wearer, 34 million people would receive a copy of their prescription each year under the Rule. At an estimated one minute per prescription, the annual time spent by prescribers complying with the disclosure requirement would be a maximum of 567,000 hours. ([34 million x 1 minute]/60 minutes = 566,667 hours)

As required by the FCLCA, the Rule also imposes two recordkeeping requirements. First, prescribers must document the specific medical reasons for setting a contact lens prescription expiration date shorter than the one year minimum established by the FCLCA. This burden is likely to be nil because the requirement applies only in cases when the prescriber invokes the medical judgment exception, which is expected to occur infrequently, and prescribers are likely to record this information in the ordinary course of business as part of their patients' medical records. The OMB regulation that implements the PRA defines “burden” to exclude any effort that would be expended regardless of a regulatory requirement. 5 CFR 1320.3(B)(3)(2).

Second, the Rule requires contact lens sellers to maintain certain documents relating to contact lens sales. As noted above, a seller may sell contact lenses only in accordance with a prescription that the seller either (a) has received from the patient or prescriber, or (b) has verified through direct communication with the prescriber. The FCLCA requires sellers to retain prescriptions and records of communications with prescribers relating to prescription verification for three years.

Staff believes that the burden of complying with this requirement is low. Sellers who seek verification of contact lens prescriptions must retain one or two records for each contact lens sale: Either the relevant prescription itself, or the verification request and any response from the prescriber. Staff estimates that such recordkeeping will entail a maximum of five minutes per sale, including time spent preparing a file and actually filing the record(s).

Staff also believes that, based on its knowledge of the industry, this burden will fall primarily on mail order and Internet-based sellers of contact lenses, as they are the entities in the industry most reliant on obtaining or verifying contact lens prescriptions. Based on conversations with the industry, staff estimates that these entities currently account for approximately 10% of sales in the contact lens market and, by extension, that approximately 3.4 million consumers—10% of the 34 million contact lens wearers in the United States—purchase their lenses from them.

At an estimated five minutes per sale to each of 3.4 million consumers, contact lens sellers will spend a total of 283,300 burden hours complying with the recordkeeping requirement. ([3.4 million x 5 minutes]/60 minutes = 283,333.3 hours) This estimate likely overstates the actual burden, however, because it includes the time spent by sellers who already keep records pertaining to contact lens sales in the ordinary course of business. In addition, the estimate may overstate the time spent by sellers to the extent that records (e.g., verification requests) are generated and stored automatically and electronically, which staff understands is the case for some larger online sellers. Estimated labor costs: $32,317,000 (rounded to the nearest thousand).

Sellers who already keep records of communications with prescribers account for approximately 75% of prescribers. Consequently, for simplicity, staff will focus on their average hourly wage in estimating prescribers' labor cost burden. According to Bureau of Labor Statistics from May 2008, salaried optometrists earn an average wage of $50.80 per hour and general office clerical personnel earn an average of $12.90 per hour. With these categories of personnel, respectively, likely to perform the brunt of the disclosure (for optometrists) and recordkeeping (for office clerks) aspects of the Rule, estimated total labor cost attributable to the Rule would be approximately $32.8 million. ([$50.80 x 566,666.7 hours] + [$12.90 x 283,333.3 hours] = $32,317,000)

The contact lens market is a multibillion dollar market; one recent survey estimates that contact lens sales totaled $2.37 billion from Jan 1, 2006 to Dec 31, 2006. Thus, the total labor cost burden estimate of $32.3 million represents approximately 1.5% of the overall market.

Estimated annual non-labor cost burden: $0 or minimal.

Staff believes that the Rule’s disclosure and recordkeeping requirements impose negligible capital or other non-labor costs, as the affected entities are likely to have the necessary supplies and/or equipment already (e.g., prescription pads, patients’ medical charts, facsimile machines and paper, telephones, and recordkeeping facilities such as filing cabinets or other storage).

Willard Tom,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301) 443–0371.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: HRSA AIDS Education and Training Centers Evaluation Activities (OMB No. 0915–0281)—Revision

The AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Program, under the Title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program legislation, supports a network

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2 The FTC’s February 2005 study, “The Strength of Competition in the Rx Sale of Contact Lenses: An FTC Study,” cites various data that, averaged together, suggests that approximately 10% of contact lens sales are by online and mail-order sellers. The report is available online at (http://www.ftc.gov/reports/contactlens/050214contactlensrpt.pdf).


4 The Vision Council of America and Jobson Optical Research have conducted large scale continuous consumer research under the name VisionWatch, which reports on the vision care industry. The basis for this statistic is on file with the Federal Trade Commission.