DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Bonneville Power Administration

Big Eddy-Knight Transmission Project

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the ROD to implement the Big Eddy-Knight Transmission Project in Wasco County, Oregon and Klickitat County, Washington. Construction of the Big Eddy-Knight Transmission Project will accommodate long-term firm transmission requests that BPA has received by increasing BPA’s 500-kV transmission capability to move power from the east side of the Cascade Mountains (along the Oregon/Washington border) to load centers (such as Portland, Oregon) on the west side of the Cascades and to major transmission lines serving California. As described in the Big Eddy-Knight Transmission Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (DOE/EIS–0421, July 2011), this project consists primarily of constructing a new, approximately 28-mile-long, 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and ancillary facilities between BPA’s existing Big Eddy Substation in The Dalles, Oregon, to a proposed new Knight Substation that would be connected to an existing BPA line about 4 miles northwest of Goldendale, Washington. For the transmission line, BPA has decided to build East Alternative Option 3. For the first 14 miles, the line will use double-circuit towers (combining the new line and an existing line on one set of towers) mostly on existing right-of-way. The remaining 14 miles of the new line will be built with single-circuit towers in a newly-established 150-foot-wide transmission line right-of-way. BPA has also decided to build the small (about 1 mile) realignment of the East Alternative on the Oregon side of the Columbia River, as described in the final EIS. For the proposed new Knight Substation, BPA has decided to build Knight Substation on Site 1, which is on private property about 0.5 mile west of Knight Road. For the fiber optic cable necessary for system communications, BPA has decided to build the Loop Back Option, which will string fiber optic cable on the new transmission towers from BPA’s Big Eddy Substation to the new Knight Substation and back again. The project also includes new equipment at BPA’s existing Big Eddy and Wautoma substations. BPA will install about 134 new lattice-steel transmission towers that will have an average span length between towers of about 1,200 feet. The double-circuit towers that will be used for the first 14 miles will range in height from about 170–250 feet tall; the single-circuit towers that will be used for the last 14 miles will be about 100–200 feet tall. The towers on either side of the Columbia River will be about 407 feet tall on the Oregon side and 232 feet tall on the Washington side.

The conductor, fiber optic cable, and overhead ground wire for the new transmission line will be placed on these towers, and counterpoise (which takes any lightning charge from the overhead ground wire and dissipates it into the earth) will be buried in the ground at select towers. Marker balls will be placed on the overhead ground wire across the Columbia River and bird diverters will be installed on overhead ground wire at select locations. The towers on either side of the Columbia River will have lighting for aircraft safety. Road construction will include about 16 miles of new road, 9 miles of temporary road, 13 miles of existing road improvements, and 62 culverts in intermittent streams (many stream crossings will have more than 1 culvert). In addition, portions of county roads that will be used to access the line route will be improved as necessary. All mitigation measures identified in the EIS that are applicable to the selected alternative are adopted.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD and EIS may be obtained by calling BPA’s toll-free document request line, 1–800–622–4520. The ROD and EIS are also available on our Web site, http://www.bpa.gov/go/BEK.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stacy Mason, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC–4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208–3621; toll-free telephone number 1–800–622–4519; fax number 503–230–5455; or e-mail slmason@bpa.gov.

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Stephen J. Wright,
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Case No. RF–018]

Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Publication of the Extension of Interim Waiver Granted to Samsung Electronics America, Inc. From the Department of Energy Residential Refrigerator and Refrigerator-Freezer Test Procedure


ACTION: Notice of extension of interim waiver.

SUMMARY: On March 25, 2011, the Department of Energy (DOE) published in the Federal Register a petition for waiver and notice granting an application for interim waiver to Samsung Electronics America, Inc. (Samsung) from energy efficiency test procedure requirements that are applicable to residential refrigerators and refrigerator-freezers. In today’s action, DOE is extending the interim waiver for 180 days.


Ms. Elizabeth Kohl, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, Mail Stop GC–71, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–0103, (202) 586–7796; E-mail: Elizabeth.Kohl@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 18, 2011, DOE granted to Samsung an interim waiver from the energy efficiency test procedure requirements in 10 CFR part 430 that are applicable to Samsung’s electric refrigerators and refrigerator-freezers that incorporate multiple defrost cycles, and requested comments on Samsung’s petition. 76 FR 16760 (March 25, 2011). Pursuant to 10 CFR 430.27(h), an interim waiver will terminate 180 days after issuance or upon the determination on the petition for waiver, whichever occurs first. An
interim waiver may be extended by DOE for 180 days. Notice of such extension and/or any modification of the terms or duration of the interim waiver shall be published in the Federal Register and shall be based on relevant information contained in the record and any comments received subsequent to issuance of the interim waiver.

On August 17, 2011, Samsung requested an extension of its interim waiver. DOE recently published a notice reopening the comment period on its interim final rule for the refrigerator test procedure, 76 FR 57612 (Sept. 15, 2011). DOE intends to consider the comments received in response to this notice before publishing a decision and order concerning Samsung’s petition for waiver from the energy efficiency test procedure requirements for residential refrigerators and refrigerator-freezers in 10 CFR part 430, which are applicable to Samsung’s electric refrigerators and refrigerator-freezers that incorporate multiple defrost cycles. Therefore, DOE has determined that it is appropriate to grant an extension of the interim waiver to Samsung for an additional 180 days, or until March 12, 2012, or until the determination on the petition for waiver, whichever occurs first.

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Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Office of Technology Development, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Primus Solutions, Inc.; Transfer of Data

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that pesticide related information submitted to EPA’s Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), including information that may have been claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI) by the submitter, will be transferred to Primus Solutions, Inc., in accordance with 40 CFR 2.307(b)(3) and 2.308(i)(2). Primus Solutions, Inc., has been awarded multiple contracts to perform work for OPP, and access to this information will enable Primus Solutions, Inc., to fulfill the obligations of the contract.

DATES: Primus Solutions, Inc., will be given access to this information on or before September 26, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mario Steadman, Information Technology and Resources Management Division (7502P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (703) 305–8338, steadman.mario@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action applies to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2011–0038. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at http://www.regulations.gov, or, if only available in hard copy, at the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S–4400, One Potomac Yard (South Bldg.), 2777 S. Crystal Dr., Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket Facility telephone number is (703) 305–5805.

II. Contractor Requirements

Under the contract number EP–W–11–024, the contractor will provide assistance to Antimicrobials Division reviewers to process applications for new registrations, new uses, amendments, and notifications within the time frame set forth by the Agency in order to meet the mandated timelines required under the Food Quality Protection Act and the Pesticide Registration Improvement Renewal Act of 2007. This contract involves no subcontractors.

OPP has determined that the contracts described in this document involve work that is being conducted in connection with FIFRA, in that pesticide chemicals will be the subject of certain evaluations to be made under this contract. These evaluations may be used in subsequent regulatory decisions under FIFRA.

Some of this information may be entitled to confidential treatment. The information has been submitted to EPA under sections 3, 4, 6, and 7 of FIFRA and under sections 408 and 409 of FFDCA.

In accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 2.307(b)(3), the contracts with Primus Solutions, Inc., prohibits use of the information for any purpose not specified in these contracts; prohibits disclosure of the information to a third party without prior written approval from the Agency; and requires that each official and employee of the contractor sign an agreement to protect the information from unauthorized release and to handle it in accordance with the FIFRA Information Security Manual. In addition, Primus Solutions, Inc., is required to submit for EPA approval a security plan under which any CBI will be secured and protected against unauthorized release or compromise. No information will be provided to Primus Solutions, Inc., until the requirements in this document have been fully satisfied. Records of information provided to Primus Solutions, Inc., will be maintained by EPA Project Officers for these contracts. All information supplied to Primus Solutions, Inc., by EPA for use in connection with these contracts will be returned to EPA when Primus Solutions, Inc., has completed its work.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Business and industry, Government contracts, Government property, Security measures.

Dated: September 14, 2011.

Oscar Morales, Director, Information Technology and Resources Management Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
[FRL–9471–3]

Notice of Webcast Meeting of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency’s