- d. Applicant: Commonwealth Power Company.
- e. Name of Project: Irving Dam Hydroelectric Project.
- f. Location: ON the Thornapple River, near Irving, Barry County, Michigan. g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C.
- h. Applicant Contact: Jan Marie Evans, Commonwealth Power Company, 4572 Sequoia Trail, Okemos, MI 48864, (517) 351-5400.
- i. FERC Contact: Mark Pawlowski, 202-219-2795, or E-Mail at mark.pawlowski@ferc.fed.us.

j. Deadline Date: See attached

paragraph D9.

k. Status of Environmental Analysis: This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis—see attached

paragraph D9.

- I. Brief Description of Project: The proposed project consists of: (1) an existing 6-foot-high gravity-earth filled dam; (2) an existing reservoir with a surface area of 25 acres at a maximum pool elevation of 738.5 feet USGS and a storage capacity of 100 acre-feet; (3) a 1,200-foot-long head race canal; (4) a powerhouse containing one generating unit with a rated capacity of 600 Kw; and, (5) appurtenant facilities.
- m. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A4 and
- n. A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at: 888 First St., N.E., Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. A copy of the application is also available at Commonwealth Power Company, Sequoia Trail, Okemos, MI 48864, or by calling (517) 351-5400.

A4. Development Application—Public notice of the filing of the initial development application, which has already been given, established the due date for filing competing applications or notices of intent. Under the Commission's regulations, any competing development application must be filed in response to and in compliance with the public notice of the initial development application. No competing applications or notices of intent may be filed in response to this

D9. Filing and Service of Responsive *Documents*—The application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

The Commission directs, pursuant to section 4.34(b) of the regulations (see

Order No. 533 issued May 8, 1991, 56 F.R. 23108 (May 20, 1991)), that all comments, recommendations, terms and conditions and prescriptions concerning the application be filed with the Commission within 60 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments must be filed with the Commission within 105 days from the date of this notice.

Anyone may obtain an extension of time for these deadlines from the Commission only upon a showing of good cause or extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2008.

All filings must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS,

"RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or

"PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b).

Any of these documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies required by the Commission's regulations to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to: Director, Division of Project Review, Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Room 5K-01, at the above address. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Application Ready for **Environmental Analysis**

February 24, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Application: Minor License.
 - b. Project No.: 11300-000.
 - c. Date Filed: June 3, 1992
- d. Applicant: Commonwealth Power Company.
- e. Name of Project: LaBarge Hydroelectric Project.
- f. Location: On the Thornapple River, near Caledonia, Kent County, Michigan.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a)-825(r).
- h. Applicant Contact: Jan Marie Evans, Commonwealth Power Company, 4572 Sequoia Trail, Okemos, MI 48864, $(517) \ 35\overline{1} - 5400.$
- i. FERC Contact: Mark Pawlowski, 202-219-2795, or E-mail at mark.pawlowski@ferc.fed.us.
- j. Deadline Date: See attached paragraph D9
- k. Status of Environmental Analysis: This application has been accepted for filing and is now ready for environmental analysis—see attached paragraph D9.
- 1. Brief Description of Project: The existing operating project consists of an existing dam 30 feet high; an uncontrolled ogee spillway with a crest length of 116 feet; two taintor gates each 20 feet wide by 10 feet high; an existing powerhouse containing two existing turbine-generating units with a total installed capacity of 800 kilowatts; an existing 25-foot, 2,400-kilovolt transmission line; and appurtenant facilities.
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David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary. [FR Doc. 98-5215 Filed 2-27-98; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-140266; FRL-5775-8]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Science Applications **International Corporation**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA). **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), of Dunn Loring, Virginia, access to information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

DATES: Access to confidential data submitted to EPA occurred on January 20, 1998,

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under contract number 68-D4-0098, contractor SAIC, of 2222 Gallows Road, Suite 300, Dunn Loring, VA, will assist Region IX in photocopying various documents provided by industry.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 68-D4-0098, SAIC will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. SAIC personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of TSCA that EPA may provide SAIC access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Region IX Headquarters.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until September 30, 1998.

SAIC personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

Dated: February 23, 1998.

Oscar Morales,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OW-FRL-5972-7]

Notice of Availability; Evaluation of **Dredged Material Proposed for** Discharge in Waters of the U.S.-Testing Manual

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability: **Evaluation of Dredged Material** Proposed for Discharge in Waters of the U.S.—Testing Manual.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the final testing manual entitled Evaluation of Dredged Material Proposed for Discharge in Waters of the U.S.—Testing Manual. This document is commonly referred to as the Inland Testing Manual (ITM). The ITM was prepared by an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Corps of Engineers (CE) workgroup comprised of individuals from headquarters, field offices, and research laboratories of both agencies with scientific and/or programmatic expertise related to dredged material discharge activities. ADDRESSES: A copy of the ITM can be obtained by contacting: Mr. Thomas Patin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterways Experiment Station, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199. The ITM is also available on the Internet from EPA's web site "http:// www.epa.gov/OST/", or from the Corps Dredging Operations Technical Support home page at "http:// www.wes.army.mil/el/dots/'. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Kravitz, Mail Code 4305, Office of Science and Technology, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460 (telephone: 202-260-8085); or Kirk Stark, Regulatory Branch, CECW-OR, Office of the Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 20 Massachusetts Ave. NW., Washington,

DC 20314 (telephone: 202-761-1786). SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA issued a notice of availability and