

**20. Arizona Public Service Company, Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Central Maine Power Company, Maine Electric Power Company, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation, Connecticut Valley Electric Company Inc., Dayton Power & Light Company, Kentucky Utilities Company, Louisville Gas & Electric Company, Northern States Power Company (Minnesota), Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin), PECO Energy Company, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, United Illuminating Company, Virginia Electric and Power Company, Western Resources Inc.**

[Docket No. OA97-466-001; Docket No. OA97-519-001; Docket Nos. OA97-422-001 and OA97-462-001; Docket No. OA97-196-001; Docket No. OA97-418-001; Docket No. OA97-460-001; Docket No. OA97-402-001; Docket No. OA97-406-001; Docket No. OA97-440-001; Docket No. OA97-452-001; Docket No. OA97-399-001; Docket No. OA97-597-001; Docket No. OA97-439-002; Docket No. OA97-312-001]

Take notice that the companies listed in the above-captioned dockets submitted revised standards of conduct<sup>1</sup> under Order Nos. 889 *et seq.*<sup>2</sup> The revised standards were submitted in response to the Commission's February 12, 1998 order on standards of conduct.<sup>3</sup>

*Comment date:* April 6, 1998, in accordance with Standard E at the end of this notice.

#### Standard Paragraph

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make Protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party

<sup>1</sup> The revised standards of conduct were submitted between February 23 and March 17, 1998.

<sup>2</sup> Open Access Same-Time Information System (Formerly Real-Time Information Network) and Standards of Conduct, 61 FR 21737 (May 10, 1996), FERC Stats. & Regs., Regulations Preambles January 1991-June 1996 ¶ 31,035 (April 24, 1996); Order No. 889-A, order on rehearing, 62 FR 12484 (March 14, 1997), III FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,049 (March 4, 1997); Order No. 889-B, rehearing denied, 62 FR 64715 (December 9, 1997), 81 FERC ¶ 61,253 (November 25, 1997).

<sup>3</sup> Arizona Public Service Company, *et al.*, 82 FERC ¶ 61,132 (1998).

must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

##### Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission

March 20, 1998.

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

a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent License.

b. *Project No.:* 1981-010.

c. *Date Filed:* February 25, 1998.

d. *Applicant:* Oconto Electric Cooperative.

e. *Name of Project:* Stiles Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Oconto River in Oconto County, Wisconsin.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Anthony A. Anderson, Oconto Electric Cooperative, 7479 REA Road, P.O. Box 168, Oconto Falls, WI 54154-0168, (920) 846-2816.

i. *FERC Contact:* Patti Leppert-Slack (202) 219-2767.

j. *Comment Date:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

k. *Description of Project:* the existing project consists of: (1) a dam and reservoir; (2) a powerhouse containing two generating units with a total capacity of 1,000 kilowatts; (3) a substation; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The applicant states that the average annual generation has been 5,577.47 megawatthours.

The applicant is not proposing any changes to the existing project works.

l. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the *WISCONSIN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (SHPO)*, as required by § 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.

m. Pursuant to Section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource

agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the issuance date of this notice and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11553-001]

##### Lace River Hydro; Notice of Surrender of Preliminary Permit

March 20, 1998.

Take notice that Lace River Hydro, permittee for the proposed Lace River Project, has requested that its preliminary permit be terminated. The permit was issued on December 11, 1995, and would have expired on November 30, 1998. The project would have been located on the Lace River near the town of Juneau in Juneau County, Alaska. The permittee states that the proposed project is not economically feasible under existing environmental and engineering constraints.

The permittee filed the request on November 5, 1997, and the preliminary permit for Project No. 11553 shall remain in effect through the thirtieth day after issuance of this notice unless that day is Saturday, Sunday, or holiday as described in 18 CFR 385.2007, in which case the permit shall remain in effect through the first business day following that day. New applications involving this project site, to the extent provided for under 18 CFR Part 4, may be filed on the next business day.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5986-6]

##### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Universal Waste

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Universal Waste Handlers and Destination Facilities Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, EPA ICR Number 1597.03, OMB Control Number 2050-0145, current expiration date 5/31/98. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 27, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at [farmer.sandy@epa.gov](mailto:farmer.sandy@epa.gov), or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1597.03.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Information Collection Request Number 1597.03: Universal Waste Handlers and Destination Facilities, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements (OMB Control No. 2050-0145; EPA ICR No. 1597.03.) expiring 5/31/98. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** EPA promulgated the Universal Waste standards at 40 CFR part 273. The Universal Waste standards govern the collection and management of widely generated wastes known as universal wastes. EPA has identified hazardous waste batteries, certain hazardous waste pesticides, and hazardous waste thermostats as universal wastes. Other wastes may be added to the universal waste Federal program if EPA determines such regulation is appropriate. The regulations allow universal waste handlers to manage universal wastes under a reduced set of regulatory requirements. Destination facilities, on the other hand, (i.e., those facilities accepting universal waste for treatment, recycling, or disposal) remain subject to all applicable standards under 40 CFR parts 264 or 265.

The universal waste regulations at part 273 were promulgated by EPA under the authority of subtitle C in RCRA. This information collection targets the collection of information for the following reporting or recordkeeping requirements: notification, labeling and marking, storage-time limitations, off-site shipments, tracking universal waste shipments, and petitions to include other waste categories at the federal level.

It is necessary for EPA to collect universal waste information to ensure that universal waste is collected and managed in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment. EPA requires, among other things, large quantity handlers of universal waste (LQHUWs) to notify the Agency of their universal waste management activities so that EPA can obtain general information on these handlers, and so that it can facilitate enforcement of the regulations at part 273. In addition, EPA requires universal waste handlers to record the date on which they begin storing universal waste on-site to ensure that such accumulation is performed responsibly. EPA also requires certain universal waste handlers to track receipt of universal waste shipments as well as shipments sent off-site to ensure that universal waste is properly treated, recycled, and disposed. Finally, the submission of petitions in support of regulating other wastes or waste categories under part 273 helps EPA (1) to compile information on these wastes, and (2) to determine whether regulation as a universal waste is appropriate. 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 are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 11/28/97 (62 FR 63329); one comment was received.

**Burden Statement:** The average public recordkeeping burden for SQHUWs under this collection of information is estimated to range from 1.12 hours to 1.62 hours per year. This estimate includes time for reading the regulations, labeling universal waste, and maintaining records demonstrating the length of storage. There is no associated reporting burden for SQHUWs. The reporting burden for LQHUWs is estimated to range from 0 hours to 2.41 hours per year. This estimate includes time for notifying EPA of universal waste management, and preparing and submitting notices of rejected or illegal universal waste shipments. The recordkeeping burden for LQHUWs under this collection of information is estimated to range from 5.82 hours to 6.82 hours per year. This estimate includes time for reading the regulations, labeling universal waste, maintaining records demonstrating the length of storage, and maintaining records of universal waste received and

sent. The reporting burden for destination facilities is estimated to range from 0 hours to 2.41 hours. This estimate includes time for preparing and submitting notices of rejected or illegal universal waste shipments. The recordkeeping burden for destination facilities is estimated to be 115.37 hours per year. This estimate includes time for reading the regulations and maintaining records of universal waste received.

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:** Waste handlers of certain hazardous waste (i.e., batteries, pesticides and mercury-containing thermostats), and destination facilities.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 79,510.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 122,674 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden:** \$1,456.15.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1597.03 and OMB Control No. 2050-0145 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; and  
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 20, 1998.

**Joseph Retzer,**

*Director, Regulatory Information Division.*  
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