

process will be completed by May 1, 2000.

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The Union Water-Power Company ("Union Water"), a wholly owned subsidiary of CMP Group, provides utility construction and support services (On Target division), energy efficiency performance contracting and energy use and management services (Combined Energies division), and utility-related real estate development services, (UnionLand Services). Union Water's Maine HomeCrafters division, which was in the business of brokering and financing pre-fabricated housing has been sold.

CTG Resources and Its Subsidiaries

CTG Resources is an exempt public utility holding company that owns all of the common stock of Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation ("CNGC"), a public utility that operates as a regulated local natural gas distribution company. CNGC distributes gas to approximately 146,000 customers in 22 Connecticut communities, principally in the Hartford-New Britain area and Greenwich. CNGC's gas distribution business is subject to regulation by the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control as to franchises, rates, standards of service, issuance of securities, safety practices and certain other matters.

For the twelve months ended September 30, 1999, CTG Resources' operating revenues on a consolidated basis were approximately \$286,749,000, of which approximately \$262,060,000 were derived from gas operations and \$24,689,000 were from other operations. Consolidated assets of CTG Resources and its subsidiaries at September 30, 1999 were approximately \$297,957,000 in gas utility property, plant and equipment, and approximately \$168,304,000 in other corporate assets.

CTG Resources' nonutility subsidiaries include:

CNG Realty Corp., owns the Operating and Administrative Center located on a seven-acre site in downtown Hartford, Connecticut. The Energy Network, Inc.

("TEN") which, through its wholly owned subsidiary, The Hartford Steam Company, provides district heating and cooling services to a number of large buildings in Hartford, Connecticut.

TEN Transmission Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of TEN, owns a 4.87% interest in Iroquois Gas Transmission System Limited Partnership, which operates a natural gas pipeline transporting Canadian natural gas into New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Downtown Cogeneration Associates Limited Partnership, TEN's partially owned subsidiary, owns and operates a cogeneration facility in Hartford, Connecticut.

ENI Gas Services, Inc., and TEN Services, Inc., both wholly owned subsidiaries of TEN, together own 100% of KBC Energy Services, a partnership. TEN's other unregulated operating divisions offer energy equipment rentals, property rentals and financing services and own a 3,000 square foot building in Hartford, Connecticut.

Berkshire Energy and Its Subsidiaries

Berkshire Energy owns The Berkshire Gas Company ("Berkshire Gas"), a public utility company as defined by the Act. Berkshire Gas operates as a natural gas public utility distribution company. Berkshire Gas sells and distributes natural gas to approximately 34,000 retail customers in 19 communities in western Massachusetts. Berkshire Gas operates a natural gas distribution system comprising 694 miles of natural gas distribution mains. Berkshire Gas is subject to regulation by the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy. Berkshire Gas is a "natural gas company" ¹⁴ with respect to certain sales for resale of natural gas. Berkshire Gas has secured a "blanket certificate" for these transactions from the FERC.

For the twelve months ended September 30, 1999, Berkshire Energy's operating revenues on a consolidated basis were approximately \$49,283,000, of which approximately \$45,453,000 were derived from natural gas operation. Consolidated assets of Berkshire Energy and its subsidiaries as of September 30, 1999 were approximately \$77,457,000 in natural gas utility property, plant and equipment, and approximately \$31,453,000 in other corporate assets.

The nonutility subsidiaries of Berkshire Energy are Berkshire Propane, Inc. ("Berkshire Propane") and Berkshire Service Solutions, Inc. (formerly Berkshire Energy Marketing,

Inc.) ("Service Solutions"). Berkshire Propane is a retail propane company providing service to more than 6,000 customers in 100 communities across a 5,000 square mile area in western Massachusetts, eastern New York, and southern Vermont. Service Solutions provides one-stop natural gas services to commercial and industrial customers. Service Solutions entered into a strategic alliance with Energy East Solutions, LLC.

The Applicants contend that the combination of NYSEG's electric system and CMP Group's electric operations will result in a single, integrated electric utility system (the "new Energy East Electric System"). The Applicants further contend that the combination of Energy East's current gas system (NYSEG's gas operations, Connecticut Energy and Maine Gas Co.) with the gas operations of CMP Group, CTG Resources and Berkshire will result in a single, integrated gas utility system (the "new Energy East Gas System"). The companies request the Commission authorize the mergers and find that the new Energy East Electric System is the primary integrated public utility system and the new Energy East Gas System is a permissible additional system.

For the Commission by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business Administration's intentions to request approval on a new, and/or currently approved information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimate is accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collection, to Bettie Baca, Counselor to the Administrator/Public Liaison, Office of Advisory Council, Small Business

¹⁴ See section 2(a)(6) of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. 717(a)(6).

Administration, 409 3rd Street, S.W.
Suite 7450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bettie Baca, Counselor to the
Administrator/Public Liaison, 202-401-
8276 or Curtis B. Rich, Management
Analyst, 202-205-7030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: "Advisory Committee
Membership—Nominee Information."
Form No: 898.

Description of Respondents:
Candidates for Advisory Councils.
Annual Responses: 700.
Annual Burden: 93.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.
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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

**Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as
amended by Public Law 104-13;
Proposed Collection; Comment
Request**

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority.
ACTION: Proposed collection; comment
request.

SUMMARY: The proposed information
collection described below will be
submitted to the Office of Management
and Budget (OMB) for review, as
required by the Paperwork Reduction
Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as
amended). The Tennessee Valley
Authority is soliciting public comments
on this proposed collection as provided
by 5 CFR Section 1320.8(d)(1). Requests
for information, including copies of the
information collection proposed and
supporting documentation, should be
directed to the Agency Clearance
Officer: Wilma H. McCauley, Tennessee
Valley Authority, 1101 Market Street
(WR 4Q), Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801;
(423) 751-2523.

Comments should be sent to the
Agency Clearance Officer no later than
June 27, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of Request: Regular submission,
proposal to reinstate, with minor
revisions, a previously approved
collection for which approval has
expired (OMB control number 3316-
0009).

Title of Information Collection: Salary
Survey for Salary Policy Bargaining Unit
Employees.

Frequency of Use: Annually.

Type of affected Public: State or local
governments, Federal agencies, non-
profit institutions, businesses, or other
for-profit.

*Small Businesses or Organizations
Affected:* No.

*Federal Budget Functional Category
Code:* 999.

*Estimated Number of Annual
Responses:* 45.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden
Hours:* 180.

*Estimated Average Burden Hours Per
Response:* 4.

Need For and Use of Information:
TVA conducts an annual salary survey
for employee compensation and benefits
as a basis for labor negotiations in
determining prevailing rates of pay and
benefits for represented salary policy
employees. TVA surveys firms, and
Federal, State, and local governments
whose employees perform work similar
to that of TVA's salary policy
employees.

Jacklyn J. Stephenson,

*Senior Manager, Enterprise Operations,
Information Services.*

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

**Meeting of the Regional Resource
Stewardship Council**

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority
(TVA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Regional Resource
Stewardship Council (Regional Council)
will hold a meeting to consider various
matters. Notice of this meeting is given
under the Federal Advisory Committee
Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, (FACA).

The meeting agenda includes the
following:

1. Establishing priorities
2. River operations/public lands
management
3. Public comments
4. Regional Council subcommittees

The meeting is open to the public.
Members of the public who wish to
make oral public comments may do so
during the Public comments portion of
the agenda. Up to one hour will be
allotted for the Public comments with
participation available on a first-come,
first-served basis. Each speaker will
have from 2-5 minutes to address the
Council depending on the number who
register at the door. Written comments
are also invited and may be mailed to
the Regional Resource Stewardship
Council, Tennessee Valley Authority,
400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT 11A,
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1499, or
faxed to (865) 632-3146.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May
25, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., CDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in
Huntsville, Alabama, at the Hilton, 401
Williams Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama
35801, and will be open to the public.
Anyone needing special access or
accommodations should let the contact
below know at least a week in advance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra L. Hill, 400 West Summit Hill
Drive, WT 11A, Knoxville, Tennessee
37902-1499, (865) 632-2333.

Dated: April 21, 2000.

Kathryn J. Jackson,

*Executive Vice President, River System
Operations & Environment, Tennessee Valley
Authority.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-6780]

**Information Collection Under Review
by the Office of Management and
Budget (OMB): 2115-0622, 2115-0525,
2115-0548 and 2115-0586**

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this
request for comments announces that
the Coast Guard has forwarded the four
Information Collection Reports (ICRs)
abstracted below to OMB for review and
comment. Our ICRs describe the
information that we seek to collect from
the public. Review and comment by
OMB ensure that we impose only
paperwork burdens commensurate with
our performance of duties.

DATES: Please submit comments on or
before May 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please send comments to
both (1) the Docket Management System
(DMS), U.S. Department of
Transportation (DOT), room PL-401,
400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington,
DC 20590-0001, and (2) the Office of
Information and Regulatory Affairs
(OIRA), Office of Management and
Budget (OMB), 725 17th Street NW.,
Washington, DC 20503, to the attention
of the Desk Officer for the USCG.

Copies of the complete ICRs are
available for inspection and copying in
public docket USCG-2000-6780 of the
Docket Management Facility between 10
a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through
Friday, except Federal holidays; for
inspection and printing on the internet
at <http://dms.dot.gov>; and for inspection
from the Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S.
Coast Guard, room 6106, 2100 Second