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Entergy Gulf States, Inc. (70-9037)

Entergy Gulf States, Inc. ("Gulf States"), 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, an electric public utility subsidiary of Entergy Corporation ("Entergy"), a registered holding company, has filed an application under sections 9(a) and 10 of the Act, and rule 54 thereunder.

Gulf States proposes to acquire two high-voltage transmission lines and related assets from the bankruptcy estate of Cajun Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("Cajun"). The acquisition of these assets is a part of a comprehensive settlement agreement among the Chapter 11 Trustee of Cajun, Entergy, Gulf States, and the Rural Utilities Services of the Department of Agriculture (the "Settlement Agreement") resolving numerous disputes between Entergy and Gulf States on the one hand, and Cajun, on the other hand, which are currently pending before the bankruptcy court adjudicating Cajun's bankruptcy, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and federal district courts.² on April 26, 1996, the bankruptcy court approved the Settlement Agreement which requires the acquisition to be completed no later than June 1, 1997.

The utility assets proposed to be acquired by Gulf States consists of two 500 kv transmission lines designated as lines 745 and 746, and related towers, support facilities, and rights-of-way (collectively, the "Facilities") and presently are part of the integrated transmission system over which Gulf States and Cajun transfer electric energy to serve their respective customers. After the acquisition, the Facilities will continue to be used as part of Gulf States' integrated transmission system. The two transmission lines serve only to interconnect certain Cajun and Gulf States facilities and do not interconnect

activities relative to GPU system investments in (i) qualifying facilities ("QFs"), as defined in the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, located anywhere in the United States, (ii) EWGs located in any geographic area, and (iii) FUCOs. GPU also is authorized to acquire interests in EWGs and FUCOs. The June 1995 Order also authorized GPU to perform services for and to sell goods to associated QFs, EWGs and FUCOs at market rates.

² See, e.g., *Cajun Elec. Power Coop. Inc v. Gulf States Utils. Co.*, 47 FERC 63,053 (1989), *aff'd in part and rev'd in part*, 59 FERC 61,041 (1992), *rev'd Gulf States Utils. Co. v. F.E.R.C.*, 1 F.3d 288 (5th Cir. 1993), *reh'g pending on other issues, on remand*, 71 FERC 63,009, *aff'd* 72 FERC 61,157 (1995), *appeals pending*, *Gulf States v. F.E.R.C.*, Nos. 95-60357 and 95-60626 (5th Cir. motion for stay granted Dec. 13, 1996; *Cajun v. F.E.R.C.*, No. 96-60554 (5th Cir. motion for stay granted Nov. 5, 1996).

with any other entities. The Entergy public utility companies already provide service over these transmission lines under Entergy's open-access transmission tariff and, after the acquisition of the lines by Gulf States, Entergy will continue to provide service over the transmission lines under its open-access tariff.³

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

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Requests

This notice lists information collection packages that will require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in compliance with Public Law 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

1. Consent for Release of Information—0960-0567. The information collected on form SSA-3288 is used by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to ensure that an individual consents to the release of his/her personal information to another individual. The respondents are individuals assenting to the disclosure of information from their social security records to someone else.

Number of Respondents: 200,000.

Frequency of response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 3 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,000 hours.

2. Application for Special Age 72-or-Over Monthly Payments—0960-0096. The information collected on form SSA-19 is used by SSA to determine entitlement of individuals to special age 72-or-over payments. The respondents are applicants who file for the special payment.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

³ The Facilities already are part of the integrated transmission system used by Entergy to provide transmission services to others by virtue of the service schedule CTOC to the Gulf States-Cajun Power Interconnection Agreement. As a result, the costs of the two lines already are included in the cost of service used to establish Entergy's open-access transmission rates and no adverse effect on cost and rates will result from the acquisition of the two transmission lines.

Estimated Average Burden: 5 hours.

3. Request for Self-Employment Information (SSA-2765), Request for Employment Information (SSA-3365), Request for Employer Information (SSA-4002)—0960-0508. The information is needed by SSA when earnings information reported to the agency is incomplete or incorrect. The information is used to post the reported earnings to the appropriate earnings record. The respondents are employers of the wage earners or employees and self-employed individuals for whom the earnings were reported.

Number of Respondents: 3,000,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 500,000 hours.

4. State Agency Report of Obligations for SSA Disability Program—0960-0421. The information collected on form SSA-4513 is used by SSA in a detailed analysis and evaluation of costs incurred by the State Disability Determination Services (DDS) in making determinations of disability for SSA and to determine funding levels for each DDS. The respondents are State DDS offices.

Number of Respondents: 54.

Frequency of Response: 4.

Average Burden Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Annual Burden: 216 hours.

5. State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Claim (SSA-199) and Subpart V—Payments for Vocational Rehabilitation Services, 20 CFR Sections 404.2104, 404.2108, 404.2113, 404.2117, 404.2121, 416.2204, 416.2208, 416.2213 and 416.2217—0960-0310. The information collected on form SSA-199 and through this current rule is used by the Social Security Administration to determine if State vocational rehabilitation agencies are providing appropriate services, including referrals when necessary, and whether those claims for services should be paid.

Number of Respondents: 80-100.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Average Burden Per Response: Varies from 23 minutes to 4 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8,465 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be sent within 60 days from the date of this publication, directly to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following address: Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Judith T. Hasche, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

In addition to your comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden

estimate, we are soliciting comments on the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To receive a copy of any of the forms or clearance packages, call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4123 or write to her at the address listed above.

Dated: April 11, 1997.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,

Forms Management Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2527]

Privacy Act of 1974; Altered System of Records

Notice is hereby given that the Department of State proposes to alter a system of records, STATE-22, pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1997, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a(r)), and the Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-130, Appendix I. The Department's report was filed with the Office of Management and Budget on April 1, 1997.

It is proposed that the current system STATE-22 entitled "Media Correspondents' Records" be renamed "Records of the Bureau of Public Affairs." It is also proposed that due to the expanded scope of the current system, the system description will include revisions and/or additions to each section. The altering of STATE-22 will reflect more accurately the Bureau of Public Affairs' record-keeping practices and a reorganization of its activities and operations. Also, certain relevant records will be removed from Media Personnel Records, STATE-23 and will become part of STATE-22. STATE-22 will be deleted in the near future.

Any persons interested in commenting on the altered system of records may do so by submitting comments in writing to Kenneth F. Rossman; Acting Chief, Programs and Policies Division; Office of Information Resources Management Programs and Services; Room 1239; Department of State; 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520-1239. This system of records will be effective 40 days from the date of publication, unless we receive

comments which will result in a contrary determination.

The altered system description, "Records of the Bureau of Public Affairs, STATE-22" will read as set forth below.

Dated: April 1, 1997.

Genie M. Norris,

Acting Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Administration.

STATE-22

SYSTEM NAME:

Records of the Bureau of Public Affairs.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Department of State; 2201 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520 and Annex 1; 2401 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Media representatives * who: Request interviews with the Secretary of State and Department Principals, or other inquiries; have been contacted for media events, interviews, occasions, invitations, travel opportunities or placement of articles; apply to accompany the Secretary of State on official travel; request a building pass for regular access to the Department of State (correspondents, technicians, and/or producers); request information from a press officer on a specific topic;

Individuals on the mailing list for the Secretary's speeches;

Individuals who request the Secretary or a Department Principal to accept a speaking engagement, accept an honor, attend a function, or request information about the Department and its policies, etc.;

Representatives of nongovernmental organizations throughout the U.S. (business, think tanks, media, ethnic, foreign affairs, educational, environmental);

State and local government officials (e.g. governors and mayors), state economic development staff, and representatives of intergovernmental organizations (state/local entities);

State Department employees who have authorized the Bureau of Public Affairs to place articles about their achievements in hometown newspapers or have been interviewed by the media;

Present and past Secretaries of State (foreign travel);

*/Media Representatives may include anyone who works for a newspaper, magazine, radio or television station, wire service, or any other form of media.

Present and past Principal officers and Chiefs of Mission (assignment history); and

Department Principals, officers and ambassadors who perform domestic speaking/media engagements.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The Public Affairs Communication Electronically (PACE) database is comprised of several tracking systems. Records may be automated and/or hard copy. Those subject to the Privacy Act are listed below.

Automated and hard copy records usually contain names, titles, addresses, organizations, telephone/fax/internet numbers and, when necessary for travel documents, date of birth and Social Security numbers of individuals covered by the system of records; previously published and recently automated listings of all present and past Secretaries of State's foreign travel including dates, places visited and purpose of trip; previously published and recently automated listings of all present and past Principal officers' and Chiefs of Missions' assignment history, years of birth and death, and state of residency; biographies of Department Principals, officers and ambassadors who perform domestic speaking engagements; completed Applications for Department of State Building Pass (DSP-97); copies of Press Office memoranda to Diplomatic Security requesting issuance of a building pass for a media representative; correspondents' inquiries; correspondence, E-mail messages and facsimilies from a media organization requesting a building pass for an employee; correspondence, E-mail messages and facsimilies from an embassy endorsing/requesting access to the Department of State for a specific media representative; information about travel requests and trips applied for and/or taken; copies of interview tapes of media representatives' previous work and transcripts of the interview; information on domestic speaking engagements, radio, television and newspaper interviews, and organizations involved; press releases; event schedules, comments and follow-up information; E-mail, facsimiles and copies of logistical and administrative arrangements for media representatives who accompany the Secretary of State on trips; a list of local media organizations; information about specific State Department employees who authorized the Department to use information for publishing information/stories about them and text or comments on the story itself; dates and places of speaking engagements by the Secretary,