

would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Pensacola Project is on the Grand River, in Craig, Delaware, Mayes, and Ottawa Counties, Oklahoma.

The FEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the FEA can be obtained by calling the Commission's Public Reference Room at (202) 208-1371.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-202-000]

USFG Pipeline Company; Notice of Extension of Time To Comment on the Environmental Assessment

August 12, 1997.

On July 9, 1997, an Environmental Assessment was circulated for public comment on the above docketed project. The closing period for comments was August 8, 1997. The Office of the Governor of the State of Tennessee requested an extension of time to comment on the Environmental Assessment. The comment period is herein extended to August 22, 1997.

As stated in the original notice, comments should be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

A copy of any comments should also be sent to the Environmental Review and Compliance Branch, PR-11.1, at the above address.

Kevin P. Madden,

Director, Office of Pipeline Regulation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2543-059]

The Washington Water Power Co.; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

August 12, 1997.

A final environmental assessment (FEA) is available for public review. The FEA is for an application for the

Spokane River Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2545) to construct a sediment by-pass tunnel on the left side of the Nine Mile Development powerhouse. The project is located on the Spokane River in Spokane, Stevens, and Lincoln Counties, Washington, and Kootenai and Benewah Counties, Idaho. The FEA finds that approval of the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The FEA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the EA can be viewed at the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426. Copies can also be obtained by calling the project manager, John Novak at (202) 219-2828.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5876-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Obtaining Unbilled Grant Expenses From Grant Officials at Year-End

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Obtaining Unbilled Grant Expenses From Grant Officials at year-end, EPA ICR No. 1810.01. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 17, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CALL: Sandy Farmer at EPA, (202) 260-2740, and refer to EPA ICR No. 1810.01

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Obtaining Unbilled Grant Expenses From Grant Officials at Year-end (EPA ICR No. 1810.01). This is a new collection.

Abstract: EPA's Financial Management Division (FMD) prepares annual financial statements that present

the financial position and results of operations for EPA. The financial statements must comply with the Statements of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) and other accounting requirements. EPA's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) audits these financial statements to determine whether they fairly and accurately reflect EPA financial conditions.

To meet the SFFAS requirements, EPA must report the estimated amount of its accrued liabilities. These accrued liabilities include: (1) Grant expenses incurred during the fiscal year that the grant recipient has paid and recorded in its accounting records but has not yet billed to EPA; and (2) grant expenses that vendors have billed the grant recipient between October 1 and November 15 (following the end of the Federal fiscal year) that relate to the prior fiscal year. EPA, working with its OIG, has evaluated the use of existing reports as a source of accrued liability information. However, for grants paid through the ACH electronic funds transfer mechanism, EPA has been unable to determine how to obtain this information without contacting the grant recipients themselves. ACH drawdown requests do not include period of performance data, which is essential for determining accruals. To minimize the amount of burden associated with gathering this data, EPA believes that information from a sample of 103 grants is sufficient to meet its financial statement needs. EPA would use estimation techniques to project the amount of grant accruals applicable to all EPA grants paid through ACH.

The grant recipients selected in the sample would only be asked to report the accrual information on the specific grant, and not all EPA grants to that grantee. Further, other EPA grant recipients would not be affected by this information collection request. EPA will also request information from the selected grant recipients on their billing practices in order to conduct additional analyses to improve our accrual estimates.

Unless EPA is able to obtain this information from the selected grant recipients, and develop a reasonable estimate of accruals based on that data, EPA does not believe it will be able to obtain an unqualified ("clean") audit opinion from the OIG on its financial statements. Thus the information is crucial for EPA to meet its fiduciary responsibilities.

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