

Attachment B—1996 WSCC Electric Supply Curve (Notes and Sources)**Sources**

Electric Supply and Demand Database (NERC); RDI 1996 Fuel Price Forecast.

Notes

For graphical clarity, units with dispatch cost above \$60/MWh are excluded (30 oil-fired turbines, 740 MW total capacity). Nameplate capacity has been derated to reflect approximate average annual availability; hydro derated to reflect available energy.

The WSCC is the electric reliability council consisting of 11 western states and portions of Canada and Mexico; it contains 162,000 MW of generating capacity from over 1,400 generating units.

The annual average WSCC load is approximately 82,000 MW, and one standard deviation of coincident load is approximately 11,500 MW, so a one-standard deviation band around average load encompasses the range from 70,500 MW to 93,500 MW. Actual values fall within one standard-deviation of the average approximately two-thirds of the time.

Note that this is an "average annual" supply curve, in that nameplate capacity of units has been derated to reflect average annual availability (annual energy limits for hydro). Some care must be taken in interpreting this curve, because at any particular point in time, the actual supply curve will differ somewhat, depending on which particular units are actually available at that time. However, it clearly demonstrates that gas, and particularly California gas, is the dominant fuel of the price-setting marginal units in the entire WSCC. Of course, the effect of California gas-fired capacity on just the California market is even greater.

Affidavit of Paul R. Carpenter, Ph.D.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex
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I, Paul R. Carpenter, being first duly sworn on oath depose and say as follows:

I make this affidavit for the purpose of adopting as my sworn testimony in this proceeding the attached material entitled "Affidavit of Paul R. Carpenter, Ph.D." The statements contained therein were prepared by me or under my direction and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Further affiant saith not.

Paul R. Carpenter

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, this 4th day of August, 1998.

[SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE].

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to The National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—National Center for Manufacturing Sciences (NCMS): Advanced Embedded Passives Technology**

Notice is hereby given that, on October 7, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), National Center for Manufacturing Sciences ("NCMS"): Advanced Embedded Passives Technology has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Corporation, St. Paul, MN; Compaq Computer Corporation, Houston, TX; Delphi Delco Electronics Systems, Kokomo, IN; E.I. DuPont de Nemours Co., Research Triangle Park, NC; E.I. DuPont de Nemours Co., Inc., Circleville, OH; International Business Machines, Corporation, Endicott, NY; Interconnect Technology Research Institute, Austin, TX; HADCO Corporation, Salem, NH; MacDermid, Incorporated, Waterbury, CT; Merix Corporation, Forest Grove, OR; Northern Telecom, Inc., McLean, VA; Nu Thena Systems, Inc., McLean, VA; Ormet Corporation, Carlsbad, CA; and National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, Inc., Ann Arbor, MI. The nature and objectives of the venture are to develop and demonstrate Advanced Embedded Passives Technology.

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, Inc. ("NCMS")**

Notice is hereby given that, on October 15, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, Inc. ("NCMS") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, 3D Systems, Inc., Valencia, CA; MSE Technology Applications, Inc., Butte, MT; Nonlinear Dynamics, Inc., Ann Arbor, MI; Ramtech Group, Inc., North Highlands, CA; Schafer Corporation, Albuquerque, NM; Star Cutter Company, Farmington Hills, MI; TRW Integrated Supply Chain Solutions, McLean, VA; Cisco Systems, Inc., San Jose, CA; and Laser Imaging Systems, Inc., Punta Gorda, FL have been added as parties to this venture. Also, Applied Science & Technology, Woburn, MA; C.N. Burman Company, Patterson, NJ; Viatec, Inc., Hastings, MI; Cincinnati Milacron, Inc., Cincinnati, OH; and The Center for Optics Manufacturing, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY have been dropped as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, Inc. ("NCMS") intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On February 20, 1997, National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, Inc. ("NCMS") filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on March 17, 1987 (52 FR 8375).

The last notification was filed with the Department on April 10, 1998. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the

Act on September 29, 1998 (63 FR 51955).

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

ACTION: Request OMB Emergency Approval; Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has submitted an emergency information collection request (ICR) utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with section 1320.13(a)(1)(ii) and (a)(2)(iii) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The INS has determined that it cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under this part because normal clearance procedures are reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information. Therefore, OMB approval has been requested by February 1, 1999. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. ALL comments and/or questions pertaining to this pending request for emergency approval MUST be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Mr. Stuart Shapiro, 202-395-7316, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Comments regarding the emergency submission of this information collection may also be submitted via facsimile to Mr. Shapiro at 202-395-6974.

During the first 60 days of this same period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. During the regular review period, the INS requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning this information collection. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until March 23, 1999. During 60-day regular review, ALL comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan, 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch,

Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarify of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

- (1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of currently approved collection.
- (2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker.
- (3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form I-129, Adjudications Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- (4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit. This form is used to petition for temporary workers and for the admission of treaty traders and investors. It is also used in the process of an extension of stay or for a change of nonimmigrant status.
- (5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 368,948 responses at 1 hour and 55 minutes (1.916) per response.
- (6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 706,904 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center,

1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: January 14, 1999.

Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of Reestablishment; Federal Advisory Committee Act; Federal Committee on Apprenticeship; Federal Committee on Registered Apprenticeship

Notice is hereby given that after consultation with the General Services Administration, it has been determined that the reestablishment of a national advisory committee on apprenticeship is necessary and in the public interest. Accordingly, the Employment and Training Administration has chartered the Federal Committee on Registered Apprenticeship (FCRA) which succeeds the Federal Committee on Apprenticeship (FCA). The charter for the FCA expired on January 26, 1998.

The FCRA will be an effective instrument to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary.

(1) In the development and implementation of administration policies on legislation and regulations affecting apprenticeship;

(2) On the preparation of the American Workforce for sustained employment through employment and training programs for youth, disadvantaged adults, dislocated workers; and other targeted groups;

(3) Regarding measures that will foster quality workplaces that are safe, healthy, and fair; and

(4) In the implementation of the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training's Child Care Development Specialist Initiative to promote and develop Child Care Apprenticeship Programs.

The Advisory Committee will also provide advice to the Secretary of Labor on ways to achieve the strategic goals set forth in the Department of Labor's Plans required under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 and in how to develop systems to measure the achievement of the Department of Labor's goals and objectives. The Committee will consist of seven representatives of employers, seven representatives of labor, and