

Ownership and License Agreement²⁷ and an Indemnification and Insurance Matters Agreement. The Indemnification and Insurance Matters Agreement provides for a separation of insurance coverage and for mutual indemnification for claims based upon fault.²⁸

The Transitional Services Agreement provides for the continuation on an incidental basis of certain services currently provided to Southern Energy, including financial, human resources administration and payroll, accounting and treasury, engineering and technical consulting, information technology, procurement, government relations and legal services, for a term not to exceed two years from September 1, 2000. As a result of the incidental nature of the services, neither Southern nor its subsidiaries will incur unreimbursed costs. After the Separation Date, the subsidiaries of Southern intend to restrict the services rendered to the Southern Energy group to the services enumerated in the Transitional Services Agreement, which are a subset of the currently authorized services.²⁹

Southern further requests that the Commission take action, if deemed appropriate and consistent with the Act under section 12(f) of the Act³⁰ with respect to the Master Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements, taking into account that Southern Energy will in all probability cease to be an associate company of Southern in 2001. Southern proposes that the authority to provide the ancillary services shall expire in

²⁷ The Technology and Intellectual Property Ownership and License Agreement documents the intellectual property that Southern and Southern Energy are each authorized to use and does not require any future transfers of intellectual property following the Separation Date.

²⁸ Applicants assert that a claims indemnification agreement of this nature incidental to a genuine transaction does not involve an upstream or any extension of credit and is not an "indemnity" within the meaning of section 12 of the Act. See Mississippi Valley Generating Company, HCAR No. 12794 (February 9, 1955) and The Southern Company, HCAR No. 27134 (February 9, 2000) (both construing and applying Section 12(a) of the Act in accordance with Section 1(c) of the Act and the legislative history showing an intent to protect public utility subsidiaries).

²⁹ Southern's subsidiaries are authorized under rule 87 of the Act to provide goods and services at cost to Southern Energy and its subsidiaries in accordance with the limitations imposed by rule 87. Southern Company Services, Inc. ("Southern Services") is further authorized under the 1996 Order and HCAR No. 26212 (December 30, 1994) to provide services at cost to SERI. Southern Energy represents less than 3% of the total service billings of Southern Services. Southern anticipates a substantial reduction in the services rendered to Southern Energy following the Separation Date and a further reduction following the Distribution.

³⁰ Section 12(f) of the Act confers plenary jurisdiction upon the Commission over affiliate transactions.

accordance with the terms of the Master Agreement on or before September 1, 2002.³¹ Southern proposes to provide ancillary services on a wholly incidental basis and only as required to permit an orderly separation of the businesses without extraordinary losses or transition costs.

V. Reporting Requirements

The Applicants propose that a single consolidated quarterly report be filed by Southern and in accordance with rule 24 with respect to all activities of Southern and its subsidiaries authorized in this file. This report would replace the combined report currently being filed pursuant to the 1996 Order.

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

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3452]

Office of Overseas Schools; Information Collection Request

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection; Overseas Schools—Grant Status Reports.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Renewal.

Originating Office: A/OPR/OS.

Title of Information Collection:

Overseas Schools—Grant Status Reports.

Frequency: Annual.

Form Number: OMB No. 1405-0033.

Respondents: Recipients of grants.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 190.

³¹ Following the Distribution, Southern will principally provide engineering and technical services to Southern Energy through Solutions or any other rule 58 subsidiary authorized to provide energy-related engineering and technical services to third parties. The costs associated with Southern Services providing support services (other than energy-related engineering and technical services) are estimated to be less than 1% of the annual billings of Southern Service.

Average Hours Per Response: .25.
Total Estimated Burden: 47.5 hours.
Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- 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.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents may be obtained from Office of Overseas Schools, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520 (202) 261-8200. Public comments and questions should be directed to the State Department Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20530, (202) 395-5871.

Dated: October 16, 2000.

Robert B. Dickson,

Executive Director, Bureau of Administration, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science

[Public Notice No. 3451]

Public Meeting on An International Agreement on Prior Informed Consent for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides

SUMMARY: This public meeting will provide an overview of ongoing efforts to implement a binding agreement on the application of a prior informed consent (PIC) procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides. A total of 73 countries have signed the binding PIC agreement, with 11 countries completing ratification. The purpose of the public meeting is to discuss preparations for the seventh session of the PIC intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC-7) which will take place from October 30 to November 3, 2000. The INC-7 meeting will address a number of timely issues

related to the PIC agreement: status and implementation issues related to the interim PIC procedure, applicability to pesticides containing contaminants, activities of the interim chemical review committee, and preparation for the first conference of the parties. The public meeting will take place from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on October 25 in Room 3519, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street Northwest, Washington, D.C. Attendees should use the entrance at C Street, and should provide Eunice Mourning (202-647-9266) with their date of birth and social security number by noon on October 24. Attendees should bring picture identification to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact Dr. Marie Ricciardone, U.S. Department of State, OES/ENV, Room 4325, 2201 C Street NW, Washington D.C. 20520. Phone 202-736-4660, fax 202-647-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States, through an interagency working group chaired by the State Department, has been involved in preparations for implementation of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. The text of the PIC Convention was adopted by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries in September 1998. The Convention will make binding the current interim voluntary scheme contained in the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) London Guidelines for the Exchange of Information on Chemicals in International Trade. The PIC procedure was developed in recognition of the fact that many countries in the developing world have inadequate capacity to generate information necessary to make decisions regarding how to effectively manage risks of hazardous chemicals, and in certain cases to ensure adequate compliance with risk management decisions. The procedure assists countries in learning more about the characteristics of certain hazardous chemicals that may be shipped to them, initiates a decision-making process on the future import of these chemicals, and facilitates the dissemination of this decision to other countries.

Chemicals eligible for the PIC procedure include those which have been banned or severely restricted by participating countries, as well as certain acutely hazardous pesticides. Under the procedure, countries notify

the PIC secretariat of their decision on importation for each of the PIC chemicals. In their decision, countries indicate whether they will permit use and importation, prohibit use and importation, or permit importation only under specified conditions. Importing countries are expected to ensure that their decisions are applied to all sources of import and to domestic production for domestic use; exporting countries are expected to ensure that exports do not occur contrary to the decisions of importing countries. So far, 27 chemicals have been included in the procedure, and it is likely that more will be covered in the future. Additional information on the voluntary procedure, PIC text, PIC chemicals, and the agenda for INC-7 is located on the internet on the PIC Home Page (<http://www.pic.int>).

The Department of State is issuing this notice to help ensure that potentially affected parties are aware of and knowledgeable about the parameters of these negotiations. In the future, we will be contacting interested organizations about planned briefings by mail or fax. Those organizations which cannot attend the meeting, but wish to remain informed, should provide Dr. Marie Ricciardone of the Department of State with their address, telephone and fax numbers.

Dated: October 17, 2000.

Dan Fantozzi,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice #3345]

Advisory Committee on Labor Diplomacy; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Labor Diplomacy (ACL D) will hold a meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 8, 2000, in room 1107, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20520. Committee Chairman Thomas Donahue, former President of the AFL-CIO, will chair the meeting.

The ACL D is comprised of prominent persons with expertise in the area of international labor policy and labor diplomacy. The ACL D advises the Secretary of State and the President on the resources and policies necessary to implement labor diplomacy programs efficiently, effectively and in a manner that ensures U.S. leadership before the international community in promoting the objectives and ideals of U.S. labor policies in the 21st century. The ACL D

will make recommendations on how to strengthen the Department of State's ability to respond to the many challenges facing the United States and the federal government in international labor matters. These challenges include the protection of worker rights, the elimination of exploitative child labor, and the prevention of abusive working conditions.

The agenda for the November 8 meeting includes discussion of the interagency process on international labor policy formulation.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting as seating capacity allows. As access to the Department of State is controlled, persons wishing to attend the meeting must be pre-cleared by calling or faxing the following information, by close of business November 6, to Eric Barboriak at (202) 647-4327 or fax (202) 647-0431 or email barboriakem@state.gov: name; company or organization affiliation (if any); date of birth; and social security number. Pre-cleared persons should use the 23rd Street entrance to the State Department and have a driver's license with photo, a passport, a U.S. Government ID or other valid photo identification.

Members of the public may, if they wish, submit a brief statement to the Committee in writing. Those wishing further information should contact Mr. Barboriak at the phone and fax numbers provided above.

Dated: October 13, 2000.

Michael E. Parmly,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. The **Federal Register** Notice