

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Appliance and Equipment Energy Efficiency Standards: Evaluation Criteria for the Voluntary Program to Provide Energy Efficiency Information for Commercial Office Equipment

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Energy.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Energy Policy Act of 1992 requires the Department of Energy (DOE or Department) to support a voluntary national testing and information program for those types of commercial office equipment that are widely used and show potential for significant energy savings. Not later than October 24, 1995, DOE must determine whether the voluntary program, thus created by an appropriate organization of interested persons, is consistent with the objectives set forth in the legislation. In order to assist the development of the voluntary program, the Department has developed a set of evaluation criteria that will be used as the basis for assessing the effectiveness of the commercial office equipment testing and information program. The Department will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 1995, to discuss the proposed criteria with persons interested in the development of the voluntary program. All persons are hereby given notice of the opportunity to submit written comments, and to attend the public meeting.

DATES: Written comments in quadruplicate must be received by March 31, 1995. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be labeled "Voluntary Program to Promote Energy Efficiency in Commercial Office Equipment" and submitted to Ms. Barbara Twigg, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Mail Station EE-431, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. Telephone: (202) 586-8714; FAX: (202) 586-4617.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m., and will be held at the U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room GH-027, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC.

Copies of the draft evaluation criteria may be requested from Barbara Twigg at the above address. Copies are available in the DOE Freedom of Information Reading Room, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E-

190, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, (202) 586-6020 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Authority

Part B of Title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, Public Law 94-163, created the Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products other than Automobiles. The most recent amendment, the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPACT), Pub. L. 102-486, 106 stat. 2776, identified several new categories of products and equipment beyond the existing residential appliances for inclusion in various required and voluntary testing and information programs to promote energy efficiency. Voluntary programs were specified for commercial office equipment, window rating and labeling, and luminaires.

As described in Section 125 of EPACT, the Secretary of Energy, after consulting with industry associations and other interested organizations, is to provide technical and financial assistance to support a voluntary national testing and information program for those types of commercial office equipment that are widely used, and for which there is a potential for significant energy savings as a result of such programs. Such program will provide information that when conveyed to consumers, will enable purchasers of the equipment to make more informed decisions about the energy efficiency and costs of alternative products.

The voluntary program should determine the types of commercial office equipment to be covered, include specifications for testing procedures, and include information which may be disseminated through catalogs, trade publications, labels, or other mechanisms that will allow consumers to assess the energy consumption and potential cost savings of alternative products. Such program shall be

developed by an appropriate organization (composed of interested persons), according to commonly accepted procedures for the development of national testing procedures and labeling programs.

Not later than three years after the date of enactment of EPACT (October 24, 1995), the Secretary shall make a determination as to whether the voluntary program is positioned to achieve the objectives established for the testing and rating of commercial office equipment. If the Secretary determines that the voluntary program is not consistent with the objectives of the legislation, the Secretary shall, after consultation with the National Institute of Standards and Technology, develop test procedures for those types of commercial equipment designated as part of the program. One year later, the Federal Trade Commission would prescribe labeling rules.

2. Background

Since the passage of EPACT, the Department of Energy has monitored the efforts of the commercial office equipment industry to develop a testing and information program through the Council on Office Products Energy Efficiency (COPEE), a working group composed of the Information Technology Industry Council, formerly the Computer and Business Equipment Manufacturers Association, office equipment manufacturers, environmental organizations, designers, national laboratories, and other office equipment professionals. On May 26, 1994, DOE held a public meeting, at which interested persons were invited to offer suggestions concerning methods of evaluation, and to obtain updates on the progress of COPEE's voluntary program. Comments were invited through June 15, 1994. Additional suggestions and information were supplied by the COPEE on July 15, 1994.

3. Discussion

The purpose of the meeting is twofold: (1) To discuss the proposed evaluation criteria; and (2) to provide an opportunity to inform DOE of the progress of the voluntary program, and establish a timetable for the evaluation of the program. After the meeting and comment period, the Department will consider all comments and publish the evaluation criteria in the **Federal Register**.

4. Public Meeting Procedure

The meeting will be informal. Participants are requested to review a

copy of the draft evaluation criteria before the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, February 21, 1995.

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Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL95-26-000, et al.]

Richmond Power Enterprises, L.P., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

February 16, 1995.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Richmond Power Enterprises, L.P.

[Docket Nos. EL95-26-000 and QF90-104-002]

Take notice that on February 8, 1995, Richmond Power Enterprises, L.P. tendered for filing an application for compliance determination and for waiver of certain Commission regulations.

Comment date: March 16, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

2. National Electric Associates Limited Partnership

[Docket No. ER90-168-019]

Take notice that on January 30, 1995, National Electric Associates Limited Partnership (NEA), filed certain information as required by ordering paragraph (L) of the Commission's order in Docket No. ER90-168-000, 50 FERC ¶ 61,378. Copies of NEA's informational filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

3. Florida Power & Light Company

[Docket No. ER93-327-002]

Take notice that on February 1, 1995, Florida Power & Light Company tendered for filing a compliance report for refund made pursuant to the Commission's December 27, 1994 Order.

4. Enron Power Marketing, Inc.

[Docket No. ER94-24-006]

Take notice that on February 1, 1995, Enron Power Marketing, Inc. tendered for filing a summary of activity of Enron's quarter ending December 31, 1994.

5. AES Power, Inc.

[Docket No. ER94-890-004]

Take notice that on February 1, 1995, AES Power, Inc. (AES) filed information as required by the Commission's April 8, 1994 letter order in Docket No. ER94-890-000. Copies of AES's filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

6. Midcon Power Services Corporation

[Docket No. ER94-1329-002]

Take notice that on January 30, 1995, Midcon Power Services Corporation (Midcon) filed information as required by the Commission's August 11, 1994 order in Docket No. ER94-1329-000. Copies of Midcon's filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

7. Destec Power Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER94-1612-001]

Take notice that on January 31, 1995, Destec Power Services, Inc. (Destec) filed information as required by the Commission's January 20, 1995 letter order in Docket No. ER94-1612-000. Copies of Destec's filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

8. Associated Power Services, Inc.

[Docket No. ER95-7-001]

Take notice that on January 30, 1995, Associated Power Services, Inc. (Associated) filed information as required by the Commission's December 16, 1994 letter-order in Docket No. ER95-7-000. Copies of Associated's filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

9. Entergy Power, Inc.

[Docket Nos. ER95-172-000, ER95-314-000]

Take notice that on February 14, 1995, Entergy Power, Inc. tendered for filing Amendment No. 1 to an Interchange Agreement filed in Docket No. ER95-172-000, and Amendment No. 1 to a Monthly Purchase and Sale Agreement filed in Docket No. ER95-314-000.

EPI requests an effective date for the amendments that is the same as those for the Interchange Agreement and Monthly Purchase and Sale Agreement previously filed, in accordance with Section 35.2 of the Commission's regulations.

Comment date: March 2, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

10. UtiliCorp United Inc., Aquila Power Corporation

[Docket No. ER95-203-000, Docket No. ER95-216-000 (Not Consolidated)]

Take notice that on February 10, 1995, UtiliCorp United Inc. ("UtiliCorp") tendered for filing firm and interruptible tariffs for its West Virginia Power division as required by the January 13, 1995 order in these proceedings. UtiliCorp states that this filing is an alternative and without prejudice to its January 18, 1995 informational compliance filing in this proceeding.

A copy of the filing was served on each party to these proceedings and the Public Service Commission of the State of West Virginia.

Comment date: March 1, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

11. KCS Energy Marketing, Inc.

[Docket No. ER95-209-000]

Take notice that on February 10, 1995, KCS Energy Marketing, Inc. tendered for filing a letter requesting that the Application for Blanket Authorization, Certain Waivers and Order Approving Rate Schedule be withdrawn.

Comment date: March 2, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

12. Transco Power Trading Company

[Docket No. ER95-305-000]

Take notice that on February 9, 1995, Transco Power Trading Company tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

Comment date: March 2, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

13. Proven Alternatives, Inc.

[Docket No. ER95-473-000]

Take notice that on February 10, 1995, Proven Alternatives, Inc. tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

Comment date: March 2, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

14. Puget Sound Power & Light

[Docket No. ER95-528-000]

Take notice that on February 1, 1995, Puget Sound Power & Light Company tendered for filing an executed Service Agreement-Schedule DV between Puget and Black Creek Hydro, Inc. as a Supplement to Original Sheet Nos. 74-89 of Puget Rate Schedule FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 4.

Comment date: March 2, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.