

1. Constellation Power Source, Inc.
2. NorAm Energy Services, Inc.
3. TransAlta Energy Marketing (U.S.) Inc.
4. Tractebel Energy Marketing, Inc.
5. New Energy Ventures, L.L.C.

under Idaho Power Company FERC Electric Tariff No. 5, Open Access Transmission Tariff.

Comment date: December 8, 1998, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E at the end of this notice.

Standard Paragraphs

E. Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Request for Extension of Time To Commence Project Construction

November 23, 1998.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of Filing:* Request for Extension of Time to Commence Project Construction.
- b. *Applicant:* Friends of the North Country, Inc.
- c. *Project No.:* The proposed AuSable Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 10836-007 is to be located on the AuSable River in Clinton County, New York.
- d. *Date Filed:* October 20, 1998.
- e. *Pursuant to:* Public Law 105-191.
- f. *Applicant Contact:* Ann Ruzow Holland, Executive Director, Friends of the North Country, Inc., 1A Mill Street, P.O. Box 446, Keeseville, New York

12944, (518) 834-9606, Toll Free (1-888-355-3662).

g. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Lynn R. Miles, (202) 219-2671.

h. *Comment Date:* January 7, 1999.

i. *Description of the Request:* The licensee requests that the deadline for commencement of construction for FERC Project No. 10836 be extended for three consecutive two-year extensions of time. The deadline to commence project construction for the project would be extended to October 27, 2002. The deadline for completion of construction would be extended to October 27, 2004.

j. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: B, C1, and D2.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, 385.211, 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rule may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C1. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-named documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also

be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6193-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities Up for Renewal—Water Quality Standards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) listed below is coming up for renewal. Before submitting the renewal package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to Karen Gourdine, Water Quality Standards Branch, Mailcode 4305, USEPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Gourdine; Telephone (202) 260-1328, Facsimile Number (202) 260-9830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities affected by this action are the 50 States and 7 Territories (the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) and Indian Tribes that are seeking or have EPA authorization to administer the water quality standards program contained in section 303 of the Clean Water Act (the Act).

Title: Information Collection Request for the Water Quality Standards Regulation, OMB Control #2040-0049; Expiration Date: March 31, 1999.

Abstract: Water Quality Standards are provisions of State, Tribal, and Federal law which consist of designated uses for waters of the United States, numeric or narrative water quality criteria to protect the designated uses, and an antidegradation policy to protect existing uses and high quality waters. States are required by Federal law to

establish water quality standards. Section 303(c) requires States and certain Indian Tribes (those Tribes that have received EPA authorization to administer the water quality standards program and have had their water quality standards approved by EPA) to review and, if appropriate, revise their water quality standards regulations once every three years and to submit to EPA the results of the review. EPA then reviews each State and Tribal submission for approval or disapproval.

The Water Quality Standards (WQS) Regulation (40 CFR part 131) is the EPA regulation governing the implementation of the water quality standards program. The WQS Regulation describes requirements and procedures for the States and Tribes to develop, review, and revise their water quality standards, and EPA procedures for reviewing and approving the water quality standards. The regulation requires, in some cases, the development and submission of information to EPA. The following paragraphs describe the information collection requirements in part 131.

Section 131.6 establishes minimum requirements for a State or Tribe to submit new or revised water quality standards to EPA including the submissions required every three years by section 303(c) of the Act. The information to be submitted consists of: (a) Use designations for water bodies consistent with sections 101(a)(2) and 303(c)(2) of the Act; (b) methods used and analyses conducted to support water quality standards revisions; (c) water quality criteria sufficient to protect the designated uses; (d) an antidegradation policy consistent with 40 CFR 131.12; (e) certification by the Attorney General or other appropriate legal authority that the water quality standards were duly adopted pursuant to State or Tribal law; and (f) information which will aid EPA in determining the adequacy of the scientific basis of the water quality standards and information on general policies that may affect the implementation of the standards.

Part 131.8 specifies information that an Indian Tribe must submit to EPA in order to determine whether a Tribe is qualified to administer the Water Quality Standards Program. The application must include the following information: (a) Evidence that the Tribe is recognized by the Secretary of the Interior; (b) a statement that the Tribe is currently carrying out substantial governmental duties and powers over a Federal Indian Reservation; (c) a statement of the Tribe's authority to regulate the quality of the reservation's

waters; and (d) a narrative statement describing the capability of the Tribe to administer an effective water quality standards program.

Additionally, part 131.7 describes a dispute resolution mechanism that will assist in resolving disputes that arise between States and Tribes over water quality standards on common waterbodies. Implementation of this provision includes collection of information by EPA to determine if initiation of a formal EPA dispute resolution action is justified. Although States and Tribes are not required to request formal EPA dispute resolution action, information collection is necessary where a State or Tribe formally requests EPA intervention.

A Federal 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 control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are displayed in 40 CFR part 9.

EPA is soliciting comments from the public to:

- (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information (see Burden statement below) is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- (iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The existing estimated total annual burden to the respondents is 193,980 hours per year (based on 77 jurisdictions, including 20 Indian Tribes qualifying to administer the water quality standards program). This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the data needed, and complete and review the collection of information.

Send comments regarding these matters, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the address listed above.

Dated: November 17, 1998.

Tudor T. Davies,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6193-9]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Municipal Waste Combustors (MWCs)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: NSPS for MWCs subpart Ea and subpart Eb, OMB 2060-0210, expires January 31, 1999. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 30, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by email at farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1506.08.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: NSPS for Municipal Waste Combustors (MWCs) Subpart Ea and Subpart Eb (OMB Control No.2060-0210; EPA ICR No.1506.08) expiring 1/31/99. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The NSPS for Municipal Waste Combustors of which (1) construction commenced after December 20, 1989 and on or before September 20, 1994, or (2) modification or reconstruction commenced after December 20, 1989 and on or before June 19, 1996, subpart Ea was proposed on December 20, 1989 and promulgated on February 11, 1991. The NSPS for Municipal Waste Combustors which (1) construction commenced after September 20, 1994, or (2) modification or reconstruction commenced after June 19, 1996, subpart Eb was proposed on September 20, 1994 and promulgated on December 19, 1995. Both of these standards apply to the municipal waste combustors with unit capacities greater than 225 megagrams per day (Mg/yr). This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR part 60, subpart Ea and subpart Eb.