impacts of issuing a new license for the Kern Canyon Hydroelectric Project.

The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental effects, if any, of the proposed action and reasonable alternatives, and will include an economic, financial, and engineering analysis. Preparation of staff's EA will be supported by a scoping process to ensure identification and analysis of all pertinent issues.

We prepared Scoping Document 1 (SD1) to provide you with information on:

- the Kern Canyon Hydroelectric Project;
- the environmental analysis process we will follow to prepare the EA; and
- our preliminary identification of issues that we will address in the EA.

We invite the participation of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the general public in the scoping process, and have prepared SD1 to provide information on the proposed project and to solicit written comments and suggestions on our preliminary list of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EA. The SD1 has been distributed to parties on the Service List for this proceeding and is available from our Public Reference Room at (202) 502–8371. It can also be accessed online at *http://www.ferc.gov* under the ''eLibrary'' link.

A site visit was conducted on August 8, 2003 for Commission staff and interested members of the public to visit the project site. The notice for the site visit was published in the **Federal Register** on July 17, 2003. Comments received from participants during the site visit were incorporated into SD1.

Other than those received during the site visit conducted on August 8, 2003, no comments have been filed to date related to the licensing. Therefore, we do not anticipate at this time that there is a need to hold a public meeting near the project site.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No.PL03–6–000]

Natural Gas Markets Conference; Notice of Public Conference

September 23, 2003.

1. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a conference on October 14, 2003, to engage industry members and the public in a dialogue about policy issues facing the natural gas industry today and the Commission's regulation of the industry for the future. Last year the Commission held a wide ranging discussion concerning its regulatory goals for the natural gas industry (Docket No. PL02–9–000). This year's conference on the ''state of the gas market'' will focus on the findings and recommendations contained in the National Petroleum Council's soon to be released report: Balancing Natural Gas Policy—Fueling the Demands of a Growing Economy.[1]

2. Last March, the Secretary of Energy asked the National Petroleum Council to conduct a study of natural gas in the United States in the 21st Century. Specifically, he stated:

Such a study should examine the potential implications of new supplies, new technologies, new perceptions of risk, and other evolving market conditions that may affect the potential for natural gas demand, supplies, and delivery through 2025. It should also provide insights on energy market dynamics, including price volatility and future fuel choice, and an outlook on the longer term sustainability of natural gas supplies. Of particular interest is the Council's advice on actions that can be taken by industry and government to increase the productivity and efficiency of North American natural gas markets and to ensure adequate and reliable supplies of energy for consumers.

3. At the conference, representatives of the National Petroleum Council will present their report and interested individuals will have an opportunity to respond and ask questions. The summary of findings and recommendations will be available from the National Petroleum Council on September 25, 2003 on the National Petroleum Council Web site at *http://www.npc.org*. The entire integrated report will be available at the conference.

4. In addition, the Commission also seeks to encourage industry representatives and interested individuals to raise other issues for the Commission to consider in shaping its future regulatory policies concerning the natural gas industry. Following the National Petroleum Council presentation and discussion, the Commission will have an open forum that will give all interested individuals an opportunity to raise issues.

[1] The National Petroleum Council is an oil and natural gas advisory committee to the Secretary of Energy.

5. The conference will be held on October 14, 2003 at FERC, 888 First Street, NE. in Washington, DC, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room. The public is invited to attend.

6. The conference will be transcribed. Those interested in acquiring the transcript should contact Ace Reporters at 202–347–3700 or 800–336–6646. Transcripts will be placed in the public record ten days after the Commission receives the transcripts. Additionally, Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening and viewing of the conference. It is available for a fee, live or over the Internet, via C-Band Satellite. Persons interested in receiving the broadcast, or who need information on making arrangements should contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at Capitol Connection (703–993–3100) as soon as possible or visit the Capitol Connection Web site at *http://www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu* and click on ''FERC.''

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OAR–2003–0120; FRL–7565–8]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Automobile Refinish Coatings, EPA ICR Number 1765.03, OMB Control Number 2060–0353

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. This ICR is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2003. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB. This ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before October 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number OAR–2003–0120, to (1) EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to *a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov*, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, Mailcode 6102T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; and (2) OMB at: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Morris, Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Mail Code C504–04, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; telephone number: (919) 541–5416; fax number: (919) 541–3470; e-mail address: *morris.mark@epa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On July 8, 2003 (68 FR 40654), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). The EPA received no comments.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. OAR–2003–0120, which is available for public viewing at the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center is (202) 566–1742. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at *http://www.epa.gov/edocket.* Use EDOCKET to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select ''search,'' then key in the docket ID number identified above.

Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice. EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EDOCKET as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EDOCKET. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket. Although identified as an item in the official docket, information claimed as CBI, or whose disclosure is otherwise restricted by statute, is not included in the official public docket, and will not be available for public viewing in EDOCKET. For further information about the electronic docket, see EPA's **Federal Register** notice describing the electronic docket at 67 FR 38102 (May 31, 2002), or go to *www.epa.gov/edocket.*

Title: Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Automobile Refinish Coatings.

Abstract: The EPA is required under section 183(e) of the Clean Air Act to regulate volatile organic compound emissions from the use of consumer and commercial products. Pursuant to section 183(e)(3), the EPA published a list of consumer and commercial products and a schedule for their regulation (60 FR 15264). Automobile refinish coatings were included on the list, and the standards for such coatings are codified at 40 CFR part 59, subpart B. The reports required under the standards enable EPA to identify all coating and coating component manufacturers and importers in the United States and to determine which coatings and coating components are subject to the standards, based on dates of manufacture.

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 control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and are identified on the form and/or instrument, if applicable.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Respondents to this information collection are manufacturers and importers of automobile refinish coatings and coating components. Manufacturers of automobile refinish coatings and coating components fall within standard industrial classification (SIC) 2851, ''Paints, Varnishes, Lacquers, Enamels, and Allied Products'' and North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 325510, ''Paint and Coating Manufacturing.'' Importers of automobile refinish coatings and coating components fall within SIC 5198, ''Wholesale Trade: Paints, Varnishes, and Supplies.''

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 14.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: $940, which includes $0 annualized capital or O&M costs and $940 labor costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is a decrease of 8 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. There is a decrease because the previous renewal ICR overestimated the number of respondents.

Dated: September 16, 2003.

Sara Hisel McCoy,

Acting Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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