

states that: (1) The prompt publication of the August 1 Order in the **Federal Register** had the effect of advancing the effective date of the revised S&CP Document; (2) it would be preferable if the effective date would coincide with the end of a billing cycle; and (3) scheduling customer and operator training is more difficult at the end of the calendar year. For these reasons, AEP and the How Group each request that the Commission adopt a March 1, 2001 effective date for implementation of the revised OASIS S&CP Document.³ We find these concerns reasonable and will grant the requested extension.

To allow a smooth transition, the How Group also requests that the Commission allow transmission providers to shut down their OASIS website operations for no more than twelve hours prior to midnight, local time, on February 28, 2001, and allow them to conduct transactions by telephone or facsimile as they transfer from OASIS S&CP Document, Version 1.3, to Version 1.4.

The Commission orders:

(A) The requests of AEP and the How Group for an extension, until March 1, 2001, for the industry to comply with the OASIS S&CP Document (Version 1.4) is hereby granted.

(B) The How Group's request on behalf of the industry for a twelve hour transition period on February 28, 2001, is hereby granted, as discussed in the body of this order.

By the Commission.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11730-000]

Black River Limited Partnership; Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

October 19, 2000.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application

for an original license for the existing and operating Alverno Hydroelectric Project, located on the Black River in the townships of Aloha, Benton, and Grant in Michigan (Cheboygan County) and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2-A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The EA may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.us/online/rims.htm>. Please call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice and should be addressed to David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1-A, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix "Alverno Hydroelectric Project No. 11730-000" to the top page of all comments. For further information, contact John Costello at (202) 219-2914 or john.costello@ferc.fed.us. Beginning November 1, 2000, comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6891-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Federal Operating Permit Rules

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: Part 71 Federal Operating Permit Rules, OMB Control Number 2060-0336, expiration date October 31, 2000. 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 November 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 1713.04 and OMB Control No. 2060-0336, to the following addresses: Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (Mail Code 2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; and to 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: For a copy of the ICR contact Sandy Farmer at EPA by phone at (202) 260-2740, by e-mail at Farmer.sandy@epamail.epa.gov, or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 1713.04. For technical questions about the ICR contact Scott Voorhees at (919) 541-5348 or by e-mail at voorhees.scott@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Part 71 Federal Operating Permit Rules (OMB Control No. 2060-0336; EPA ICR No. 1713.04) expiring October 31, 2000. This is a request for extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The part 71 program is a Federal operating permits program that will be implemented for sources located in Indian Country, Outer Continental Shelf sources, and also in those areas without acceptable part 70 programs. Title V of the Clean Air Act imposes on States the duty to develop, administer and enforce operating permit programs which comply with title V and requires EPA to stand ready to issue Federal operating permits when States fail to perform this duty.

Pursuant to regulations promulgated by EPA on February 19, 1999 (64 FR 8247) EPA has authority to establish part 71 programs within Indian Country and EPA began administering the program in Indian country on March 22, 1999. Since many Indian tribes lack the resources and capacity to develop operating permit programs, EPA will administer and enforce part 71 programs in the areas that comprise Indian Country in order to protect the air quality of areas under tribal jurisdiction.

The EPA will also issue permits to "outer continental shelf" (OCS) sources (sources located in offshore waters of the United States) pursuant to the requirements of section 328(a) of the Act. The EPA will also establish a part 71 program for a State when interim approval of a State program expires, if corrective program provisions have not

³ The How Group also informs us that the transmission providers plan to display certain information on their respective OASIS websites on February 1, 2001, for informational purposes. We have no objection to these postings being made.