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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP). Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, May 18, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, May 19, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Radisson Hotel, 2121 P St., NW., Washington, DC 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bruce Strauss, Executive Secretary; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel; U.S. Department of Energy; SC-20/ Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290; Telephone: 301-903-3705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and guidance on a continuing basis with respect to the high energy physics research program.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include discussions of the following: Wednesday, May 18, 2005, and Thursday, May 19, 2005.

- Discussion of Department of Energy High Energy Physics Programs.
- Discussion of National Science Foundation Elementary Particle Physics Program.
- Reports on and Discussions of Topics of General Interest in High Energy Physics.
- Public comment (10-minute rule).

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Panel, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of these items on the agenda, you should contact Bruce Strauss, 301-903-3705 or Bruce.Strauss@science.doe.gov (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The

Chairperson of the Panel will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 90 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; Room 1E-190; Forrestal Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC05-603-000; FERC-603]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

March 4, 2005.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2) (a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by May 2, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/help/how-to/ceii-req-form.doc>) or click on "Legal Resources", "CEII", "Help" and then click on CEII Request form. Written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-33, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First

Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and refer to Docket No. IC05-603-000.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> and click on "Make an E-filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's home page using the eLibrary link. For user assistance, contact FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-603 "Critical Energy Infrastructure Information" (OMB No. 1902-0197) is used by the Commission to implement procedures for gaining access to critical energy infrastructure information (CEII) that would not otherwise be available under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). On February, 21, 2003, the Commission issued Order No. 630 (66 FR 52917) to address the appropriate treatment of CEII in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and to restrict unrestrained general access due to the ongoing terrorism threat. These steps enable the Commission to keep sensitive infrastructure information out of the public domain, decreasing the likelihood that such information could be used to plan or execute terrorist attacks. The process adopted in Order No. 630 is a more efficient alternative for handling requests for previously public documents than FOIA. The Commission has defined CEII to include information about "existing or proposed critical infrastructure that (i) relates to the production, generation, transportation, transmission, or distribution of energy; (ii) could be useful to a person planning an attack on critical infrastructure; (iii) is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act; and (iv) does not simply give the location of the critical infrastructure. Critical infrastructure means existing and

proposed systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, the incapacity or destruction of which would negatively affect security, economic security, public health or safety, or any combination of those matters. A person seeking access to CEII may file a request for that information by providing

information about their identity and reason as to the need for the information. Through this process, the Commission is able to review the requester's need for the information against the sensitivity of the information. The compliance with these requirements is mandatory.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1) × (2) × (3)
182	1	.25	46*

*Rounded off.

The estimated total cost to respondents is \$2,392. The cost per respondent = \$13. (46 hours @ \$52 hourly rate ÷ 182).

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the

burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2277-000]

AmerenUE; Notice of Intent to File Application for New License

March 4, 2005.

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

- a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of intent to file application for a new license.
- b. *Project No:* 2277-000.
- c. *Date Filed:* February 17, 2005.
- d. *Submitted by:* AmerenUE.
- e. *Name of Project:* Taum Sauk Pumped Storage Project.
- f. *Location:* The project is located on the East Fork Black River and Taum Sauk Creek, in Reynolds, Iron, St. Francois, and Washington counties, near the Town of Lesterville, Missouri. The project does not occupy any Federal lands.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6.
- h. *Effective Date of Current License:* July 1, 1960.
- i. *Expiration Date of Current License:* June 30, 2010.
- j. *Project Description:* The Taum Sauk Project consists of the following

principal features: (1) A 54.5-acre upper reservoir, having a total useable volume of 4,360 acre-feet; (2) a 55-foot-high, 390-foot-long, ogee-shaped concrete-gravity dam, with (i) a 26-foot-long gated sluice, (ii) a steel-lined conduit having a capacity of 2,500 cubic feet per second (cfs), and (iii) a crest elevation of 750 feet mean sea level (msl); (3) a 380-acre lower reservoir at an elevation of 749 feet msl; (4) an approximately 2,000-foot-long tailrace channel; (5) a sediment trap located just upstream of the tailrace channel on the East Fork Black River; (6) a 451-foot-long vertical shaft, a 6,572-foot-long (2-section) tunnel, and a short penstock that bifurcates into the powerhouse; (7) a 148-foot-long, 70-foot-wide concrete powerhouse equipped with two reversible pump units that are connected to a generator having a rated capacity of 204 megawatts (MW), for a total installed capacity of 408 MW; and (8) transmission and other appurtenant facilities.

AmerenUE proposes no changes to the existing pump-storage operation of the project, at this time. AmerenUE is proposing to investigate certain operational constraints that include sediment build-up, potential hydraulic constraints, and electrical/mechanical constraints. In addition, AmerenUE intends to remove the currently, licensed 30-mile-long, 138-kilovolt transmission line from the project.

k. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.7, information on the project is available from Brenda Parks, AmerenUE—Taum Sauk Plant, Route 1, P.O. Box 112, Annapolis, MO 63620, (573) 637-2281.

l. *FERC Contact:* Allan Creamer, 888 First St. NE., Washington, DC; 202-502-8365; allan.creamer@ferc.gov.

m. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 2277. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10, each application for a new license and any competing license