

process will be completed by May 1, 2000.

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The Union Water-Power Company ("Union Water"), a wholly owned subsidiary of CMP Group, provides utility construction and support services (On Target division), energy efficiency performance contracting and energy use and management services (Combined Energies division), and utility-related real estate development services, (UnionLand Services). Union Water's Maine HomeCrafters division, which was in the business of brokering and financing pre-fabricated housing has been sold.

CTG Resources and Its Subsidiaries

CTG Resources is an exempt public utility holding company that owns all of the common stock of Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation ("CNGC"), a public utility that operates as a regulated local natural gas distribution company. CNGC distributes gas to approximately 146,000 customers in 22 Connecticut communities, principally in the Hartford-New Britain area and Greenwich. CNGC's gas distribution business is subject to regulation by the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control as to franchises, rates, standards of service, issuance of securities, safety practices and certain other matters.

For the twelve months ended September 30, 1999, CTG Resources' operating revenues on a consolidated basis were approximately \$286,749,000, of which approximately \$262,060,000 were derived from gas operations and \$24,689,000 were from other operations. Consolidated assets of CTG Resources and its subsidiaries at September 30, 1999 were approximately \$297,957,000 in gas utility property, plant and equipment, and approximately \$168,304,000 in other corporate assets.

CTG Resources' nonutility subsidiaries include:

CNG Realty Corp., owns the Operating and Administrative Center located on a seven-acre site in downtown Hartford, Connecticut. The Energy Network, Inc.

("TEN") which, through its wholly owned subsidiary, The Hartford Steam Company, provides district heating and cooling services to a number of large buildings in Hartford, Connecticut.

TEN Transmission Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of TEN, owns a 4.87% interest in Iroquois Gas Transmission System Limited Partnership, which operates a natural gas pipeline transporting Canadian natural gas into New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Downtown Cogeneration Associates Limited Partnership, TEN's partially owned subsidiary, owns and operates a cogeneration facility in Hartford, Connecticut.

ENI Gas Services, Inc., and TEN Services, Inc., both wholly owned subsidiaries of TEN, together own 100% of KBC Energy Services, a partnership. TEN's other unregulated operating divisions offer energy equipment rentals, property rentals and financing services and own a 3,000 square foot building in Hartford, Connecticut.

Berkshire Energy and Its Subsidiaries

Berkshire Energy owns The Berkshire Gas Company ("Berkshire Gas"), a public utility company as defined by the Act. Berkshire Gas operates as a natural gas public utility distribution company. Berkshire Gas sells and distributes natural gas to approximately 34,000 retail customers in 19 communities in western Massachusetts. Berkshire Gas operates a natural gas distribution system comprising 694 miles of natural gas distribution mains. Berkshire Gas is subject to regulation by the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy. Berkshire Gas is a "natural gas company" ¹⁴ with respect to certain sales for resale of natural gas. Berkshire Gas has secured a "blanket certificate" for these transactions from the FERC.

For the twelve months ended September 30, 1999, Berkshire Energy's operating revenues on a consolidated basis were approximately \$49,283,000, of which approximately \$45,453,000 were derived from natural gas operation. Consolidated assets of Berkshire Energy and its subsidiaries as of September 30, 1999 were approximately \$77,457,000 in natural gas utility property, plant and equipment, and approximately \$31,453,000 in other corporate assets.

The nonutility subsidiaries of Berkshire Energy are Berkshire Propane, Inc. ("Berkshire Propane") and Berkshire Service Solutions, Inc. (formerly Berkshire Energy Marketing,

Inc.) ("Service Solutions"). Berkshire Propane is a retail propane company providing service to more than 6,000 customers in 100 communities across a 5,000 square mile area in western Massachusetts, eastern New York, and southern Vermont. Service Solutions provides one-stop natural gas services to commercial and industrial customers. Service Solutions entered into a strategic alliance with Energy East Solutions, LLC.

The Applicants contend that the combination of NYSEG's electric system and CMP Group's electric operations will result in a single, integrated electric utility system (the "new Energy East Electric System"). The Applicants further contend that the combination of Energy East's current gas system (NYSEG's gas operations, Connecticut Energy and Maine Gas Co.) with the gas operations of CMP Group, CTG Resources and Berkshire will result in a single, integrated gas utility system (the "new Energy East Gas System"). The companies request the Commission authorize the mergers and find that the new Energy East Electric System is the primary integrated public utility system and the new Energy East Gas System is a permissible additional system.

For the Commission by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Small Business Administration's intentions to request approval on a new, and/or currently approved information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on or before June 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimate is accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collection, to Bettie Baca, Counselor to the Administrator/Public Liaison, Office of Advisory Council, Small Business

¹⁴ See section 2(a)(6) of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. 717(a)(6).

Administration, 409 3rd Street, S.W. Suite 7450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bettie Baca, Counselor to the Administrator/Public Liaison, 202-401-8276 or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: "Advisory Committee Membership—Nominee Information."
Form No: 898.
Description of Respondents: Candidates for Advisory Councils.
Annual Responses: 700.
Annual Burden: 93.

Jacqueline White,
Chief, Administrative Information Branch.
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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended by Public Law 104-13; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority.
ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). The Tennessee Valley Authority is soliciting public comments on this proposed collection as provided by 5 CFR Section 1320.8(d)(1). Requests for information, including copies of the information collection proposed and supporting documentation, should be directed to the Agency Clearance Officer: Wilma H. McCauley, Tennessee Valley Authority, 1101 Market Street (WR 4Q), Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801; (423) 751-2523.

Comments should be sent to the Agency Clearance Officer no later than June 27, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Type of Request: Regular submission, proposal to reinstate, with minor revisions, a previously approved collection for which approval has expired (OMB control number 3316-0009).

Title of Information Collection: Salary Survey for Salary Policy Bargaining Unit Employees.

Frequency of Use: Annually.

Type of affected Public: State or local governments, Federal agencies, non-profit institutions, businesses, or other for-profit.

Small Businesses or Organizations Affected: No.
Federal Budget Functional Category Code: 999.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 45.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 180.
Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 4.

Need For and Use of Information: TVA conducts an annual salary survey for employee compensation and benefits as a basis for labor negotiations in determining prevailing rates of pay and benefits for represented salary policy employees. TVA surveys firms, and Federal, State, and local governments whose employees perform work similar to that of TVA's salary policy employees.

Jacklyn J. Stephenson,
Senior Manager, Enterprise Operations, Information Services.
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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Meeting of the Regional Resource Stewardship Council

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Regional Resource Stewardship Council (Regional Council) will hold a meeting to consider various matters. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, (FACA).

The meeting agenda includes the following:

1. Establishing priorities
2. River operations/public lands management
3. Public comments
4. Regional Council subcommittees

The meeting is open to the public. Members of the public who wish to make oral public comments may do so during the Public comments portion of the agenda. Up to one hour will be allotted for the Public comments with participation available on a first-come, first-served basis. Each speaker will have from 2-5 minutes to address the Council depending on the number who register at the door. Written comments are also invited and may be mailed to the Regional Resource Stewardship Council, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT 11A, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1499, or faxed to (865) 632-3146.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 25, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., CDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Huntsville, Alabama, at the Hilton, 401 Williams Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama 35801, and will be open to the public. Anyone needing special access or accommodations should let the contact below know at least a week in advance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra L. Hill, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT 11A, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1499, (865) 632-2333.

Dated: April 21, 2000.

Kathryn J. Jackson,
Executive Vice President, River System Operations & Environment, Tennessee Valley Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-6780]

Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): 2115-0622, 2115-0525, 2115-0548 and 2115-0586

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this request for comments announces that the Coast Guard has forwarded the four Information Collection Reports (ICRs) abstracted below to OMB for review and comment. Our ICRs describe the information that we seek to collect from the public. Review and comment by OMB ensure that we impose only paperwork burdens commensurate with our performance of duties.

DATES: Please submit comments on or before May 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please send comments to both (1) the Docket Management System (DMS), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, DC 20590-0001, and (2) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, to the attention of the Desk Officer for the USCG.

Copies of the complete ICRs are available for inspection and copying in public docket USCG-2000-6780 of the Docket Management Facility between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays; for inspection and printing on the internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>; and for inspection from the Commandant (G-SII-2), U.S. Coast Guard, room 6106, 2100 Second