

addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Joe Lackey (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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Clearance Officer.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

- (1) *Collection title:* Nonresident Questionnaire.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* RRB-1001.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0145.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 6/30/2000.
- (5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 1,500.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 1,500.
- (9) *total annual reporting hours:* 750.
- (10) *Collection description:* Under the Railroad Retirement Act, the benefits payable to an annuitant living outside the United States may be subject to withholding under Public Laws 98-21 and 98-76. The form obtains the information needed to determine the amount to be withheld.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Joe Lackey (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27171]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

April 21, 2000.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by May 16, 2000, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After May 16, 2000, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Energy East Corp., et al. (70-9569)

Energy East Corp. ("Energy East"), P.O. Box 1196, Stamford, Connecticut 06904-1196, a New York corporation and a public utility holding company exempt from registration under section 3(a)(1) of the Act, by order of the Commission dated February 2, 2000,¹ CMP Group, Inc. ("CMP Group"), 83 Edison Dr., Augusta, Maine 04336, a Maine corporation and a public utility holding company exempt from registration under section 3(a)(1) of the Act, by order of the Commission dated February 12, 1999,² CTG Resources, Inc. ("CTG Resources"), 100 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut 06103, a Connecticut corporation and a public utility holding company exempt from registration under section 3(a)(1) by rule

2 under the Act, and Berkshire Energy Resources ("Berkshire Energy"), 115 Cheshire Road, Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201, a Massachusetts corporation, and a public utility holding company exempt from registration under section 3(a)(2) by rule 2 under the Act (collectively, "Applicants"), have filed with this Commission an application under sections 9(a)(2), 10 and 11 under the Act.

The Applicants seek authorization for Energy East to acquire all of the issued and outstanding common stock of CMP Group, CTG Resources and Berkshire Energy ("Merger"). Under the proposed transactions, CMP Group, CTG Resources and Berkshire Energy would become direct subsidiaries of Energy East and Energy East would register as a public utility holding company under section 5 of the Act.³ The Applicants also seek authorization to operate as a combination electric and gas utility holding company. In addition, Energy East seeks authorization to retain its interests in its utility and nonutility activities, businesses and investments and to acquire and retain the interests of CMP Group, CTG Resources and Berkshire Energy's utility and nonutility activities, businesses and investments.

Description of the Merger⁴

On June 14, 1999, CMP Group, Energy East and EE Merger Corp. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy East) entered into the CMP Group Merger Agreement. The CMP Group Merger Agreement contemplates that EE Merger Corp., will merge with and into CMP Group with CMP Group being the surviving corporation and becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy East ("CMP Group Merger"). Under the terms of the CMP Group Merger Agreement, each outstanding share of CMP Group's common stock, \$5.00 par value per share, other than dissenting shares and any treasury shares or shares owned by CMP Group, Energy East or any of their subsidiaries, will be converted into the right to receive \$29.50 in cash. Under the CMP Group Merger Agreement, approximately \$957 million in cash will be paid to holders of shares of CMP Group common stock.

On June 29, 1999, CTG Resources entered into the CTG Resources Merger Agreement with Energy East and Oak

³ The Applicants have also filed in S.E.C. file no. 70-9609 an application-declaration related to the financing of the proposed Energy East registered holding company system.

⁴ The Merger will be accounted for as an acquisition of CMP Group, CTG Resources and Berkshire Energy by Energy East under the purchase method of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

¹ Holding Co. Act Release No. 27128.

² Holding Co. Act Release No. 26977.