

Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 and to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, at the Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,
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:* Availability for Work.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* UI-38, UI-38s, ID-8k.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0164.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 7/31/2002.
- (5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households, non-profit institutions.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 7,600.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 7,600.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 1,085.
- (10) *Collection description:* Under Section 1(k) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, unemployment benefits are not payable for any day in which the claimant is not available for work. The collection obtains information needed by the to determine whether a claimant is willing and ready to work.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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 to the OMB Desk Officer for the RRB, at the Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20502.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27526]

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

May 3, 2002.

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 28, 2002, 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 28, 2002, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Reliant Energy, Inc., et al. (70-9895)

Reliant Energy, Incorporated ("REI"), a Texas public-utility holding company exempt by order under section 3(a)(2) of the Act,¹ and its wholly owned Texas subsidiary company formed for purposes of the transactions described in this filing, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ("New REI") (together, "Applicants"), 1111 Louisiana, Houston, TX 77002, have filed an amended and restated application-declaration under sections 3(a)(1), 6, 7, 9(a), 10, 12(b), 12(c), 12(f) and 13 and rules 43, 44, 45, 46, 52, 54, 90 and 91 of the Act in connection with a corporate restructuring ("Restructuring") of REI. On November 2, 2001, the Commission issued a notice of the proposed Restructuring.² The

nature of the requested authority has now changed because New REI proposes to register as a holding company under section 5 of the Act. New REI will register following the Electric Restructuring (described and defined below).

I. Introduction

A. Background

REI is a Texas electric utility company and a combination electric and gas public-utility holding company. Through its unincorporated HL&P division (the "HL&P Division"), REI generates, purchases, transmits and distributes electricity to approximately 1.7 million customers in Texas. REI primarily serves a 5,000-square mile area on the Texas Gulf Coast, including the Houston metropolitan area. All of REI's electric generation and operating properties are located in Texas. For the year ended December 31, 2001, HL&P reported operating income of \$1.091 billion on total operating revenues of \$5.5 billion.

As an electric utility, the HL&P Division is subject to regulation by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (the "Texas Commission") and to the provisions of the Texas Act, as that term is defined below. REI is a member of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. ("ERCOT"), which provides the function of "Independent System Operator" for its member utilities.³

REI conducts natural gas distribution operations through three unincorporated divisions of its wholly owned gas utility subsidiary, Reliant Energy Resources Inc. ("GasCo"): (1) The Entex Division, which serves approximately 1.5 million customers, located in Texas (including the Houston metropolitan area), Louisiana and Mississippi; (2) the Arkla Division, which serves approximately 716,600 customers located in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma; and (3) the Minnegasco Division, which serves approximately 711,000 customers in Minnesota. The largest communities served by Arkla are the metropolitan areas of Little Rock, Arkansas and Shreveport, Louisiana. Minnegasco serves the Minneapolis metropolitan area.

The Entex Division is subject to regulation by the Texas Railroad Commission, the Louisiana Public Service Commission (the "Louisiana

³ ERCOT represents a bulk electric system located entirely within Texas. Because of the intrastate status of their operations, the primary regulatory authority for the HL&P Division and ERCOT is the Texas Commission, although the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission exercises limited authority.

¹ *Houston Industries, Holding Co.* Act Release No. 26744 (July 24, 1997).

² See Holding Co. Act Release No. 27462.