

action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the DEA are available for review at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The DEA may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (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., Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 8864-016 to all comments. Comments, protests and interventions 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>.

For further information, contact Kenneth Hogan at (202) 208-0434.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Settlement Agreement and Soliciting Comments

June 27, 2001.

a. *Type of Application:* Settlement Agreement on New License Application.

b. *Project No.:* 1927-008.

c. *Date filed:* June 21, 2001.

d. *Applicant:* PacifiCorp.

e. *Name of Project:* North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the North Umpqua River, in Douglas County, Oregon. The project occupies about 2,725 acres of land within the Umpqua National Forest, and about 117 acres of land administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Timothy C. O'Connor, Director, Hydro Operations, PacifiCorp 825 Multnomah, Suite 1500, Portland, OR 97232, (503) 813-6660, and James M. Lynch, Stoel Rives LLP, 600 University Street, Suite 3600, Seattle, WA 98101-3197, (206) 624-0900.

i. *FERC Contact:* John Smith, 202-219-2460, john.smith@ferc.fed.us.

j. *Deadline for filing comments:* July 27, 2001. Reply comments due August 11, 2001.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests and interventions 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>.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Filing:* PacifiCorp filed the Settlement Agreement on behalf of itself and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, U.S. Department of Commerce's National Maritime Fisheries Service, U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Oregon Water Resources Department. The purpose of the Settlement Agreement is to resolve among the signatories all issues regarding relicensing of the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 1927). The signatories request that the Commission accept and incorporate, without material modification, as license articles in the new license all of the Governmental Parties' Final Terms and Conditions filed with the Commission in connection with this agreement. Comments and reply comments on the Settlement Agreement are due on the dates listed above.

l. Copies of the Settlement Agreement are available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2-A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. This filing may be viewed on <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). Copies are also available for

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7006-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Continuing Collection; Comment Request; Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives; Gasoline Volatility; Reporting Requirements for Refiners, Blenders, Importers, and Transferors of Gasoline Containing Ethanol, and Reporting Requirements for Parties Seeking a Testing Exemption

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 EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives; Gasoline Volatility; Reporting Requirements for Refiners, Blenders, Importers, and Transferors of Gasoline Containing Ethanol, and Reporting Requirements for Parties Seeking a Testing Exemption (40 CFR 80.27), (EPA ICR Number 1367.06, OMB Control Number 2060-0178, expiration date: 12-31-01). Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 4, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Transportation and Regional Programs Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation, Mail Code 6406J, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001. A paper or electronic copy of the draft ICR may be obtained without charge by contacting the person listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James W. Caldwell, (202) 564-9303, fax: (202) 565-2085, caldwell.jim@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which produce, import, or transfer gasoline

containing ethanol, or who wish to obtain a testing exemption.

Title: Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives; Gasoline Volatility; Reporting Requirements for Refiners, Blenders, Importers, and Transferors of Gasoline Containing Ethanol, and Reporting Requirements for Parties Seeking a Testing Exemption (40 CFR 80.27), EPA ICR Number 1367.06, OMB Control Number 2060-0178, expiring 12-31-01.

Abstract: Gasoline volatility, as measured by Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) in pounds per square inch (psi), is controlled in the spring and summer in order to minimize evaporative hydrocarbon emissions from motor vehicles. RVP ranges generally from about 7 psi to 9 psi, depending on location. The addition of ethanol to gasoline increases the RVP by about 1 psi. Gasoline that contains at least 9 volume percent ethanol is subject to a standard that is 1 psi greater. As an aid to industry compliance and EPA enforcement, the product transfer document which accompanies a shipment of gasoline containing ethanol is required by regulation to contain a legible and conspicuous statement that the gasoline contains ethanol and the percentage concentration of ethanol. This is intended to deter the mixing within the distribution system, particularly in retail storage tanks, of gasoline which contains ethanol with gasoline which does not contain ethanol. Such mixing would likely result in a gasoline with an ethanol concentration of less than 9 volume percent but with an RVP above the standard. Parties wishing a testing exemption must submit certain information to EPA. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) Evaluate 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;

(iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through 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.

Burden Statement: EPA estimates that there are 3,000,000 shipments annually of gasoline containing ethanol. Thus the required statement must be placed on 3,000,000 product transfer documents annually. Such documents are a customary business practice, so the burden is limited to the placement of the statement, which is generally computer-generated or hand-stamped. EPA estimates an average burden of 5 seconds per document, for a total annual burden for 3,000,000 documents of 4,170 hours. At an estimated industry labor cost of \$60 per hour, EPA estimates the labor cost burden at \$250,200 for about 1,000 parties which produce or import gasoline containing ethanol. Thus the cost per party is about \$250 annually. There are no start-up costs, as they were incurred some years ago at the start of the program. There are no annualized capital costs and no operation and maintenance costs because the product transfer documents are in use for other reasons and there are no recordkeeping requirements. There are no purchase-of-services costs. There is no burden for transferors of gasoline containing ethanol because the product transfer document that accompanies each shipment is already handled as a customary business practice. It is estimated that EPA will receive 2 requests annually for testing exemptions, at 4 hours burden and \$240 labor cost per request. An operating and maintenance cost for postage and copying of \$10 per request is estimated. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: June 22, 2001.

Michael G. Shields,

Acting Director, Transportation and Regional Programs Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7006-5]

Program To Build Local Capacity To Conduct Assessments of the Impacts of Climate Change and Variability on Aquatic Ecosystems and Water Quality

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds and request for applications for cooperative agreements.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Assessment, Global Change Research Program is issuing a Request for Applications (RFA) for Cooperative Agreements to Provide Assistance to State/Tribal/Other Local Environmental Protection Agencies to Conduct Location-Specific Assessments of the Impacts of Climate Change and Variability on Aquatic Ecosystems and Water Quality. (For the purposes of this solicitation, "local" describes any entity that operates at a smaller spatial scale than the regional or national scale. Examples include states, tribes, U.S. territories, counties, municipalities, and watersheds.) In addition, universities and non-profit organizations may apply for assistance under this program if they will use EPA funds to provide support to state/tribal/other local government environmental protection agencies.

Specifically, funding recipients will assess the potential effects of climate change and variability on water quality (with respect to drinking water, wastewater treatment, surface water, and/or ground water) and/or the effects on aquatic ecosystems (streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, estuaries, and/or coral reefs). The purpose of these cooperative agreements is to build local capacity by providing physical resources (through cooperative agreement funding) and technical assistance necessary to conduct pilot assessment projects. These pilot projects will help groups that receive funds to develop the capacity to conduct additional assessments on their own, and will generate model methodologies and approaches that can be applied by other local authorities. Applicants are encouraged to develop cooperative