

System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) submitted a Large Generator Interconnection Agreement among the Electric Generation Function of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy, the Transmission Function of Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel and the Midwest ISO. Midwest ISO requests an effective date of January 11, 2005.

Midwest ISO states that a copy of this filing was served on the parties to this Interconnection Agreement.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. eastern time on February 8, 2005.

### 13. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C

[Docket No. ER05-462-000]

Take notice that on January 18, 2005, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM) submitted for filing amendments to the PJM open access transmission tariff to provide that small generation interconnections for generator facilities with a maximum generating capacity of 2 MW or less shall be subject to certain technical requirements and standards which shall be posited on PJM's Internet Web site. PJM requests an effective date of March 19, 2005.

PJM states that copies of this filing have been served on all PJM members and the utility regulatory commissions in the PJM region.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. eastern time on February 8, 2005.

### 14. H.Q. Energy Services (U.S.) Inc

[Docket No. ER05-464-000]

Take notice that, on January 18, 2005, H.Q. Energy Services (U.S.) Inc. (HQUS) submitted an updated market power analysis and revised tariff sheets incorporating the Market Behavior Rules adopted by the Commission in the order issued November 17, 2003 in Docket No. EL01-118-000, 107 FERC ¶ 61,018 (2004).

HQUS states that copies of the filing were served on parties on the official service list in Docket No. ER97-851.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. eastern time on February 8, 2005.

### 15. ISO New England Inc., et al.; Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, et al.; The Consumers of New England v. New England Power Pool

[Docket Nos. RT04-2-010; ER04-116-010; ER04-157-012; EL01-39-010]

Take notice that on January 14, 2005, ISO New England Inc., (ISO) and the New England transmission owners (consisting of Bangor Hydro-Electric Company; Central Maine Power Company; New England Power Company; Northeast Utilities Service Company on behalf of its operating

companies: The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Holyoke Power and Electric Company, and Holyoke Water Power Company; NSTAR Electric & Gas Corporation on behalf of its operating affiliates: Boston Edison Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, Canal Electric Company, and Cambridge Electric Light Company; The United Illuminating Company; Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc.; Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company; and Unifit Energy Systems, Inc.) submitted a report in compliance with the November 3, 2004 order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 109 FERC ¶ 61,147 (2004).

ISO states that copies of the filing have been served on all parties to this proceeding, on all NEPOOL Participants (electronically), non-Participant Transmission Customers, and the governors and regulatory agencies of the six New England states.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. eastern time on February 4, 2005.

### Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant and all parties to this proceeding.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC

Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

**Linda Mitry,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OAR-2004-0491, FRL-7865-9]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; General Conformity of Federal Actions to State Implementation Plans, EPA ICR Number 1637.06, OMB Control Number 2060-0279

**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 a proposed and continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. This ICR is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2005. 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 April 4, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number OAR-2004-0491, to EPA online using EDOCKET (our preferred method), by e-mail to [a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Air and Radiation Docket, 6102T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Annie Nikbakht, Ozone Policy and Strategies Group, Mail Drop C539-02, Environmental Protection Agency, 109 T.W. Alexander Drive, RTP, North Carolina 27711; telephone number: (919) 541-5246; fax number: (919) 541-0824; e-mail address: [nikbakht.annie@epa.gov](mailto:nikbakht.annie@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID number OAR-2004-0491, which is available for public viewing at the Air and Radiation Docket

in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Air and Radiation Docket is (202) 566-1742. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to obtain a copy of the draft collection of information, submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified above.

Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA within 60 days of this notice. EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EDOCKET as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EDOCKET. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket. Although identified as an item in the official docket, information claimed as CBI, or whose disclosure is otherwise restricted by statute, is not included in the official public docket, and will not be available for public viewing in EDOCKET. For further information about the electronic docket, see EPA's **Federal Register** notice describing the electronic docket at 67 FR 38102 (May 31, 2002), or go to <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>.

**Affected Entities:** Entities potentially affected by this action are those which take Federal actions, or are subject to Federal actions, and emit pollutants above *de minimis* levels.

**Title:** General Conformity of Federal Actions to State Implementation Plans.

**Abstract:** Before any agency, department, or instrumentality of the Federal government engages in, supports in any way, provides financial assistance for, licenses, permits, approves any activity, that agency has the affirmative responsibility to ensure that such action conforms to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the

attainment and maintenance of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). 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 in 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9. Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*) requires that all Federal Actions conform with the SIPs to attain and maintain the NAAQS. The EPA's implementing regulations require Federal entities to make a conformity determination for all actions which will impact areas designated as nonattainment or maintenance for the NAAQS and which will result in total direct and indirect emissions in excess of *de minimis* levels. The Federal entities must collect information themselves, hire consultants to collect the information or require applicants/sponsors of the Federal action to provide the information.

The type and quantity of information required will depend on the circumstances surrounding the action. First, the entity must make an applicability determination. If the net total direct and indirect emissions do not exceed *de minimis* levels established in the regulations or if the action meets certain criteria for an exemption, a conformity determination is not required. Actions requiring conformity determinations vary from straightforward, requiring minimal information to complex, requiring significant amounts of information. The Federal entity must determine the type and quantity of information on a case-by-case basis. State and local air pollution control agencies are usually requested to provide information to the Federal entities making a conformity determination and are provided opportunities to comment on the proposed determinations. The public is also provided an opportunity to comment on the proposed determinations.

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:** The estimated total annual projected burden to respondents of Federal Agencies is 64,174 hours, with a cost of \$2,327,690. The estimated total annual projected burden to non-Federal agency respondents is 9,000 hours and \$538,829. The estimated total annual projected burden for the EPA is 5,355 hours and \$264,480. The estimated total annual projected burden for States and local agencies is 1,246 hours and \$61,579. The total annual burden is estimated to be 79,775 hours and \$3,192,578. For the 3 years covered by this ICR, the total burden is estimated to be 239,324 hours and \$9,577,734. 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: January 25, 2005.

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