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*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on February 19, 2010.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10-47-000]

#### CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Prior Notice of Activity Under Blanket Certificate

February 3, 2010.

On January 26, 2010 CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CEGT) filed a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208 and 157.210 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations under the Natural Gas Act, and CEGT's certificate issued September 1, 1982, as amended February 10, 1983, in Docket Nos. CP82-384-000 and CP82-384-001. CEGT requests authorization to construct a new compressor station near the town of Alto in Richland Parish, Louisiana, all as more fully described in the application that is available for public inspection.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Michelle Willis, Manager, Regulatory & Compliance, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, P.O. Box 21734, Shreveport, Louisiana 71151, or by calling (318) 429-3708.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request

shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

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 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, on or before the comment date. It is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of comments, 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 intervention or protest 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.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R04-OAR-2010-0019; FRL-9114-2]

#### Adequacy Status of the North Carolina Portion of the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill Bi-State Area Reasonable Further Progress Plan 8-Hour Ozone Sub-Area Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets for Transportation Conformity Purposes

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Adequacy.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is notifying the public that it has found that the sub-area motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) for the North Carolina portion of the

Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill bi-state area (hereafter referred to as the Charlotte bi-state area) in the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) plan, submitted on November 30, 2009, by the North Carolina Department of Air Quality (NC DAQ), are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. The bi-state Charlotte moderate 1997 8-hour ozone area is comprised of Charlotte-Gastonia in North Carolina; and Rock Hill (a portion of York County), South Carolina. The North Carolina portion of the Charlotte bi-state area is comprised of the following sub-areas or counties: Cabarrus, Gaston, partial of Iredell (Davidson and Coddle Creek Townships), Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, and Union. North Carolina's RFP plan includes the required MVEBs for volatile organic compounds (VOC), and voluntary MVEBs for nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>). This action relates only to the North Carolina portion of the Charlotte bi-state area. EPA is considering South Carolina's RFP for the applicable portion of York County in a separate action. As a result of EPA's finding, which is being announced in this notice, the North Carolina portion of the Charlotte bi-state area must use the sub-area MVEBs for future conformity determinations for the 1997 8-hour ozone standard.

**DATES:** These sub-area MVEBs are effective March 8, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dianna Smith, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Ms. Smith can also be reached by telephone at (404) 562-9207, or via electronic mail at [smith.dianna@epa.gov](mailto:smith.dianna@epa.gov). The finding is available at EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/currps.htm>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is simply an announcement of a finding that EPA has already made. EPA Region 4 sent a letter to NC DAQ on January 12, 2010, stating that the sub-area MVEBs identified for the North Carolina portion of the Charlotte bi-state area in the 1997 8-hour ozone RFP plan, submitted on November 30, 2009, are adequate and must be used for transportation conformity determinations in the North Carolina portion of the Charlotte bi-state area.

EPA posted the availability of the sub-area MVEBs contained in the North Carolina RFP plan on EPA's Web site on December 3, 2009, as part of the adequacy process, for the purpose of soliciting comments. EPA's adequacy comment period ran from December 3,

2009, through January 3, 2010. During EPA's adequacy comment period, no adverse comments were received on the MVEBs for North Carolina portion of the Charlotte bi-state area. Through this notice, EPA is informing the public that these sub-area MVEBs are adequate for transportation conformity. This finding has also been announced on EPA's conformity Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/pastsips.htm>. The adequate sub-area MVEBs are provided in the following table:

**CHARLOTTE (NORTH CAROLINA PORTION) 8-HOUR OZONE MVEBS**  
[kilograms/day]

County	VOC	NO <sub>x</sub>
<b>2008 Sub-Area MVEBS</b>		
Cabarrus .....	6,941	7,324
Gaston .....	5,132	7,647
Iredell* .....	3,601	5,637
Lincoln .....	2,726	2,948
Mecklenburg .....	26,368	34,526
Rowan .....	6,149	7,193
Union .....	6,299	5,660

\*Iredell County MVEB for nonattainment area only.

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act. EPA's conformity rule, 40 CFR Part 93, requires that transportation plans, programs and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do so. Conformity to a state implementation plan (SIP) means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which EPA determines whether a SIP's MVEBs are adequate for transportation conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). EPA has also described the process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in a July 1, 2004, final rulemaking entitled, "Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments for the New 8-hour Ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standards and Miscellaneous Revisions for Existing Areas; Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Response to Court Decision and Additional Rule Changes" (69 FR 40004). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA's completeness review, and it should not be used to prejudice EPA's ultimate approval of the RFP plan for the North Carolina portion of the Charlotte bi-state area. Even if EPA finds a budget

adequate, the RFP plan submittal could later be disapproved.

Within 24 months from the effective date of this notice, the transportation partners will need to demonstrate conformity to the new MVEBs, if the demonstration has not already been made, pursuant to 40 CFR 93.104(e). See, 73 FR 4419 (January 24, 2008).

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: February 3, 2010.

**A. Stanley Meiburg,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OW-2003-0064, FRL-9113-9; EPA ICR 1287.10, OMB Control Number 2040-0101]

**Agency Information Collection Activity; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Information Collection Request for Application for Sustainable Water Leadership Program**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a request to update an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). 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 20, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number EPA-HQ-OW-2003-0064, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* [ow-docket@epa.gov](mailto:ow-docket@epa.gov) (Identify Docket ID number EPA-HQ-OW-2003-0064, in the subject line)
- *Mail:* Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 4203M, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. Please include a total of three copies.

- *Hand Delivery:* EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of

operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

**Instructions:** Direct your comments identified by the Docket ID number EPA-HQ-OW-2003-0064. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov>, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gregory Gwaltney, Municipal Support Division, Office of Wastewater Management, OWM Mail Code: 4204M, Environmental Protection Agency, Room 7111—EPA East, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-2340; e-mail address: [gwaltney.gregory@epa.gov](mailto:gwaltney.gregory@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**How Can I Access the Docket and/or Submit Comments?**

EPA has established a public docket for the ICR identified in this document (ID number EPA-HQ-OW-2003-0064), which is available for online viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or in person viewing at the Water Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West,