

ADDRESSES: All concept information should be forwarded to Argonne National Laboratory by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail or any commercial mail delivery service, or hand carried by the applicant to: Roald Wiegand, "Small Modular Reactor Study," Argonne National Laboratory, 9700 South Cass Avenue, Building 208, Argonne, Illinois 60439-4842. Individuals who wish to submit concept information electronically should forward their information to smr@anl.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Chuck Wade, Nuclear Industry Analysis, NE-80, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, U.S. Department of Energy, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, (301) 903-1031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy is interested in receiving information on small modular nuclear power unit concepts that should be considered in a study to determine the feasibility of this technology. Concepts that will be considered in this study must generally meet the following criteria: inherent safety, relative cost effectiveness, intrinsic design features which would deter sabotage or efforts to divert nuclear materials; and infrequent refueling. These design concepts may be entirely, or almost entirely, factory fabricated for transport to remote communities such as islands and should be no larger than 50 megawatts-electric (MWe). All information in response to this request should include detailed plans in the following areas:

Licensing Prospects

Concept participants must identify any unique regulatory issues associated with siting and licensing small modular power units. The information on issues identified should include suggested modifications to existing Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, potential licensing barriers to be resolved, basis for safety analysis requirements, the need for reactor containment, and methods for implementing risk-based analysis techniques. These regulatory initiatives should be limited to reactor concepts that are useful in remote areas.

Concept Technology

Technical information should include an overall description of the concept and detailed information about major elements of the concept, including dimensions and capacity. Information on reactor fuel, fuel characteristics, fuel fabrication experience and irradiation history for the particular fuel type is desirable. Any novel features of the

reactor concept, either for the reactor core or other components of the system, should be clearly identified, especially those related to safety and non-proliferation. Any relationship or similarity to other existing or planned reactors should also be stated. Features of the concept that would facilitate both factory fabrication and the ability to transport units to more remote areas should also be identified.

Economic Viability

The elements of cost and performance parameters that are desired for this study are: capital; operation and maintenance; fuel; decommissioning costs; thermal power; thermal efficiency; projected capacity factor; construction time; and financial parameters. Since design concept may still be in a preliminary stage, the Department would like for concept designers to submit any available information regarding the projected cost and performance values.

Each proposed design concept participant should address the issues mentioned above in as much detail as possible to enable fair and accurate statements regarding its prospects for future deployment. The Department recognizes that some of the information requested may not be readily available and will accept whatever information is available. Please note that proprietary information received in response to this notice will be kept confidential.

The report resulting from this study will not make any recommendation regarding a particular concept technology, but only assess the practicality of deploying small modular nuclear power units in remote locations within the U.S.

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John M. Stamos,

Acting Associate Director for Nuclear Industry Analysis, NE-80, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The EIA has submitted the energy information collections listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and a three-year extension under section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before March 29, 2001. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within that period, you should contact the OMB Desk Officer for DOE listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the OMB Desk Officer for DOE, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503. The OMB DOE Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-7318. (A copy of your comments should also be provided to EIA's Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Grace Sutherland, Statistics and Methods Group (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0670. Ms. Sutherland may be contacted by telephone at (202) 287-1712, FAX at (202) 287-1705, or e-mail at Grace.Sutherland@eia.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This section contains the following information about the energy information collection submitted to OMB for review: (1) The collection numbers and title; (2) the sponsor (*i.e.*, the Department of Energy component); (3) the current OMB docket number (if applicable); (4) the type of request (*i.e.*, new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); (5) response obligation (*i.e.*, mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (6) a description of the need for and proposed use of the information; (7) a categorical description of the likely respondents; and (8) an estimate of the total annual reporting burden (*i.e.*, the estimated number of likely respondents times the proposed frequency of response per year times the average hours per response).

1. Forms EIA-886, "Annual Survey of Alternative Fueled Vehicle Suppliers and Users."

2. Energy Information Administration.

3. OMB Number 1905-0191.

4. Three-year extension with revisions of a currently approved collection.

5. Mandatory.

6. EIA's "Annual Survey of Alternative Fueled Vehicle Suppliers

and Users" collects basic data necessary to meet EIA's legislative mandates as well as the needs of EIA's public and private customers. Data collected include the number and type of Alternative Fueled Vehicles (AFVs) that vehicle suppliers made available in the previous calendar year and plan to make available in the following calendar year; the number, type and geographic distribution of AFVs in use in the previous calendar year; and the amount and distribution of each type of Alternative Transportation Fuel (ATF) consumed in the previous calendar year. The data are used for analyses and publications.

7. Federal, State and Local governments; fuel providers; Original Equipment Manufacturers; and Conversion facilities.

8. 10,323 hours (2,491 respondents \times 1 response(s) per year \times 4.1 hours per response).

Authority: Section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13)(44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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Jay H. Casselberry,

Agency Clearance Officer, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-88-000]

Bear Creek Storage Company; Notice of Application

February 21, 2001.

Take notice that on February 13, 2001, Bear Creek Storage Company (Bear Creek), P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP01-88-000 pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to expand the boundary of its Bear Creek Storage Field in Bienville Parish, Louisiana, all as more fully set forth in the application which is open to the public for inspection. This application may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Bear Creek proposes to acquire an additional 1,146 acres of land adjacent to the Bear Creek Storage Field at an estimated price of \$1,400,000. Bear Creek states that its acquisition of the additional acreage will not increase the

storage capacity or the deliverability of the Bear Creek Storage Field, but would enable Bear Creek to acquire storage and mineral rights within the expanded boundary to protect the integrity of its certificated facility and the interstate natural gas stored therein. Bear Creek also states that it would purchase the additional acreage with funds on hand or with cash from operations.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before March 14, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules. Any questions regarding the application should be directed to John C. Griffin, Assistant Secretary, Bear Creek Storage Company, P.O. Box 2563, Birmingham, Alabama 35202, telephone (205) 325-7133.

Comments and protests 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>.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by everyone of the intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to

serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order at a federal court.

The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the NGA and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that the proposal is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Bear Creek to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) General Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) will hold a 2-day meeting, beginning on March 8, 2001, and ending on March 9, 2001. This notice announces the location and times for the meeting and sets forth the tentative agenda topics.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 8, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 9, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel - Crystal City (near the airport), 1300 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.