

Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350. The Applicants have requested that the filing become effective at the earliest possible date, but no later than June 18, 2003. *Comment Date:* June 3, 2003.

2. TPS GP, Inc., TPS LP, Inc., Panda GS V, LLC, and Panda GS VI, LLC

[Docket No. EC03-90-000]

Take notice that on May 13, 2003, TPS GP, Inc., TPS LP, Inc., Panda GS V, LLC and Panda GS VI, LLC (collectively, Applicants) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application pursuant to section 203 of the Federal Power Act for authorization of a disposition of jurisdictional facilities for Panda GS V, LLC to divest, and for TPS GP, Inc. to acquire, all of Panda GS V, LLC's interest in TECO-PANDA Generating Company, LP (TPGC) and for Panda GS VI, LLC to divest, and for TPS LP, Inc. to acquire, all of Panda GS VI, LLC's interest in TPGC. Applicants state that TPGC, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, owns Panda Gila River, L.P., owner and operator of a 2,350 MW natural gas-fired, combined-cycle merchant power plant located in Maricopa County, Arizona; Union Power Partners, L.P., owner and operator of a 2,220 MW natural gas-fired, combined-cycle merchant power plant located in Union County, Arkansas; and Trans-Union Interstate Pipeline, L.P., owner and operator of a 42-mile open access natural gas pipeline extending from Louisiana to Arkansas. *Comment Date:* June 3, 2003.

3. New England Power Pool

[Docket No. ER03-563-005]

Take notice that on May 14, 2003, the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) Participants Committee submitted a filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) that reflects the escrow arrangements entered into between NEPOOL, ISO New England Inc. and each of Devon Power LLC, Middletown Power LLC, Montville Power LLC, and Norwalk Power LLC (collectively, NRG) to assure that the funds collected from NEPOOL Participants for the maintenance of NRG's generating facilities by ISO New England Inc. as NEPOOL's billing agent on and after April 21, 2003, are used solely for that purpose, in accordance with the Commission's order in *Devon Power LLC et. al.*, 102 FERC ¶ 61,314 (2003).

The Participants Committee states that copies of this filing were sent to the NEPOOL Participants and the New England state governors and regulatory

commissions. *Comment Date:* June 4, 2003.

4. Empire District Electric Company

[Docket No. ER03-626-001]

Take notice that on May 14, 2003, the Empire District Electric Company (Empire) submitted a revised version of its Empire Wholesale Electric Service Schedule W-1 (Schedule W-1) in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's April 25, 2003 Order in the proceeding.

Empire states that copies of this filing were served on all customers under Schedule W-1 and on all affected state commissions. *Comment Date:* June 4, 2003

5. Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC

[Docket No. ER03-692-001]

Take notice that on May 13, 2003, Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (METC) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a revised version of the Interconnection Facilities Agreement between METC and the City of Hart (Interconnection Agreement and Hart, respectively). METC states that a previous version of this agreement was filed with the Commission on April 1, 2003. METC requests an effective date of March 13, 2003 for the Interconnection Agreement.

METC states that copies of this filing were served on Hart and all parties included on the Commission's official service list established in this proceeding. *Comment Date:* June 3, 2003.

6. American Transmission Company LLC

[Docket No. ER03-847-000]

Take notice that on May 14, 2003, American Transmission Company LLC (ATCLLC) tendered for filing a Distribution-Transmission Interconnection Agreement between ATCLLC and The City of Elkhorn. ATCLLC requests an effective date of April 14, 2003. *Comment Date:* June 4, 2003.

Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, 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 motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659. 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7503-3]

Proposed Settlement Agreement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed consent order; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7413(g), notice is hereby given of a proposed consent order in *American Lung Association v. Whitman*, No. 1:03CV00778 (D.D.C. 2003).

This case concerns a challenge, pursuant to section 304 (a) (2) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 6704 (a) (2)), to EPA's failure to perform the mandatory duty of completing reviews of the air quality criteria and national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter and for ozone, making any appropriate revisions in such criteria and standards, and proposing such new standards or revisions of standards as may be appropriate with the Act's mandate to protect public health and welfare. These duties arise under section 109(d) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 7409(d)).

The proposed consent order is between EPA and the following parties:

American Lung Association, Environmental Defense Fund, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sierra Club, Alabama Environmental Council, Clean Air Council, Michigan Environmental Council, Ohio Environmental Council, and Southern Alliance for Clean Air. The proposed consent order provides that with respect to particulate matter:

- EPA will issue a Criteria Document for particulate matter no later than December 19, 2003;

- EPA will sign for publication a notice of proposed rulemaking concerning its review of the NAAQS for particulate matter no later than March 31, 2005; and

- EPA will sign for publication a notice of final rulemaking concerning its review of the NAAQS for particulate matter no later than December 20, 2005.

The proposed order provides that with respect to ozone:

- EPA will issue a Criteria Document for ozone no later than December 20, 2004;

- EPA will sign for publication a notice of proposed rulemaking concerning its review of the NAAQS for ozone no later than March 31, 2006; and

- EPA will sign for publication a notice of final rulemaking concerning its review of the NAAQS for ozone no later than December 20, 2006.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, EPA will receive written comments relating to the settlement from persons who were not named as parties to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed settlement if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act.

Copies of the consent order are available from Phyllis Cochran, (202) 564-5566. Written comments should be sent to Steven Silverman, Office of General Counsel (2366A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, and must be submitted on or before June 26, 2003.

Dated: May 19, 2003.

Lisa K. Friedman,

Associate General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7503-5]

Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of a final report.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Assessment Forum (RAF) announces the availability of a final report, *Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment* (EPA/630/P-02/001F, April 2002).

ADDRESSES: The document is available electronically through the Risk Assessment Forum's Web site (<http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/raf/recordisplay.cfm?deid=54944>). A limited number of paper copies will be available from the EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP), P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242; telephone: 1-800-490-9198 or 513-489-8190; facsimile: 513-489-8695. Please provide your name and mailing address and the title and EPA number of the requested publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Callahan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, Mail Code 6RA, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75202-2733; telephone: 214-665-2787; facsimile: 214-665-6648; e mail: callahan.michael@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Several reports, including the National Research Council's (NRC) 1994 report "Science and Judgment in Risk Assessment," have highlighted the importance of understanding the accumulation of risks from multiple environmental stressors. These reports, as well as legislation such as the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA), urged EPA to move beyond single chemical assessments and to focus, in part, on the cumulative effects of chemical exposures occurring simultaneously. In 1999, EPA's Risk Assessment Forum (Forum) began development of EPA-wide cumulative risk assessment guidance. The *Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment (Framework)* is the result of the efforts of a Forum Technical Panel.

The *Framework* is the first step in a long-term effort to develop Agency-wide cumulative risk assessment guidance. Building on EPA's growing experience with cumulative risk assessment, the *Framework* is intended to foster consistent approaches to cumulative risk assessment in EPA, identify key

issues, and define terms used in these assessments. The *Framework* identifies the basic elements of the cumulative risk assessment process and provides a flexible structure for conducting and evaluating cumulative risk assessment, and for addressing scientific issues related to cumulative risk. Although this *Framework* report will serve as a foundation for developing future guidance, it is neither a procedural guide nor a regulatory requirement within EPA, and it is expected to evolve with experience. The *Framework* is not an attempt to lay out protocols to address all the risks or considerations that are needed to adequately inform community decisions. Rather, it is an information document focused on describing various aspects of cumulative risk.

Earlier drafts of the document served as background pieces for peer consultations with State, and Federal, and other peer groups. An external peer review, open to the public, was held in June 2002. Draft documents were revised based on input received during the peer review process, and from public review and comment.

Dated: May 15, 2003.

Peter W. Preuss,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. AUC-03-53-C (Auction No. 53); DA 03-1544]

Auction of Multichannel Video Distribution and Data Service Licenses (Auction No. 53) Is Postponed

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces the postponement of Auction No. 53.

DATES: Auction No. 53 which was scheduled to begin on June 25, 2003 is postponed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Carter of the Auctions and Industry Analysis Division or Jennifer Burton of the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division at (202) 418-0660.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The auction of licenses in the Multichannel Video Distribution and Data Service ("MVDDS") (Auction No. 53), previously scheduled to begin on June 25, 2003, will be delayed pending