

After this initial marketing process is completed, and if there is still some remaining capacity available, Western will market such capacity under other transmission service categories, such as, nonfirm, or short-term.

f. **Term of Contracts:** Firm Transmission Service contracts will become effective on January 1, 1996, subject to the inservice date determined by Western, and will have a minimum term of 10 years, *provided*, that no contract will exceed a term of 40 years from the date of execution.

g. **Contract Provisions:** All contracts offered as a result of this marketing plan will incorporate Western's standard terms, conditions and provisions for transmission service contracts, including the latest version of the General Power Contract Provisions as may be updated for transmission service. A notice in the Federal Register will announce Western's final allocations under this marketing plan.

h. **Application Information:** Each application for firm transmission service must include:

1. Customer/Entity Name, address, and point of contact.
2. Selected Point of Receipt(s) and Point(s) of Delivery.
3. Amount of long term firm transmission service requested in megawatts (MW) for each Point.

4. Contract term requested.

Incomplete or late applications will be considered only after all other applications received which meet the requirements of this FRN have been evaluated.

i. **Evaluation Process:** The applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. The most effective use of capacity and resulting project repayment.
2. The amount of capacity requested bidirectionally on each segment.
3. The amount of capacity requested bidirectionally in a continuous path on more than one segment.
4. The amount of capacity requested unidirectionally on one or more segments.
5. The length of contractual term requested.

Determination Under Executive Order 12866

DOE has determined that this is not a significant regulatory action because it does not meet the criteria of Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735). Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; accordingly, no clearance of this notice by the Office of Management and Budget is required.

Environmental Evaluation

Western will comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; Council On Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and DOE NEPA regulations (10 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and DOE NEPA regulations (10 CFR Part 1021). Western has determined that this action is categorically excluded from the preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

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J. M. Shafer,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-51845; FRL-4993-9]

Certain Chemicals; Premanufacture Notices; Extension of Review Periods

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Due to the lack of authorized funding (i.e., a Fiscal Year 1996 Appropriations Bill or a Continuing Resolution), and the resultant furlough of the EPA employees, EPA is extending the review periods for all premanufacture notices (PMNs), submitted under section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA; 15 U.S.C. section 2604), received by EPA before December 16, 1995, and for which the review period has not yet expired as of the date of signature of this notice. This action is taken under the authority of TSCA sections 5(c) and 26(c).

DATES: The duration of this extension period will be equivalent to the duration of the current furlough, i.e., equivalent to the number of days between December 15, 1995, and the date on which the EPA furlough terminates and EPA operations resume.

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*Note: No one will be available at EPA to respond to inquiries until the furlough ends and EPA operations resume.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In anticipation of the then impending furlough, EPA arranged with the PMN submitters voluntary suspensions, pursuant to 40 CFR 720.75(b), of the PMN review periods for any PMNs submitted under TSCA section 5(a)(1) and 40 CFR part 720, received by EPA before December 16, 1995, and for which the review period had not yet expired. Effective December 16, 1995, due to the lack of authorized funding (i.e., a Fiscal Year 1996 Appropriations Bill or a Continuing Resolution), EPA employees have been furloughed and non-expected work operations at the Agency have ceased. No work has been performed on reviewing these PMNs since the furlough began. Due to the protracted duration of the current furlough, EPA is now extending for an additional period of time, pursuant to TSCA sections 5(c) and 26(c) and 40 CFR 720.75(c), the review periods of all PMNs received before December 16, 1995, and for which the review period has not yet expired as of the date of signature of this notice.

There is a possibility that the chemical substances submitted for review in these PMNs may be regulated by EPA under TSCA. The Agency requires an extension of the review periods to complete its risk assessment, to examine its regulatory options, and to prepare the necessary documents, should regulatory action be required. Therefore, EPA has determined that good cause exists to extend, under TSCA section 5(c), the review period for each such PMN.

The duration of this extension period will be equivalent to the duration of the current furlough, i.e., equivalent to the number of days between December 15, 1995, and the date on which the EPA furlough terminates and EPA operations resume. Under TSCA section 5(c), the total extensions of the review period for an individual PMN shall in no event exceed 90 days. Thus, if the extension described in this notice is for less than 90 days, EPA reserves the right to issue additional extensions under TSCA section 5(c) in the future for good cause up to a total of 90 days.

After the furlough ends and EPA operations resume, PMNs will be available for public inspection in Rm. NE-B607, at the EPA headquarters, address given above, from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.