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n. This notice also consists of the following standard paragraphs: A8, A10, B, C, and D2.

A8. Preliminary Permit—Public notice of the filing of the initial preliminary permit application, which has already been given, established the due date for filing competing preliminary permit applications or notices of intent. Any competing preliminary permit or development application or notice of intent to file a competing preliminary permit or development application must be filed in response to and in compliance with the public notice of the initial preliminary permit application. No competing applications or notices of intent to file competing applications may be filed in response to this notice. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30(b) and 4.36.

A10. Proposed Scope of Studies under Permit—A preliminary permit, if issued, does not authorize construction. The term of the proposed preliminary permit would be 36 months. The work proposed under the preliminary permit would include economic analysis, preparation of preliminary engineering plans, and study of environmental impacts. Based on the results of these studies, the Applicant would decide whether to proceed with the preparation of a development application to construct and operate the project.

B. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene—Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

C. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents—Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION", "COMPETING APPLICATION", "PROTESTS", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular

application to which the filing refers. Any of the above-name documents must be filed by providing the original and the number of copies provided by the Commission's regulations to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. An additional copy must be sent to Director, Division of Project Review, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, at the above-mentioned address. A copy of any notice of intent, competing application or motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

D2. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6327-8]

Agency Information Collection Activities

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 the following two continuing Information Collection Requests (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Before submitting the ICRs to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collections as described at the beginning of **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Office of Air and Radiation, Atmospheric Pollution Prevention Division, Mail Code: 6202-J, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460. A hard copy of an ICR may be obtained without charge by calling the identified information contact individual for each

ICR in Section B of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific information on the individual ICRs see Section B of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

For All ICRs

An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are displayed in 40 CFR part 9.

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;

(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 automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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.

A. List of ICRs Planned To Be Submitted

In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following two continuing Information Collection Requests (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB):

(1) *Title:* Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements under EPA's

Green Light Program, ICR #1614.01, OMB #2060-0255, expires April 30, 1999.

(2) *Title:* Information Collection Activities Associated with EPA's Energy Star Buildings Program, ICR #1772.01, OMB #2060-0347, expires April 30, 1999.

B. Contact Individuals for ICRs

(1) *Title:* Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements under EPA's Green Light Program; Contact: Denessa Moses at EPA, (202) 564-9789, FAX number (202) 565-2083; Internet address: moses.denessa@epa.gov. (OMB #2060-0255, ICR #1614.01, expires April 30, 1999.)

(2) *Title:* Information Collection Activities Associated with EPA's Energy Star Buildings Program; Contact: Denessa Moses at EPA, (202) 564-9789, FAX number (202) 565-2083; Internet address: moses.denessa@epa.gov. (OMB #2060-0347, ICR #1772.01, expires April 30, 1999.)

C. Individual ICRs

(1) *Title:* Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements under EPA's Green Light Program, ICR #1614.01, OMB #2060-0255, expires April 30, 1999.

Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are the participants in the EPA Green Lights Program.

Abstract: Green Lights is a voluntary EPA program that encourages corporations, state and local governments, colleges and universities, and other organizations to adopt energy efficient lighting as a profitable mean of preventing pollution and improving lighting quality. The program consists of three types of participants: partners, allies, and endorsers. Green Lights partners agree survey and upgrade lighting fixtures, if profitable. Allies work with EPA to increase awareness of energy-efficient lighting and provide information on products and services. Allies also agree to survey and upgrade their lighting. Endorsers agree to encourage their members to promote the Green Lights goal of using lighting in the most energy-efficient manner possible.

Partners and allies in the Green Lights program sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlines the responsibilities of both the Green Lights participant and EPA. The MOU commits a Green Lights participant to survey all of its U.S. facilities and consider a full set of lighting options that maximize energy savings while being profitable and not compromising lighting quality. The participants agrees to complete

lighting upgrades within five years of signing the MOU in 90% of the square footage of its facilities that meet these criteria. Upon completion of a lighting upgrade, partners and allies must complete and submit to EPA an implementation report that documents energy-efficient improvements and cost savings.

EPA needs to collect information to evaluate a participant's progress and performance, and overall program results including energy savings and pollution prevented. The information provided also allows EPA to identify the fixture types, lighting controls, maintenance methods, and implementation methods most commonly utilized, and to provide technical and other assistance to participants in completing their planned upgrades. By agreeing to participate in the Green Lights program, the participant agrees to complete and submit this information upon completion of a project. However, because Green Lights is a voluntary program, responses to the collection of this information are voluntary.

Burden Statement: The estimated annual burden to the respondent for this collection of information will vary, depending upon the type of participant and the length of time the respondent has participated in the program. With this in mind, it is estimated that the annual burden for respondents is approximately 107,997 hours with an annual cost of approximately \$5,977,935. The average annual respondent burden is estimated at approximately 40 hours and the average number of participants is approximately 2,700. The frequency of response is estimated to be once per year.

(2) *Title:* Information Collection Activities Associated with EPA's Energy Star Buildings Program, ICR #1772.01, OMB #2060-0347, expires April 30, 1999.

Affected Entities: Entities affected by this action will be those that agree to participate in EPA's Energy Star Buildings Program, which is a voluntary program for increasing the energy efficiency of existing commercial and industrial buildings.

Abstract: EPA's Energy Star Buildings Program is a voluntary, non-regulatory program for increasing the energy efficiency of existing commercial and industrial buildings. The program encourages corporations, state and local governments, and other organizations to participate in a partnership with EPA to make cost-effective energy-efficiency improvements in their buildings. In return, EPA provides technical support to help program participants apply

proven technologies to achieve maximum efficiency at the lowest cost. EPA also publicly recognizes participants for their efforts and publicizes participant achievements. The overall goal of the program is to reduce utility-generated emissions by reducing the energy consumed in commercial and industrial buildings.

Participation in the program is initiated by completing and signing an Energy Star Buildings Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU outlines the responsibilities of the participant and EPA, and is used to establish participation in the program and agreement to the terms of participation. Through the MOU, EPA obtains general information on the new participant such as contact information for the energy director and communications director and building information including the size and type of building.

As a condition of program participation, partners agree to complete and submit to EPA an annual facility report on each building undergoing energy efficiency improvements. On the annual reports, partners provide information such as stage of project completion, project cost, historical and current energy use and cost data, and ancillary information such as building name, location, and size. EPA reviews the annual facility reports to track project implementation efforts and to obtain data on the costs and benefits of the energy efficiency improvements being made. This information is used to calculate the amount of utility-generated emissions prevented, evaluate program effectiveness, and publicize partner achievements and program results. By agreeing to participate in the Energy Star Buildings Program, the participant agrees to complete and submit this information annually. However, because Energy Star Buildings is a voluntary program, responses to the collection of this information are voluntary.

EPA will also collect additional, project-specific technical information from some partners concerning the energy-efficiency improvements made. This collection will include information such as building age and construction, utility and fuel rates, financial and economic criteria used to evaluate and select investment opportunities, types and sources of project financing, project and equipment costs and rates of return, and technical details concerning the building's lighting, heating, ventilating, and air conditioning equipment and systems. EPA will use this information to evaluate and refine its technical strategies and implementation support tools.

Burden Statement: EPA estimates an average annual respondent burden of 4,362 hours for the information collection activities associated with the Energy Star Buildings program. The total burden is comprised of the following information collections:

(i) MOU: EPA estimates that, on average, 191 new partners will join the Energy Star Buildings program each year by completing and submitting an MOU. The total annual respondent burden for the MOU is 1,385 hours, or 7.25 hours per MOU. The frequency of collection will be one time per respondent.

(ii) Annual Facility Report: EPA estimates that, on average, a total of 565 annual facility reports will be submitted by 353 partners (respondents) each year, for a total annual respondent burden of 2,697 hours. This equates to 1.6 annual facility reports per partner, or 4.8 hours per report.

(iii) Additional Technical Information: EPA estimates that, on average, 35 partners (respondents) each year will submit additional technical information on their actual upgrade projects. The burden for this information collection is 280 hours, or 8 hours per response. The frequency of collection is annually.

These estimates include 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: April 13, 1999.

Jean Lupinacci,

Chief, Energy Star Commercial and Industrial Buildings Customer Support Branch.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6328-2]

Retrofit/Rebuild Requirements for 1993 and Earlier Model Year Urban Buses; Public Review of a Notification of Intent To Certify Equipment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Agency receipt of a notification of intent to certify urban bus retrofit/rebuild equipment and initiation of 45-day public review and comment period.

SUMMARY: Turbodyne Systems, Inc. (Turbodyne) has submitted to the Agency a notification of intent to certify urban bus retrofit/rebuild equipment to a 0.10 gram per brake-horsepower-hr(g/bhp-hr) particulate matter(PM) standard pursuant to 40 CFR part 85, subpart O. The equipment, referred to by Turbodyne consists of the base engine components used on the 25% reduction retrofit/rebuild kit certified by DDC (October 2, 1995), components from the 25% retrofit catalyst kit previously certified under the program by Engine Control Systems, Ltd. (January 6, 1997), and a TurboPac supercharger system supplied by Turbodyne which supplies additional charge air during engine acceleration. The candidate kit is applicable to all 6V-92TA MUI engine models made by DDC for model years 1979 to 1989 and equipped with mechanical unit injectors (MUI). In a letter dated September 28, 1998 Turbodyne has stated that there are no differences between the Turbodyne kit and the kit which was certified for the Detroit Diesel Corporation to meet the 0.10 g/bhp-hr PM standard under the Urban Bus Retrofit/Rebuild program on April 6, 1998 and notification published in the **Federal Register** on May 14, 1998 (63 FR 26798). Turbodyne intends this equipment to be certified to the PM level of 0.10 g/bhp-hr. If the Agency certifies that this equipment complies with the 0.10 g/bhp-hr level, then operators with affected engines will have the choice of using this equipment or other equipment that is already required for use and certified to the 0.10 g/bhp-hr standard.

Pursuant to section 85.1407(a)(7), today's **Federal Register** document summarizes the notification, announces that the notification is available for public review and comment, and initiates a 45-day period during which comments can be submitted. The Agency will review this notification of intent to certify, as well as any comments it receives, to determine whether the equipment described in the notification of intent to certify should be certified. If certified, the equipment can be used by urban bus operators to reduce the particulate matter of urban bus engines.

The notification of intent to certify, as well as other materials specifically relevant to it, are contained in Category XXIII-A of Public Docket A-93-42, entitled "Certification of Urban Bus Retrofit/Rebuild Equipment." This

docket is located at the address listed below.

Today's document initiates a 45-day period during which the Agency will accept written comments relevant to whether or not the equipment included in this notification of intent to certify should be certified. Comments should be provided in writing to the addresses below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit separate copies of comments to each of the two following addresses:

1. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Public Air Docket A-93-42 (Category XXIII-A), Room M-1500, 401 M Street S.W., Washington, DC 20460.

2. Anthony Erb, Engine Compliance Programs Group, Engine Programs and Compliance Division (6403J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 "M" Street S.W., Washington, DC 20460.

The DDC notification of intent to certify, as well as other materials specifically relevant to it, are contained in the public docket indicated above. Docket items may be inspected from 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. As provided in 40 CFR part 2, a reasonable fee may be charged by the Agency for copying docket materials.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Erb, Engine Programs and Compliance Division (6403J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Telephone: (202) 564-9259.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On April 21, 1993, the Agency published final Retrofit/Rebuild Requirements for 1993 and Earlier Model Year Urban Buses (58 FR 21359). The retrofit/rebuild program is intended to reduce the ambient levels of particulate matter in urban areas and is limited to 1993 and earlier model year (MY) urban buses operating in metropolitan areas with 1980 populations of 750,000 or more, whose engines are rebuilt or replaced after January 1, 1995. Operators of the affected buses are required to choose between two compliance options: Option 1 establishes particulate matter emissions requirements for each urban bus engine in an operator's fleet which is rebuilt or replaced; Option 2 is a fleet averaging program that establishes a specific annual target level for average PM emissions from urban buses in an operator's fleet.