governmental approvals to show the project is on track) it will be given 10 working days to correct any deficiencies or lose its place in the queue (unless the Generator can reasonably demonstrate that extraordinary circumstances prevented it from meeting the deadlines). A Generator will also risk losing its queue position if material changes are made to the initial request (*e.g.*, substantially revising the size or configuration of the facility).

5. Deposits

Generators will be responsible for the costs of all required studies. Generators will be required to submit a $2,000 non-refundable deposit at the time it submits the initial interconnection request; a $10,000 non-refundable deposit and demonstration that it has applied for necessary permits before any feasibility studies commence; a $50,000 deposit if the Transmission Provider is asked to proceed with a System Impact Study (with any amount over the actual study costs refundable); and a $100,000 if the Transmission Provider is asked to proceed with a Facilities Study (with any amount over the actual study costs refundable).

6. Generator Siting

Transmission Providers will post on their web site what, in their view, are the optimal and non-optimal sites on their system for locating prospective generating facilities. Transmission Providers need to identify areas where, for example, due to load growth, siting would require minimal network upgrades. Also, the Transmission Provider should identify areas where, for example, due to transmission constraints, significant network upgrades would be required, and the expected delay before such upgrades will be made.

7. Project Time Lines

The time lines associated with the construction of both Generator's and Transmission Provider's interconnection facilities must be the same. At the Transmission Provider's option, System Impact Studies may be conducted in response to individual requests or, alternatively, all requests received may be studied jointly every six months (e.g., June 30th and December 31st) during the year. If the latter approach is taken, the study completion date would become 90 days after the joint study commencement date.

Review Interconnection Request and Acknowledgment: Within 5 business days.

Perform Initial Feasibility Study: Within 30 business days of receipt of acknowledgment of request.

System Impact Study Agreement Tendered to Generator: Within 15 days of completed study.

Executed System Impact Study Agreement: Within 15 business days of receipt of System Impact Study Agreement.

Completed System Impact Study: Within 60 days of receipt of Executed Agreement.[8]

Facilities Study Agreement Tendered to Generator: Within 30 days of completed System Impact Study.

Executed Facilities Study Agreement Filed: Within 15 days of receipt of Facilities Study Agreement.

Perform Facilities Study: Within 60 days of receipt of Executed Agreement.

Execute or Request Filing of Unexecuted Interconnection Agreement: Within 30 days of receipt of Facilities Study.

Attachment B— Pricing

1. Interconnection Facilities: Direct Assignment

Interconnection Facilities are defined as all facilities needed to establish the direct electrical interconnection between the Generator's facility and the Transmission Provider's network. The Generator is obligated to pay for 100 percent of the cost of all the interconnection facilities.

2. Network Facilities

Network Facilities are defined as all facilities from the point where the generator connects to the grid, including facilities necessary to remedy short-circuit and stability problems. As discussed further below, the costs of these facilities will be borne initially by the Generator and will be credited back to the generator that funded them (including the time value of money) through payments for transmission service.

3. Credits To Follow Transmission Service

In general, the Generator will be required to pay up front for any network upgrades that would not be needed ''but for'' the interconnecting customer. Generators will then be entitled to a credit, to be applied through future transmission rates, for any such costs that they are required to bear. The transmission rates through which this credit will be applied will include rates for all transmission service utilized by the Generator after the date of the interconnection. Such service will include not only new point to point service taken by the Generator from the location of its new facility, but also any other transmission service taken by that Generator from the Transmission Provider. In addition, the credit will be applied to the rates for any transmission service, including both point to point and network service, used by loads to deliver the output of the new facility to their location.

4. Time Value for Network Upgrade Costs

Generators will be entitled to receive interest on the outstanding balance of network upgrade costs that they are required to bear. Interest will be calculated annually consistent with 18 CFR 35.19a(a)(2) of the Commission's Regulations.

[8] Applies only if Transmission Provider elects to conduct studies on an individual basis.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[Dockets: OR 68–7283b, OR 37–2–6301b, and OR 37–1–6301b; FRL–7035–7]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; OR

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve most but not all of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of Oregon. This rulemaking proposes to approve most provisions of the Oregon Visibility State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted August 26, 1993, smoke management provisions submitted on August 26, 1993, revisions to the Oregon field burning program submitted July 3, 1997, and the amendments to the Smoke Management Plan for the Blue Mountains submitted September 27, 1995. We are proposing a combined action on these separate submissions because they address or are affected by the control of particulate matter from area sources, specifically smoke from field burning and smoke from forestry burning. These rules are also linked through the Oregon Visibility SIP, which seeks to control visibility degradation through field burning programs and smoke management programs.

EPA is proposing to take no action on the provision which changes the review

period from three to five years in the Visibility rules.

In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the Oregon SIP submittals as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated.

If the EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 3, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to, Steven K. Body, (OAQ–107), Office of Air Quality, at the EPA Regional Office listed below.

Copies of air quality data and other relevent information supporting this action are available for inspection during normal business hours at the following location: EPA, Office of Air Quality (OAQ–107), 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven K. Body, EPA, Office of Air Quality (OAQ–107), Seattle, Washington, (206) 553–0782.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the Direct Final rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 23, 2001.

Ronald A. Kreizenbeck,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 10.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[DC 050–2027b; FRL–7094–8]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Nitrogen Oxides Budget Trading Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the District of Columbia for the purpose of establishing a nitrogen oxides (NO_X) allowance trading program for large electric generating and industrial units, beginning in 2003. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the District's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by December 3, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Information Services Branch, Mailcode 3AP21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103; and District of Columbia Department of Public Health, Air Quality Division, 51 N Street, NE., Washington, DC 20002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cristina Fernandez, (215) 814–2178, at the EPA Region III address above, or by e-mail at *fernandez.cristina@epa.gov.* Please note any comments on this rule must be submitted, in writing, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 21, 2001, the Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Health submitted a revision to its SIP to address the requirements of the NO_X SIP Call Phase I. The revision consists of the adoption of Chapter 10—Nitrogen Oxides Budget Trading Program. For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action, with the same title, that is located in the ''Rules and Regulations'' section of this **Federal Register** publication.

Dated: October 24, 2001.

Donald S. Welsh,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 70

[PA–T5–AC2001b; FRL–7093–2]

Clean Air Act Full Approval of Operating Permit Program; Allegheny County; PA

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve a partial operating permit program for Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. This program will allow the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD), located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to issue federally enforceable operating permits to all major stationary sources and certain other affected minor sources in its jurisdiction. The ACHD's operating permits program was submitted to EPA by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on behalf of Allegheny County. By this same rulemaking, EPA is also withdrawing its previously published notice of proposed rulemaking dated December 6, 1999. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is fully approving the partial operating permit program for Allegheny County, Pennsylvania as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by December 3, 2001.