

CFR 1500–1508), and DOE NEPA implementing regulations (10 CFR 1021), Western completed an environmental impact statement (EIS) on its Energy Planning and Management Program. The Record of Decision was published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 53181, October 12, 1995).

Western also completed the 2004 Power Marketing Program EIS (2004 EIS), and the Record of Decision was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 22934, April 28, 1997). The Marketing Plan falls within the range of alternatives considered in the 2004 EIS. This NEPA review identified and analyzed environmental effects related to the Marketing Plan. Available reservoir storage and water releases controlled by Reclamation influences marketable CVP and Washoe project electrical capacity and energy. Reclamation completed a programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) under the CVP Improvement Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102–575, Title 34) on October 1999. Actions based on the PEIS may result in modifications to CVP facilities and operations that would affect the timing and quantity of electric power generated by the CVP. Such changes may affect electric power products and services marketed by SNR. The Marketing Plan has the flexibility to accommodate these changes. Western was a cooperating agency in Reclamation's PEIS process.

Determination Under Executive Order 12866

Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866. No clearance of this notice by the Office of Management and Budget is required.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

Western has determined that this rule is exempt from congressional notification requirements under 5 U.S.C. 801 because the action is a rulemaking of particular applicability relating to services and involves matters of procedure.

Dated: November 21, 2003.

Michael S. HacsKaylo,
Administrator.

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

National Environmental Policy Act Task Force; Meeting

AGENCY: Council on Environmental Quality.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) established a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Task Force to review the current NEPA implementing practices and procedures in the following areas: Technology and information management; federal and intergovernmental collaboration; programmatic analyses and subsequent tiered documents; and adaptive management and monitoring. In addition, the NEPA Task Force reviewed other NEPA implementation issues such as the level of detail included in agencies' procedures and documentation for promulgating categorical exclusions; the structure and documentation of environmental assessments; and other implementation practices that would benefit federal agencies.

"The Task Force Report to the Council on Environmental Quality—Modernizing NEPA Implementation" was published and presented to CEQ on September 24, 2003. The Report contains recommendations designed to improve federal agency decision making by modernizing the NEPA process. To further the work of the NEPA Task Force, CEQ is holding a series of regional public roundtables to raise public awareness of the NEPA Task Force draft recommendations and discuss the recommendations and their implementation. The Southern Regional Roundtable will be held on December 11 and 12 at the historic Cadre Building, 149 Monroe Ave, Memphis, Tennessee. Information about the location is at <http://www.cadrebuilding.com/>. The Memphis Roundtable is co-hosted by the Southern Environmental Law Center, Duke Environmental Leadership Program at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences, and The Environmental Policy Information Center at Jacksonville State University. Representatives from important constituent groups that have worked on NEPA issues have been invited to participate in a discussion of the recommendations. Announcements of future roundtables will be published on the NEPA Task Force web site and in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: The southern regional public roundtable will be held on December 11

and 12. The December 11 session will begin at 9 a.m. and interested members of the public will have an opportunity to present their views at 3:30 p.m. following the roundtable discussion. That session will end in the evening after the public's views have been presented. The session on December 12 will begin at 9 a.m. and interested members of the public will have an opportunity to present their views at 11 a.m. following the roundtable discussion.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties can review the Task Force report via the CEQ Web site at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/ceq/> or the NEPA Task Force Web site at <http://www.ceq.eh.doe.gov/nft/>. If you would like a printed copy, please mail a request to The NEPA Task Force, 722 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20585, or contact Bill Perhach at (202) 395–0826 to request a copy.

Dated: September 25, 2003.

James L. Connaughton,
Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection—new: The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Freedom to Compete" Award.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Commission announces its intent to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to approve a new information collection as described below.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before February 2, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to Frances M. Hart, Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 10th Floor, 1801 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507. As a convenience to commentators, the Executive Secretariat will accept comments transmitted by facsimile ("FAX") machine. The telephone number of the FAX receiver is (202)