

will allow state and local officials and educators to see, at one time, the full scope of their reporting (and corresponding data collection) responsibilities, and promote the Department's interest in (1) receiving essential information on how states have implemented their approved consolidated state plans and (2) promoting the Department's ability to provide assistance to states on how they may be able to use federal funds most effectively. In addition, the state consolidated performance report is intended as an initial step toward an optimal design to track indicators of program performance, including those the Department is required to develop under the Government Performance and Results Act. It is expected that reporting in future consolidated instruments will change as the U.S. Department of Education and the states develop their capacities to elicit and use accurate and reliable information for monitoring, reporting, and improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), I hereby certify that the renewal of the charter of the American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of Energy by law. This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, pursuant to section 101-6.1029, title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rachel M. Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice on a continuing basis to the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration (EIA), including:

1. Periodic reviews of the elements of EIA information collection and analysis programs and the provision of recommendations;
2. Advice on priorities of technical and methodological issues in the planning, operation, and review of EIA statistical programs;
3. Advice on matters concerning improved energy modeling and

forecasting tools, particularly regarding their functioning, relevancy, and results.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on September 30, 1998.

James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-98-F]

Application To Amend Electricity Export Authorization; Western Systems Power Pool

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Western Systems Power Pool ("WSPP") has filed an application on behalf of its members to amend its electricity export authorization issued September 5, 1996, in Order EA-98-C. The application requests that five new members of WSPP be authorized to export electricity to Canada. The application also reflects name changes for six WSPP members already authorized to export electricity.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before November 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-27), Office of Coal & Power, Office of Fossil Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. Sec. 824a(e)).

On September 5, 1996, in Docket EA-98-C, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized 42 members of the WSPP to export electric energy to Canada. On March 24, 1997, and again on May 5, 1997, FE amended the authorization issued to WSPP to add additional members. The facilities utilized for these exports are the international transmission facilities owned and operated by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), also a WSPP member. The facilities consist of two 500-kV transmission lines at Blaine,

Washington, and one 230-kV transmission line at Nelway, British Columbia, that interconnect with facilities of BC Hydro, and one 230-kV line, also at Nelway, connecting to West Kootenay Power, Limited. The construction and operation of these international transmission facilities was previously authorized by Presidential Permits PP-10, PP-46, and PP-36, respectively.

On September 11, 1998, WSPP submitted an application to amend the export authorization by adding five new member companies to the list of authorized electricity exporters. The new members are: Avista Energy, Inc. (Avista), El Paso Electric Company (El Paso), MIECO, Inc. (MIECO), Pacific Northwest Generating Cooperative (PNGC), and PP&L, Inc. In addition, the following companies currently authorized to export electric energy to Canada as part of the WSPP authorization have undergone changes in company name: (1) Citizens Power Sales, formerly Citizens Lehman Power Sales, (2) Engage Energy US, L.P., formerly Coastal Electric Service Company, (3) Koch Energy Trading, Inc., formerly Koch Power Services, Inc., (4) PanCanadian Energy Services Inc., formerly National Gas & Electric L.P., (5) Puget Sound Energy, Inc., formerly Puget Sound Power & Light Company, and (6) TransAlta Energy marketing (U.S.), Inc., formerly TransAlta Enterprises Corporation.

Procedural Matters

Any persons desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with Secs. 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies are to be filed directly with: Michael E. Small, Esq., Wright & Talisman, P.C., 1200 G Street, Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20005.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on September 30, 1998.

Anthony J. Como,

Manager, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[IC98-537-001 FERC-537]

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

September 30, 1998.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission did not receive any comments in response to an earlier notice issued July 15, 1998, 63 FR 39082, July 21, 1998.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before November 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at michael.millerferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-537 "Gas Pipeline Certificates: Construction, Acquisition, and Abandonment".
2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0060. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing requirements of this information collection. This information collection will be the subject of two proposed rules to be issued shortly by the Commission calling for the modification of these requirements. The Commission will provide separate submissions for each proposed rule for OMB review. This is a mandatory information collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (Pub. L. 75-688) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w) and the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA) (15 U.S.C. 3301-3432). Under the NGA, natural gas pipeline companies must obtain Commission authorization to undertake the construction or extension of any facilities or extension of any facilities, or to acquire or operate any such facilities or extensions in accordance with Section 7(c) of the NGA. A natural gas company must also obtain Commission approval under Section 7(b) of the NGA prior to abandoning any jurisdictional facility or service. Under the NGPA Interstate and intrastate pipelines must also obtain authorization for certain transportation arrangements.

The information collected is necessary to certificate interstate pipelines engaged in the transportation and sale of natural gas, and the construction, acquisition, and operation of facilities to be used for those activities, to authorize the abandonment of facilities and services and to authorize certain NGPA transportations. If a certificate is granted, the natural gas company can construct, acquire, or operate facilities plus engage in interstate transportation or sale of natural gas. Conversely, approval of an abandonment application permits the pipeline to cease service and discontinue the operation of such facilities. Authorization under NGPA Section 311(a) allows the interstate or intrastate pipeline applicants to render certain transportation services.

The data required to be submitted consists of identification of the company and responsible officials, factors considered in the location of the facilities and the impact on the area for environmental considerations. Also to be submitted are flow diagrams showing design capacity of engineering design verification and safety determination, and gas reserves data for appraisal of the feasibility of the project. Market data presenting the economic basis for the proposed action are included when appropriate as cost of proposed facilities, plans for refinancing, and estimated revenues and expenses related to the proposed facility for financial and accounting evaluation. The Commission implements these information collection requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 Sections 2.69; 157.5-11; 157.13-.21; 157.102-103; 157.106; 157.201-208; 157.210-218; 284.8-9; 284.11; 284.126; 284.221; 284.223-224; part 284, subpart H.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 50 respondents subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 146.160 total burden hours, 50 respondents, 11.6 responses annually, 252 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 146,160 hours ÷ 2,088 hours per x \$109,889 per year=\$7,692,230.

Statutory Authority: Sections 7(b) and (c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717-717w and Section 311(a) of the Natural Gas Policy Act (15 U.S.C. 3301-3432).

David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 2555-001, 2557-004, 2556-004, 2559-003]

Kennebec Water District, Central Maine Power Company, Maine; Notice of Technical Conference

September 30, 1998.

Take notice that on Wednesday, October 14, at 9:00 a.m., the Commission staff will convene a technical conference in the above captioned docket at the offices of Central Maine Power, 41 Anthony Avenue, Augusta, Maine. Any party, as defined in a 18 CFR 385.102(c) and any