DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that notice of this meeting be announced in the Federal Register.

DATES: Thursday, October 21, 2010, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (EDT).


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: The purpose of the Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee is to provide advice on development and implementation of programs related to onshore unconventional natural gas and other petroleum resources to the Secretary of Energy; and provide comments and recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy Annual Plan per requirements of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Title IX, Subtitle J, Section 999D.

Tentative Agenda:

October 13:

7:30 a.m. Registration.
8 a.m.–4:45 p.m. Welcome & Introductions, Opening Remarks, and Discussion of Subcommittee Reports, and Findings regarding Draft 2011 Annual Plan.
4:45 p.m. Public Comments.
5 p.m. Adjourn.

October 14:

7:30 a.m. Registration.
8 a.m.–12 p.m. Discussion of Recommendations regarding Draft 2011 Annual Plan.
12 p.m. Adjourn.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Designated Federal Officer and the Chairman of the Committee will lead the meeting for the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Elena Melchert at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least two business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the 5 minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room: 1G–033, Forrestal Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20585; between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Docket No. IC10–555–000]

Commission Information Collection
Activities (FERC–555); Comment
Request; Extension


AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission, Energy.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information
collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the
requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the
Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the
proposed information collection described below.

DATES: Comments in consideration of the
collection of information are due
November 22, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be filed
either electronically (eFiled) or in paper
format, and should refer to Docket No.
IC10–555–000. Documents must be
prepared in an acceptable filing format
and in compliance with Commission
submission guidelines at http://
www.ferc.gov/help/submission-
guide.asp. eFiling instructions are
available at: http://www.ferc.gov/docs-
filing/efiling.asp. First time users must
follow eRegister instructions at: http://
www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/
eregistration.asp, to establish a user
name and password before eFiling. The
Commission will send an automatic
acknowledgement to the sender’s e-mail
address upon receipt of eFiled
comments. Commenters making an
eFiling should not make a paper filing.
Commenters that are not able to file
electronically must send an original and
two (2) paper copies of their comments
to: Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission, Secretary of the
Commission, 888 First Street, NE.,
Washington, DC 20426.

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IC10–555. For user assistance, contact
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at: (866) 208–3676 (toll-free), or (202)
502–8659 for TTY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION Ellen Brown
may be reached by e-mail at
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(202) 502–8663, and fax at (202) 273–
0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
information collected under the
requirements of FERC–555, “Records
Retention Requirements” (OMB No.
1902–0098), is used by the Commission
to carry out its responsibilities in
implementing the statutory provisions of
sections 301, 304 and 309 of the
Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C.
825, 825c and 825h), sections 8, 10 and 16
of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C.
717–717w), and section 20 of the
Interstate Commerce Act (ICA, 49 U.S.C.
20).

The regulations for preservation of
records establish retention periods,
necessary guidelines, and requirements for
retention of applicable records for the
regulated public utilities, natural gas
and oil pipeline companies subject to
the Commission’s jurisdiction. These
records will be used by the regulated
companies as the basis for their required
rate filings and reports for the
Commission. In addition, the records
will be used by the Commission’s audit
staff during compliance reviews, by
enforcement staff during investigations,
and for special analyses as deemed
necessary by the Commission.

On January 8, 1999 the Commission
issued AI99–2–000, an Accounting
Issuance providing guidance on records
storage media. Specifically, FERC gave
each jurisdictional company the
flexibility to select its own storage
media. The storage media selected must
have a life expectancy equal to the
applicable record period unless the
quality of the data transferred from one
media to another with no loss of data
would exceed the record period.

On January 27, 2000, FERC issued a
final rule amending its records retention
regulations for public utilities and
licensees, and natural gas and oil
pipeline companies. These changes
included revising the general
instructions, and shortening various
records retention periods. The final
rule’s objective was to reduce or
eliminate burdensome and unnecessary
regulatory requirements.

It has been more than ten years since
the issuance of the final rule and the
accounting guidance, and, it is expected
that jurisdictional companies have
experienced more than sufficient time to
implement these provisions. No
additional changes have been made to
the record retention requirements
specified under FERC–555. The
Commission implements these filing
requirements in the Code of Federal
Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Parts
125, 225, and 356.

Action: The Commission is requesting
a three-year extension of the current
expiration date, with no changes to the
existing collection of data.

Burden Statement: In order to obtain a
more accurate burden figure,
Commission staff asked a small number
of FERC–555 respondents to estimate
the burden imposed by this data
collection. The results show that the
record retention requirements under
FERC–555 were underestimated in the
previous renewal of this information
collection. The following table portrays
the updated burden estimate based on
industry responses:

1The previous estimate reported average burden
hours per response and total burden hours as 2,402
and 1,237,030 respectively (for the 515
respondents). Further, the previous estimate
reported the average annual cost per respondent
and total annual cost as $141,045 and $72,638,045
respectively.

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