

time. A period of time will be reserved for individuals who choose to not register in advance. Participation in the hearing for unregistered participants will be subject to availability. Comments should be limited to five minutes per person or organization, but participants have the option of supplementing their testimony with written statements that will be part of the official hearing record. The Commission will have technology to facilitate PowerPoint presentations as needed.

Members of the public who would like to offer comments as part of the public hearing remotely may submit written comments to [AIMCommission@ed.gov](mailto:AIMCommission@ed.gov) or by mail to Advisory Commission on Accessible Instructional Materials in Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities, 550 12th St., SW., Room PCP-5113, Washington, DC 20202. All submissions will become part of the public record.

Members of the public also have the option of participating in the open meeting and public hearing remotely. Remote access will be provided via an Internet webinar service utilizing VoIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol). For the July 11th, 2011 portion of the meeting from 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., the URL is <https://aimpsc.ilinc.com/join/yvbmysr>. The login will be available to the public starting at 8 a.m. (Pacific). On July 12th, the URL will be <https://aimpsc.ilinc.com/join/bbmtzsh> for the Commission meeting from 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., and the login will be open to public at 8 a.m. (Pacific).

The URL for the public hearing portion of the meeting from 4 p.m.–9 p.m. will be <https://aimpsc.ilinc.com/join/yvbmjyr>. The login will open to public at 3:45 p.m. (Pacific). Login information is also provided via the Commission's public listserv at [psscpublic@lists.cast.org](mailto:psscpublic@lists.cast.org) and posted at the following site: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/aim/index.html>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Draft Competition Rules for a Global Appliance Efficiency Award for Televisions

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation of comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is working with partner governments within the Super-efficient Equipment and Appliance Deployment (SEAD) Initiative of the Clean Energy Ministerial to conduct an international competition to identify the most efficient televisions (TVs) available on the market. Ultimately, the international competition will allow consumers to differentiate and choose the most efficient product in their region within a given size category. Pursued alongside direct outreach to appliance and consumer electronics industry associations, this notice is intended to announce the publication of the first draft program rules for the 2012 SEAD Global Appliance Efficiency Award for Televisions and to offer an opportunity for interested parties to offer input on the proposed structure of the competition. Regional winners of the competition will gain the right to use the award logo and branding (currently under development) in their marketing, and the best of the regional winners will be named the global winner, recognized at the subsequent Clean Energy Ministerial meeting of energy ministers from major economies.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft competition rules must be submitted no later than July 8, 2011. Final versions of the SEAD Awards Terms and Conditions and the 2012 Television Awards Rules will be completed by the end of 2011. It is anticipated that product nominations will be accepted from February 1, 2012 to May 1, 2012. The SEAD Initiative plans to announce its first international award winners by October 1, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft program rules are posted for public download and review on the SEAD program Web site at: <http://www.superefficient.org/awards.php>. A comment form is available at: [\[www.superefficient.org/awards.php\]\(http://www.superefficient.org/awards.php\). Comments may also be submitted via email to \[awards@superefficient.org\]\(mailto:awards@superefficient.org\). Interested parties may subscribe to future Awards program updates at: <http://www.superefficient.org/awards.php#signup>.](http://</a></p>
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#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the television awards competition should be directed to: Mr. Stephen Pantano, SEAD Program Manager, Collaborative Labeling and Appliance Standards (CLASP), [spantano@clasponline.org](mailto:spantano@clasponline.org), or (202) 662-7440. (CLASP is the SEAD operating agent and will host the awards competition.) General questions about the awards program can be directed to: Mr. Arne Jacobson, Senior Advisor, DOE Office of Policy and International Affairs, at [arne.jacobson@hq.doe.gov](mailto:arne.jacobson@hq.doe.gov) or (202) 586-2402.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SEAD Initiative was launched in July 2010 as part of the Clean Energy Ministerial's Global Energy Efficiency Challenge (<http://www.cleanenergyministerial.org>). The Clean Energy Ministerial is a global forum for accelerating the transition to clean energy technologies. SEAD's purpose is to leverage high-level political dialogue to advance on-the-ground appliance and equipment efficiency efforts. SEAD activities are conducted by five working groups, covering standards and test procedures, awards, procurement, incentives, and cross-cutting technical analysis.

Fourteen SEAD member governments announced plans for an international awards competition for super-efficient appliances at the second Clean Energy Ministerial in April 2011. DOE leads the multilateral Working Group that is developing the SEAD Awards competition together with SEAD initiative counterparts from Australia, Canada, Japan, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. The Awards Working Group has selected televisions as the product for this first annual awards competition, since TVs contribute about 6–8 percent of global residential electricity consumption. Subsequent rounds of the awards competition will focus on other major energy-using appliances that are internationally traded and can be evaluated using established, internationally-recognized test methods. The awards competition will address product categories on a rotating basis, with a given product type being featured every few years.

The 2012 SEAD Global Appliance Efficiency Awards for Televisions will allow consumers to differentiate and choose the most efficient product in their markets within a given size

category. A total of 20 awards are planned: One per size category (small/medium/large) for commercially-available products in each of four locations<sup>1</sup> (Australia, Europe, India, and the United States); one international award per size category from among the winners of each region—a “best of the best” in each of the three size categories; and five “emerging technology” awards (one emerging technology award per market with no differentiation by size, and a fifth award for the “best of the best” of these models). Efficiency will be evaluated via internationally-recognized test methods,<sup>2</sup> and all potential winning products will be subject to verification testing to ensure the integrity of the awards.

*Requested Input:* The Awards Working Group is interested in comments and feedback from interested stakeholders on all aspects of the draft program rules. However, comments addressing the following issues would be particularly valuable:

- Proposed nomination period, testing, dispute resolution, and award timing, particularly with regard to typical product production cycles and marketing/promotional needs;
- Proposed emerging technology award requirements, including use of the proposed evaluation methodology for Automatic Brightness Control (ABC) at 10, 100, 150, and 300 lux from the forthcoming revision of the ENERGY STAR Televisions test method;<sup>3</sup> and
- Proposed size boundaries for small/medium/large product categorization.

More information on DOE's participation in the SEAD Initiative and the Clean Energy Ministerial can be found at: <http://www.cleanenergyministerial.org>.

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<sup>1</sup> Future rounds of the awards may include a broader set of locations.

<sup>2</sup> The test procedures that will be used are those established by the International Electrotechnical Commission: IEC 62087, “Methods of measurement for the power consumption of audio, video, and related equipment” (Second Edition 2008-09) and IEC 62301, “Household electrical appliances—Measurement of standby power” (Edition 2.0 2011-01).

<sup>3</sup> See: <http://www.energystar.gov/revisedspecs>.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC11-549B-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-549B); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 USC 3506(c)(2)(A) (2006), (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory 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 August 22, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Commenters must send an original of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either on paper or on CD/DVD, and should refer to Docket No. IC11-549B-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 and eSubscription are not available for Docket No. IC11-549B-000, due to a system issue.

All comments and FERC issuances may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely through FERC's eLibrary at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>, by searching on Docket No. IC11-549B. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by e-mail at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by e-mail at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC-549B, “Gas Pipeline Rates: Capacity Information,” includes both the Index of Customers (IOC) report under Commission regulations at 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 284.13(c) and three capacity reporting requirements. One of these is in Commission regulations at 18 CFR 284.13(b) and requires reports on

firm and interruptible services. The second is at 18 CFR 284.13(d)(1) and requires pipelines make information on capacity and flow information available on their Internet Web sites. The third is at 18 CFR 284.13(d)(2) and requires an annual filing of peak day capacity.

#### Capacity Reports Under 284.13(b) and 284.13(d)(1)

On April 4, 1992, in Order No. 636 (RM91-11-000), the Commission established a capacity release mechanism under which shippers could release firm transportation and storage capacity on either a short- or long-term basis to other shippers wanting to obtain capacity. Pipelines posted available firm and interruptible capacity information on their electronic bulletin boards (EBBs) to inform potential shippers.

On August 3, 1992, in Order No. 636-A (RM91-11-002), the Commission determined through staff audits, that the efficiency of the capacity release mechanism could be enhanced by standardizing the content and format of capacity release information and the methods by which shippers accessed this information, which pipelines posted to their EBBs.

On March 29, 1995, through Order 577 (RM95-5-000), the Commission amended § 284.243(h) of its regulations to allow shippers the ability to release capacity without having to comply with the Commission's advance posting and bidding requirements.

On February 9, 2000, in Order No. 637 (RM98-10-000), to create greater substitution between different forms of capacity and to enhance competition across the pipeline grid, the Commission revised its capacity release regulations regarding scheduling, segmentation and flexible point rights, penalties, and reporting requirements. This resulted in more reliable capacity information availability and price data that shippers needed to make informed decisions in a competitive market as well as to improve shipper's and the Commission's ability to monitor the market for potential abuses.

#### Peak Day Annual Capacity Report Under 284.13(d)(2)

18 CFR 284.13(d)(2) requires an annual peak day capacity report of all interstate pipelines, including natural gas storage only companies. This report is generally a short report showing the peak day design capacity or the actual peak day capacity achieved, with a short explanation, if needed. The regulation states:

An interstate pipeline must make an annual filing by March 1 of each year showing the estimated peak day capacity of