Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development at the U.S. Department of Education, Board members will engage in roundtable discussion of the issues raised. The meeting will break for lunch from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

The Board meeting will resume from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. for the members to discuss the topic, ''The Role of the Researcher in Dissemination.'' After opening remarks by Amber Winkler, Research Director at Thomas B. Fordham Institute, and Ruth Neild, Commissioner of the National Center for Education Evaluation, the Board will engage in roundtable discussion of the topic.

From 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Board will consider the topic, ''IES and the Major Education Research Associations.'' Kris Gutierrez and Judith Singer, NBES members, will provide the opening remarks and roundtable discussion will take place after.

An afternoon break will occur from 4:00 to 4:15 p.m.

From 4:15 to 4:45 p.m., the Board will discuss the Board's Executive Director position and the 2013 Annual Report. This discussion will be led by Bridget Terry Long, NBES Chair, and John Easton.

Between 4:45 and 5:00 p.m., there will be closing remarks and a consideration of next steps from the IES Director and NBES Chair, with adjournment scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

There will not be an opportunity for public comment. However, members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments related to NBES to Ellie Pelaez (see contact information above). A final agenda is available from Ellie Pelaez (see contact information above) and is posted on the Board Web site *http://ies.ed.gov/director/board/agendas/index.asp*. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistance listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should notify Ellie Pelaez no later than February 8. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

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John Q. Easton,

Director, Institute of Education Science.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L.92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that this document be published in the **Federal Register**.

DATES:

February 27, 2012 1:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.
February 28, 2012 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: American Geophysical Union, 2000 Florida Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elliott Levine, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; Email: *Elliott.Levine@ee.doe.gov* or Roy Tiley at (410) 997–7778 ext. 220; Email: *rtiley@bcs-hq.com*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include the following:

- Update on USDA Biomass R&D Activities
- Update on DOE Biomass R&D Activities
- Overview of DOE and USDA R&D Programs
- Overview of Other Biomass R&D Agency Programs

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you must contact Elliott Levine by email at *Elliott.Levine@ee.doe.gov* or Roy Tiley at (410) 997–7778 ext. 220; Email: *rtiley@bcs-hq.com* at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Co-chairs of the Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. The Co-chairs will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying at the following Web site: *http://biomassboard.gov/committee/meetings.html*.

Issued at Washington, DC, on January 30, 2013.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC13–10–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC Form 6–Q); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information

collection, FERC Form 6–Q, Quarterly Financial Report of Oil Pipeline Companies.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due April 8, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC13–10–000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web Site: http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp*
- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: *http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp.* For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at *ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov*, or by phone at: (866) 208–3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502–8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at *http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Brown may be reached by email at *DataClearance@FERC.gov*, telephone at (202) 502–8663, and fax at (202) 273–0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC Form 6–Q (Quarterly Financial Report of Oil Pipeline Companies).

OMB Control No.: 1902–0206.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC Form 6–Q information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: Under the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA),[1] the Commission is authorized and empowered to make investigations and to collect and record data to the extent FERC may consider to be necessary or useful for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the ICA. FERC must ensure just and reasonable rates for transportation of crude oil and petroleum products by pipelines in interstate commerce.

The Commission uses the information collected by FERC Form 6–Q to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of the ICA to include the authority to prescribe rules and regulations concerning accounts, records and memoranda, as necessary or appropriate. Financial accounting and reporting provides necessary information concerning a company's past performance and its future prospects. Without reliable financial statements prepared in accordance with the Commission's Uniform System of Accounts and related regulations, the Commission would be unable to accurately determine the costs that relate to a particular time period, service, or line of business.

The Commission uses data from the FERC Form 6–Q to assist in: (1) Implementation of its financial audits and programs, (2)continuous review of the financial condition of regulated companies, (3)assessment of energy markets, 4)rate proceedings and economic analyses, and (5)research for use in litigation.

Financial information reported on the quarterly FERC Form 6–Q provides FERC, as well as customers, investors and others, an important tool to help identify emerging trends and issues affecting jurisdictional entities within the energy industry. It also provides timely disclosures of the impacts that new accounting standards, or changes in existing standards, have on jurisdictional entities, as well as the economic effects of significant transactions, events, and circumstances. The reporting of this information by jurisdictional entities assists the Commission in its analysis of profitability, efficiency, risk and in its overall monitoring.

Type of Respondents: Oil Pipelines.

Estimate of Annual Burden:[2] The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

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Number of respondents (A)	Number of responses per respondent (B)	Total number of responses (A)×(B)=(C)	Average burden hours per response (D)	Estimated total annual burden (C)×(D)
155 (D)	3	465	150	69,750

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is $4,882,500 [69,750 hours * $70/hour[3] = $4,882,500].

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: January 30, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP13–53–000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

Take notice that on January 18, 2013, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, filed in Docket No. CP13–53–000, an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), to amend its certificate

[1] 49 U.S.C. Part 1, Section 20, 54 Stat. 916.

[2] The Commission defines burden as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

[3] FY2013 Estimated Average Hourly Cost per FERC FTE, including salary + benefits.