

from Federal policy makers, Congress and the general public.

Submission of the data will be mandatory under Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (FEA Act) (Pubic Law 93-275), as amended. The information collected on this questionnaire will be kept confidential and not disclosed to the public to the extent that it satisfies the criteria for exemption under the Freedom of Information Act.

EIA will begin cognitive testing of 20 respondents and field testing of over 200 LDCs and marketers in select states in August 2000. Information from respondents acquired through pretesting will be considered in the development of the collection instrument.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following are provided to assist in the preparation of comments.

General Issues

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility? Practical utility is defined as the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can be made to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions need clarification?

B. Can the information be submitted by the due date?

C. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 6 hours per response. The estimated burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose and provide the information. In your opinion, how accurate is this estimate?

D. The agency estimates that the only costs to the respondents are for the time it will take them to complete the collection. Will respondents incur start-up costs for reporting, or any recurring annual costs for operation, maintenance, and purchase of services associated with the information collection?

E. What additional actions could be taken to minimize the burden of this collection of information? Such actions may involve the use of automated,

electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

F. Does any other Federal, State, or local agency collect similar information? If so, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the method(s) of collection.

As a Potential User

A. Is the information useful at the levels of detail indicated on the form?

B. For what purpose(s) would the information be used? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources for the information and are they useful? If so, what are their weaknesses and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed three-year extension of the Forms EIA-1605, "Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases," (long version) and the Form EIA-1605EZ, "Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases," (short version).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 18, 2000. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Stephen E. Calopedis, Energy Information Administration, Office of Integrated Analysis, EI-81, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.

20585. Alternatively, Stephen E. Calopedis may be reached by phone at (202) 586-1156, by e-mail: stephen.calopedis@eia.doe.gov, or by FAX: (202) 586-3045.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Stephen E. Calopedis at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require the Energy Information Administration (EIA) to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Any comments received help the EIA to prepare data requests that maximize the utility of the information collected, and to assess the impact of collection requirements on the public. Also, the EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the collections under Section 3507(h)(1) and 3506 (c) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases collections are conducted pursuant to Section 1605(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486, 42 U.S.C. 13385) under General Guidelines (DOE/PO-0028). These forms are designed to collect voluntarily reported data on greenhouse gas emissions, achieved reductions of these emissions, and increased carbon fixation. Further, the forms support President William J. Clinton's 1993 Climate Change Action Plan, by collecting information on commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to sequester carbon in future years, including the progress made toward meeting those commitments.

II. Current Actions

This request is for public comments on a proposed extension to an existing collection. The actions will include an extension from the currently approved OMB expiration dates of the Form EIA-1605 and EIA-1605EZ (from May 31, 2001 to May 31, 2004) i.e., three-year extension.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of comments.

General Issues

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility? Practical utility is defined as the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can be made to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a potential respondent:

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions need clarification?

B. Can the information be submitted by the due date?

C. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average:

1. Form EIA-1605 (long version): 40 hours per response

2. Form EIA-1605EZ (short version): 4 hours per response

The estimated burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose and provide the information. Please comment on the accuracy of the estimate.

D. The agency estimates that the only costs to the respondents are for the time it will take them to complete the collection. Please comment if respondents will incur start-up costs for reporting, or any recurring annual costs for operation, maintenance, and purchase of services associated with the information collection.

E. What additional actions could be taken to minimize the burden of this collection of information? Such actions may involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

F. Does any other Federal, State, or local agency collect similar information?

If so, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a potential user:

A. Is the information useful at the levels of detail indicated on the form?

B. For what purpose(s) would the information be used? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources for the information and are they useful? If so, what are their weaknesses and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3507(h)(1) and 3506 (c) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2016-044]

City of Tacoma; Notice of Extension of Time To File Motions To Intervene and Protests, and Comments, Final Terms and Conditions, Recommendations and Prescriptions

July 12, 2000.

By letter dated July 12, 2000, Martha Bean, mediator working with the City of Tacoma and other parties on the relicensing of the Cowlitz River Project, filed on behalf of federal, state, and local agencies and the City of Tacoma, a request for an extension of time to file protests and motions to intervene, and comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions, in the above-docketed project. Upon consideration, notice is hereby given that an extension of time for the filing of protests and motions to intervene, and final comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions is granted to and including August 15, 2000.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent To File an Application for a New License

July 12, 2000.

a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File An Application for a New License.

b. Project No.: 2194.

c. Date Filed: June 30, 2000.

d. Submitted By: FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC-current licensee.

e. Name of Project: Bar Mills Hydroelectric Project.

f. Location: On the Saco River near the towns of Hollis and Buxton, in York County, Maine.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Section 15 of the Federal Power Act.

h. Licensee Contact: Frank H. Dunlap, FPL Energy Maine Hydro LLC, 150 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240 (207) 771-3534.

i. FERC Contact: Tom Dean, thomas.dean@ferc.fed.us, (202) 219-2778.

j. Effective date of current license: July 1, 1955.

k. Expiration date of current license: June 30, 2005.

l. Description of the Project: The project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) A 25-foot-high, 400-foot-long concrete dam and spillway section topped with 6.75-foot-high steel hinged flashboards; (2) a 263-acre reservoir at a normal pool elevation of 148.5 feet msl; (3) a 725-foot-long power canal; (4) a powerhouse containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 4,000 kW, (5) a short 38-kV transmission line; and (6) other appurtenances.

m. Each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by June 30, 2003.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent To File an Application for a Subsequent License

July 12, 2000.

a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File An Application for a Subsequent License.