

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. AD08-3-000]

Conference on Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Project; Notice of Technical Conference and Request for a Statement of Interest Regarding an Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Project

January 4, 2008.

On January 29, 2008, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will hold a technical conference to discuss its third-party contracting requirements and expectations with respect to preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) on an Alaska natural gas transportation project. The staff invites those contracting companies with the relevant expertise and an interest in providing third-party contractor services to assist the FERC environmental staff with the review of the application(s) and the design and preparation of an EIS staff will prepare for the anticipated project.

The technical conference will be held at the Commission's Headquarters, 888 First St., NE., Washington, DC 20426 in room 3M-2A from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. EST. All interested parties may attend. The conference will not be transcribed, and telephone participation will not be available.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an e-mail to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free 1-866-208-3372 (voice) or 202-208-8659 (TTY), or send a FAX to 202-208-2106 with the required accommodations.

If a project moves forward and starts the Pre-Filing Process to seek authorization under the Natural Gas Act, the FERC will be the lead agency for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and for preparing an EIS that consolidates the environmental review of all federal agencies with regulatory and other responsibilities relevant to such a project. In particular, the staff is interested in information and ideas regarding how a consultant would assist it with:

- Planning and supporting the public participation process;
- coordinating the information flow between the lead and cooperating agencies;
- identifying and analyzing the environmental issues associated with a

large diameter trans-Alaskan pipeline project; and

- preparing an EIS that is in full compliance with NEPA.

In addition to the technical conference, the staff is seeking Statements of Interest from qualified companies. Respondents to this Request for Statement of Interest (RSI) should also submit a Capability Statement (CS) of no more than 25 pages that describes the organization's ability to perform the effort outlined above. The CS should summarize the company's experience in projects of similar scope and complexity, prior NEPA experience, and familiarity with the FERC (especially third-party contract experience). The CS should also detail the company's relevant expertise in such fields as arctic pipeline construction and restoration, pipeline engineering, geotechnical and seismic design, subsistence, and Native Alaskan consultation. The CS may be appended with the qualifications of the key personnel on the project team. In addition to the CS, respondents must include a completed Organizational Conflict of Interest Statement (see attachment).

Responses to the RSI must be submitted as detailed below:

- Send two copies to: Michael J. Boyle, Branch Chief, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 62-47, Washington, DC 20426;
- reference "Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Project RSI" on both copies; and
- mail the response so that it will be received in Washington, DC, on or before January 25, 2008.

Be advised that all information submitted should be marked as "Proprietary Information—Do Not Release" in bold letters on the top of every page in order to protect the submittal from public disclosure. Companies responding to the RSI may also be interviewed individually at the Commission's offices in Washington, DC. If such interviews are scheduled, attendance would be at the interested parties' own expense.

For additional information concerning the technical conference or the RSI, please contact Laurence Sauter at 202-502-8205 or Rich McGuire at 202-502-6177.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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[EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0058; FRL-8516-5]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Transition Program for Equipment Manufacturers (Renewal); EPA ICR No. 1826.04, OMB Control No. 2060-0369

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR, which is abstracted below, describes the nature of the information collection and its estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before February 13, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0058, to (1) EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), by e-mail to a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB by mail to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nydia Yanira Reyes-Morales, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Mail Code 6403J, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-343-9264; fax number: 202-343-2804; e-mail address: reyes-morales.nydia@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On September 26, 2007 (72 FR 54654), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments. Any additional comments on this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0058, which is available for online viewing at www.regulations.gov, or in person viewing at the Air Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202-566-1744, and the telephone number for the Air Docket is 202-566-1742.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at www.regulations.gov, to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "docket search," then key in the docket ID number identified above. Please note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing at www.regulations.gov as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, confidential business information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. For further information about the electronic docket, go to www.regulations.gov.

Title: Transition Program for Equipment Manufacturers (Renewal)

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR No. 1826.04, OMB Control No. 2060-0369.

ICR Status: This ICR is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2008. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: When EPA establishes new regulations with tighter engine emission standards, engine manufacturers often need to change the design of their engines to achieve the required emissions reductions. Consequently,

original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) may also need to redesign their products to accommodate these engine design changes. Sometimes, OEMs have trouble making the necessary adjustments by the effective date of the regulations. In an effort to provide OEMs with some flexibility in complying with the regulations, EPA created the Transition Program for Equipment Manufacturers (TPEM). Under this program, OEMs are allowed to delay compliance with the new standards for up to seven years as long as they comply with certain limitations. Participation in the program is voluntary. Participating OEMs and engine manufacturers who provide the noncompliant engines are required to keep records and submit reports of their activities under the program.

In 2008, a new TPEM phase will start as the new, nonroad compression-ignition emission regulations (also known as Tier 4 regulations) become effective. This ICR Renewal incorporates the requirements that will be in effect during the active period of this supporting statement. The Tier 4 TPEM program is codified at 40 CFR Part 1039.625 while the Tier 1-Tier 3 program is codified at 40 CFR Part 89.102.

The information is collected for compliance purposes by the Engine Programs Group, Certification and Compliance Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation. Confidentiality of proprietary information is granted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, EPA regulations at 40 CFR 2, and class determinations issued by EPA's Office of General Counsel.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 86 hours per respondent. Burden means 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. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by these actions are manufacturers of compression-ignition engines and equipment.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 99.

Frequency of Response: Annually and on occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 8,547.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$652,930, includes \$123,558 annualized capital or O&M costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is a decrease of 8,522 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. Burden has decreased due to a program change (new regulations). The current phase, as described in the previous ICR (the Tier 1-Tier 3 Program codified at 40 CFR Part 89), is nearing its end and a new phase with new requirements is starting in 2008 (Tier 4, 40 CFR Part 1039). Some overlap exists between the two programs. Although the new requirements impose a slightly larger burden on respondents, EPA estimates that fewer respondents will participate in the Tier 4 phase. The increase in O&M costs is due largely to foreign OEMs that must post a bond before importing their equipment "to cover any potential enforcement actions under the Clean Air Act."

Dated: January 8, 2008.

Sara Hisel-McCoy,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-OEI-2007-1144; FRL-8516-4]

Amendment to General Routine Uses

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Amendment to Agency's General Routine Uses.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency is giving notice that it proposes to amend its current list of General Routine Uses to add a new routine use. The new general routine use will allow the Agency to disclose information in its systems covered under the Privacy Act to persons and entities that may be needed by the Agency to respond, prevent, minimize or remedy harm resulting from an actual or suspected breach or compromise of personally identifiable information. The Agency currently has general routine uses