

to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

The meeting presentation will feature an overview of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Conflict of Interest Guidance and Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board By-Laws.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Pat Halsey at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments. This **Federal Register** notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting date due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to the meeting date.

Minutes: Minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Department of Energy's Information Center at 475 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by writing to Pat Halsey, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, or by calling her at (865) 576-4025.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

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

SUMMARY: The EIA is soliciting comments on the proposed one-year extension to the Form EIA-1605, "Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases," (long form) and the Form EIA-1605EZ, "Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases," (short form).

DATES: Comments must be filed by December 1, 2003. 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. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX (202-586-3045) or e-mail (Stephen.calopedis@eia.doe.gov) is recommended. The mailing address is Energy Information Administration, EI-81, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, Stephen Calopedis may be contacted by telephone at 202-586-1156.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of any forms and instructions should be directed to Stephen Calopedis at the address listed above or can be obtained at <http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/1605/forms.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

II. Current Actions

III. Request for Comments

I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require the 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) under section 3507(a) 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 issued by the DOE's Office of Policy & International Affairs. These forms are designed to collect voluntarily reported data on greenhouse gas emissions, achieved reductions of these emissions, and increased carbon fixation as well as information on commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and sequester carbon in future years.

Please refer to the proposed forms and instructions for more information about the purpose, who must report, when to report, where to submit, the elements to be reported, detailed instructions, provisions for confidentiality, and uses (including possible nonstatistical uses) of the information. For instructions on obtaining materials, see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

II. Current Actions

EIA will be requesting a one-year extension with no changes for the Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Program, Forms EIA-1605 and EIA-1605EZ.

This request for a one-year extension of the expiration date of the existing Forms EIA-1605 and EIA-1605EZ is being made to ensure that a data collection instrument is in place while the Guidelines to the Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Program are in the process of being revised. A one-year extension, rather than a three-year extension, is being proposed because EIA anticipates significant changes to the data collection forms and data elements to result from the revisions to the program guidelines.

Revised Guidelines for the Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Program

On February 14, 2002, President Bush announced a series of programs and initiatives to address the issue of global climate change, including a greenhouse gas intensity reduction goal, energy technology research programs, targeted tax incentives to advance the development and adoption of new technologies, and voluntary programs to promote actions to reduce greenhouse gases. In addition, the President directed the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, to

propose improvements to the current Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Program required under section 1605(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. These improvements are to enhance measurement accuracy, reliability, and verifiability, working with and taking into account emerging domestic and international approaches. The President also directed the Secretary of Energy to recommend reforms to ensure that businesses and individuals that register reductions are not penalized under a future climate policy and to give transferable credits to companies that can show real emissions reductions.

The purposes of the proposed revised Guidelines are to: (1) establish revised procedures and reporting requirements for filing voluntary reports, and (2) encourage corporations, Government agencies, non-profit organizations, individuals and other private and public entities to submit annual reports of their total entity-wide greenhouse gas emissions, net emission reductions, and carbon sequestration activities that are complete, reliable and consistent.

On May 6, 2002 (67 FR 30370), the Department of Energy solicited public comments on various issues relevant to its efforts to implement the President's directives. After consideration of these public comments, the Secretaries of Energy, Commerce and Agriculture, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency wrote the President on July 8, 2002, stating that improvements to the existing Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program should:

1. Develop fair, objective, and practical methods for reporting baselines, reporting boundaries, calculating real results, and awarding transferable credits for actions that lead to real reductions.
2. Standardize widely accepted, transparent accounting methods.
3. Support independent verification registry reports.
4. Encourage reporters to report greenhouse gas intensity (emissions unit of output) as well as emissions reductions.
5. Encourage corporate or entity-wide reporting.
6. Provide credits for actions to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as well as for actions to reduce emissions.
7. Develop a process for evaluating the extent to which past reductions may qualify for credits.
8. Develop a process for evaluating the extent to which past reductions may qualify for credits.

9. Factor in international strategies as well as State-level efforts.

10. Minimize transactions costs for reporters and administrative costs for the Government, where possible, without compromising the foregoing recommendations.

The DOE also held four public workshops (67 FR 64106) in the fall of 2002 to enable interested persons to discuss and provide comments on possible improvements to the program guidelines. Public comments submitted to DOE's Office of Policy and International Affairs on possible revisions to the Voluntary Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Program Guidelines are available at <http://www.pi.energy.gov/enhancingGHGregistry/index.html>.

Process for Finalizing and Implementing Revised Program Guidelines

DOE's Office of Policy and International Affairs plans to issue proposed revised general guidelines for public comment during the fall of 2003. In parallel with this effort, DOE's Office of Policy and International Affairs intends to issue for public comment proposed technical guidelines in the fall of 2003. The technical guidelines will specify the methods and factors to be used in measuring and estimating greenhouse gas emissions and emission reductions under the revised general guidelines. DOE plans to issue in final form all necessary guidelines during 2004. Upon finalization and issuance of the revised guidelines, EIA plans to develop and issue new reporting forms and instructions for reporting under the revised program guidelines. It is important to note here that it is not the intent of this notice to solicit comment on the guideline revision process above, but rather to merely extend the expiration date on the existing data collection, forms EIA-1605 and EIA-1605-EZ, so that EIA has an existing data collection instrument in place while the guideline revision process is on-going.

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. Please indicate to which form(s) your comments apply.

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 to the Request for Information

A. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information to be collected?

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

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

D. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 40 hours per response on Form EIA-1605 (long form) and 4 hours per response on Form EIA-1605EZ (short form). The estimated burden includes the total time necessary to provide the requested information. In your opinion, how accurate is this estimate?

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

F. 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.

G. 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 of the Information To Be Collected

A. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information disseminated?

B. Is the information useful at the levels of detail to be collected?

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

D. 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) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

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Energy Information Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics, a utilized Federal Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, October 16, 2003, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday, October 17, 2003, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon.

ADDRESSES: Department of Energy, Room 8E-089, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William I. Weinig, EI-70, Committee Liaison, Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 287-1709. Alternately, Mr. Weinig may be contacted by e-mail at william.weinig@eia.doe.gov or by FAX at (202) 287-1705.

Purpose of the Committee: To advise the Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration (EIA), on EIA technical statistical issues and to enable the EIA to benefit from the Committee's experience concerning other energy-related statistical matters.

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, October 16, 2003

- A. Opening Remarks by the ASA Committee Chair, the EIA Administrator and the Director, Statistics and Methods Group, EIA, Room 8E-089
- B. Major Topics (Room 8E-089 unless otherwise noted)
 1. EIA's Strategic Planning and Performance Goals
 2. Data Initiatives in Natural Gas
 - A. Overview
 - B. Criteria to Select and Implement

Estimation Procedures: A
Comparison of Texas Production
Methodologies

- C. Industrial Natural Gas Prices
- D. Natural Gas Production Estimation in the Gulf of Mexico
- E. Residential and Commercial Prices for Natural Gas Data
3. Public Questions and Comments

Friday, October 17, 2003, Room 8E-089

C. Major Topics

1. Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA)
2. Data Edits for the EIA-906
3. Using Relative Standard
4. Electricity Transmission Data Needs
5. ASA Committee Suggestions for the Spring, 2004 Meeting
6. Public Questions and Comments
- D. Closing Remarks by the Chair

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Chair of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Written statements may be filed with the committee either before or after the meeting. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. William I. Weinig, EIA Committee Liaison, at the address or telephone number listed above.

A Meeting Summary and Transcript will subsequently be available through Mr. Weinig who may be contacted at (202) 287-1709 or by e-mail at william.weinig@eia.doe.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC03-120-001, et al.]

Virginia Electric and Power Company, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Filings

September 23, 2003.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

1. Virginia Electric and Power Company

[Docket No. EC03-120-001]

Take notice that on September 16, 2003, Virginia Electric and Power

Company (Applicant), filed a supplement to its application requesting Commission authorization for the Applicant's proposed purchase of an approximately 240 MW cogeneration facility and its appurtenant transmission facilities located in Gordonsville, Virginia.

Applicant states that copies of the filing were served upon its wholesale requirements customers, the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Comment Date: September 26, 2003.

2. Chandler Wind Partners, LLC

[Docket Nos. EC03-137-000, Desert Southwest Power, LLC ER99-963-001, Foote Creek II, LLC ER99-2769-005, Foote Creek III, LLC ER99-3450-004, Foote Creek IV, LLC ER00-2706-002, Nevada Sun-Peak Limited Partnership ER01-390-002, Ridge Crest Wind Partners, LLC ER01-2760-002, ER02-1866-001]

Take notice that on September 12, 2003, Chandler Wind Partners, LLC (Chandler Wind), Desert Southwest Power, LLC (DSP), Foote Creek II, LLC (Foote Creek II), Foote Creek III, LLC (Foote Creek III), Foote Creek IV, LLC (Foote Creek IV), Nevada Sun-Peak Limited Partnership (Nevada Sun-Peak), Ridge Crest Wind Partners, LLC (Ridge Crest) (collectively, Applicants) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and notice of change in status with respect to the transfer of indirect upstream membership interests in Applicants to Caithness Investors, LLC, a newly-formed limited liability company owned by ArcLight Energy Partners Fund I, L.P., and the owners of Caithness Energy, L.L.C. Applicants have requested privileged treatment of the contents of a portion of Exhibit B and of Exhibit I to the Section 203 application.

Comment Date: October 3, 2003.

3. Mississippi Delta Energy Agency, Clarksdale Public Utilities Commission, and Public Service Commission of Yazoo City Entergy Services, Inc., as agent for Entergy Arkansas, Inc. Entergy Louisiana, Inc. Entergy Mississippi, Inc. Entergy New Orleans, Inc. Entergy Gulf States, Inc.

[Docket No. EL03-231-000]

Take notice that on September 17, 2003, the Mississippi Delta Energy Agency (MDEA), the Clarksdale Public Utilities Commission of the City of Clarksdale, Mississippi, (Clarksdale), and the Public Service Commission of Yazoo City of the City of Yazoo City, Mississippi (Yazoo City) filed a Complaint against Entergy Services, Inc.