

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Microgrid Program Strategy

AGENCY: Office of Electricity, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Office of Electricity (OE) of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) requests comment from the public on its Microgrid Program Strategy located at <https://www.energy.gov/oe/microgrid-strategy-call-public-comment>. Response to this notice is voluntary. Responses to this notice may be used by the government for program planning on a non-attribution basis. OE therefore requests that no business proprietary information or copyrighted information be submitted in response to this notice. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation, or for the use of information contained in the response.

DATES: Written comments and information are requested on or before November 25, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically to MGRD@hq.doe.gov by the deadline. Mailed paper submissions will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions should be directed to Dan Ton at MGRD@hq.doe.gov, (202) 586-4618.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The development of the DOE Microgrid Program Strategy (Strategy) started in December 2020. The purpose was to define strategic research and development (R&D) areas for the DOE Office of Electricity (OE) Microgrids R&D (MGRD) Program to support its vision and accomplish its goals. The overarching vision for the Strategy and MGRD is:

By 2035, microgrids are envisioned to be essential building blocks of the future electricity delivery system to support resilience, decarbonization, and affordability.

The Strategy development process began with microgrid experts deliberating on areas the Strategy should focus on for impactful results in key metrics, such as reliability, resilience, decarbonization, and affordability, in the next five to ten years. These deliberations led to the development of seven strategic white papers, one for each of the six strategic R&D areas identified and one additional white paper on the overarching program vision, objectives, and targets. Each white paper was developed by a team of national laboratory and university

members, and then reviewed by an industry advisory panel. These seven white papers constitute the DOE Microgrid Program Strategy.

OE sponsored the DOE MGRD Strategy Symposium on July 27–28, 2022, to seek input and feedback on the seven white papers from broader microgrid stakeholders. The symposium featured presentations, panel discussions, and group discussions on each white paper. Discussions focused on key R&D recommendations and their priority, aspirational R&D targets in five to ten years, and actionable steps recommended for enabling regulatory and business models.

The final draft of the seven white papers, which include feedback from the symposium, are being posted at <https://www.energy.gov/oe/microgrid-strategy-call-public-comment> for 30 days of public comment before finalization.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on October 19, 2022, by Gilbert C. Bindewald, III, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Office of Electricity, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. The administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 20, 2022.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Extension

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EIA submitted an information collection request for extension as

required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its Form GC–859 “Nuclear Fuel Data Survey,” OMB Control Number 1901–0287. Form GC–859 collects data on spent nuclear fuel from all utilities that operate commercial nuclear reactors and from all others that possess irradiated fuel from commercial nuclear reactors.

DATES: Comments on this information collection must be received no later than November 25, 2022. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you need additional information, contact Lindsay Aramayo, U.S. Energy Information Administration, telephone (202) 586–3264, or by email at lindsay.aramayo@eia.gov. The forms and instructions are available on EIA’s website at www.eia.gov/survey/#gc-859.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains.

- (1) *OMB No.* 1901–0287;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Nuclear Fuel Data Survey;
- (3) *Type of Request:* Three-year extension with changes;
- (4) *Purpose:* The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101 *et seq.*) authorized DOE to enter contracts with all generators or owners of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste of domestic origin for the acceptance of title, subsequent transportation, and disposal of such waste or spent nuclear fuel. Form GC–859 (formerly Form RW–859) originated from an appendix to the Standard Contract for Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and/or High-Level Radioactive Waste, 10 CFR 961 (“Standard Contract”).

Form GC–859 collects information on nuclear fuel use and spent fuel discharges from all utilities that operate commercial nuclear reactors and from all others that possess irradiated fuel from commercial nuclear reactors. The data collection provides stakeholders with detailed information concerning the spent nuclear fuel generated by the respondents (commercial utility generators of spent nuclear fuel and other owners of spent nuclear fuel within the U.S.).

Data collected from the survey are used by personnel from DOE Office of Nuclear Energy (NE), DOE Office of Environmental Management (EM), and