

Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: July 5, 2001.

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*Leader, Regulatory Information Management,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Distance Education

Demonstration Program Annual Reporting Form.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or household; Businesses or other for-profit.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 30,544; Burden Hours: 6,340

Abstract: The information will be used by the Department of Education to conduct analyses and prepare reports required by the Congress in the authorization of the Distance Education Demonstration Program. These analyses may also become the basis of recommendations the Department may make to amend the governing statute as prescribed by the Congress in its program authorization. Respondents include participants in the Distance Education Demonstration Program (institutions and systems and consortia of institutions) and their students who are enrolled in distance education courses and programs.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO-IMG-Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his internet address Joe.Schubart@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Acting Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

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Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Consolidation Loan Rebate Fee Report.

Frequency: Monthly.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 9,804; Burden Hours: 10,621.

Abstract: The Consolidation Loan Regate Fee Report for payment by check or electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) will be used by approximately 400 lenders participating in the Title IV, Part B loans program. The information collected is used to transmit interest payment rebate fees to the Secretary of Education.

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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 revision, and three-year extension of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) expiration date of the form RW-859, "Nuclear Fuel Data Survey".

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before September 10, 2001. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESS: Send comments to Jim Finucane, Office of Coal, Nuclear, Electric and Alternate Fuels, EI-52, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0650,

telephone: (202) 287-1966, e-mail: jim.finucane@eia.doe.gov, and fax (202)-287-1934.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of any forms and instructions should be directed to Jim Finucane 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 DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 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) of the collections under section 3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

This data collection will provide the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management of DOE with detailed information concerning the spent nuclear fuel generated by the respondents (commercial utility generators of spent nuclear fuel within the U.S. are respondents to this survey). The DOE will take possession of this spent fuel and will need this data to properly design the spent fuel repository (spent fuel receiving systems, spent fuel handling systems, etc.) which will be the final disposal site for all of the spent fuel and high level radioactive waste materials.

II. Current Actions

The current proposed action is: a revision of and a three-year extension of

an existing data collection, RW-859. As before, all data will be collected once. Only changes in the specific previously reported data element will require updating. Other changes to the Form RW-859 Nuclear Fuel Data survey are as follows:

- The requirement to enter each individual assembly identifier for all assemblies stored in a pool has been deleted from Section 4.3.1 “Storage Inventory”. It has been replaced with a single number indicating the number of assemblies in that pool.
- A column to the table has been added to Section 3 “Permanently Discharged Fuel” to indicate the pool in which an assembly is stored. This column replaces the requirement to re-enter all assembly identifiers in Section 4.3.1.
- Respondents may now enter either cycle number or cycle date in Section 3 “Permanently Discharged Fuel”. Only cycle date was previously accepted.
- Only data on permanently discharged fuel are collected in Section 3 “Permanently Discharged Fuel”.
- Respondents may now designate between Operating License Date and Possession Only License Date in Section 2.1 “Reactor License Data”.
- Burnup data may be submitted in gigawattdays thermal per metric ton of uranium instead of megawattdays thermal per metric ton of uranium.
- Section 4.6.4 “Canister Closure” has been simplified.
- Clarification has been provided on whether certain data should be entered in Section 4.6 “Canistered Material” or Section 4.7 “Uncanistered Fuel and Non-Fuel Components.”
- The requirement to enter each individual assembly identifier for all assemblies stored in dry storage has been deleted from Section 5.3 “Assemblies in Dry Storage”. It has been replaced with a single number indicating the number of assemblies in each module
- Footnotes have been modified to provide additional information.
- Instructions have been clarified and modified where appropriate. Specific changes have been made to the instructions regarding the transmittal of data to DOE, failed fuel status codes, reporting of midcycle fuel outages, license dates, required degrees of precision, and data on canistered fuel and non-fuel components.

The DOE will provide each respondent with a file which contains a copy of previously provided data with

which to update. This revision will also facilitate the streamlining of data elements, which will be collected. Although this survey is planned for use in 2003, its extension at this time is being carried out to avoid its expiration at the end of 2001.

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 to the Request for Information

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 40 hours per response. The estimated burden includes the total time necessary to provide the requested information. In your opinion, how accurate is this estimate?

D. 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?

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 of the Information To Be Collected:

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

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)(2)(A) and Section 3507(h)(i) 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

[Docket Nos. EA-212-A and EA-213-A]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Coral Power, L.L.C.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of applications.

SUMMARY: Under two separate applications, Coral Power, L.L.C. (Coral) has applied for renewal of its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico and from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before August 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Imports/Exports (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Mintz (Program Office) 202-586-9506 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On June 9, 1999, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy

(DOE) authorized Coral to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico using the international electric transmission facilities of San Diego Gas and Electric Company, El Paso Electric Company, Central Power and Light Company, and Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national utility of Mexico. That two-year authorization (Order EA-212) will expire on August 13, 2001.

On August 13, 1999, FE authorized Coral to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada using the international electric transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Authority, Citizens Utilities, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power, Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power, Vermont Electric Transmission Company. That two-year authorization (Order EA-213) will expire on August 13, 2001.

On June 27, 2001, Coral filed two applications with FE for renewal of both of the above export authorizations.

DOE notes that the circumstances described in these applications are virtually identical to those for which export authority had previously been granted in FE Order EA-212 and FE Order EA-213. Consequently, DOE believes that it has adequately satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the documentation of a categorical exclusion in the FE Docket EA-212 and FE Docket EA-213 proceedings.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to these applications should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the Coral application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA-212-A. Comments on the Coral application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-213-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Andrea M. Settanni, Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P., 2000 K

Street, NW., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20006-1872 AND Robert Reilley, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Coral Power, L.L.P., 909 Fannin, Suite 700, Houston, TX 77010.

Copies of these applications will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity", then "Pending Procedures" from the options menus.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 3, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-145-B]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Powerex Corp.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Powerex Corp. (Powerex), formerly the British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation, has applied for renewal of its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before August 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Imports/Exports (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Mintz (Program Office) 202-586-9506 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 30, 1997, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) issued an Order (FE Order No. EA-145) authorizing Powerex to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer using the international electric transmission facilities of San Diego Gas and Electric Company. That two-year authorization expired on May 30, 1999. On April 15, 1999, Powerex filed an application with FE for renewal of this export authority