

turtles and the habitat of the black-shouldered kite.

Route Alternative C would cross Highway 29 about 150 feet south of a fruit and vegetable stand as proposed in the preferred alternative. This route would result in no increase in negative environmental impacts and would preserve several large conifers and deciduous trees along the east side of the road, providing a beneficial impact on visual resources. This alternative was rejected because of engineering and cost benefits in implementing the preferred alternative.

Route Alternative D would reduce the length of the pipeline by 250 feet by cutting across the longer turn of the existing road leading down from Childers Peak Saddle. This would likely produce high erosion hazards and potentially significant erosion with silt deposition ultimately in Big Canyon Creek.

Route Alternative E would reduce the need for easement acquisition by continuing in a southerly direction on the Big Canyon Road to its intersection with Harbin Springs Road and then proceeding northwesterly on Harbin Springs Road. The preferred alternative route would cut across the northern edge of a pasture. The alternative would require the pipeline to be 900 feet longer than the proposed route and would be located entirely within or on the shoulder of public roads, but would not result in any significant change in environmental impacts. It was rejected because it would result in higher construction costs with no substantial environmental benefits.

Route Alternative F would not follow a new road connecting the Northern California Power Agency M-Pad but follow the Bear Canyon Access Road to the Bear Canyon Power Plant, cross the creek in the fill above the culvert and trend uphill to the M-pad. This route would result in higher erosion hazards, potentially significant impacts on runoff and water quality and would contribute to the permanent cumulative loss of mixed chaparral and montane hardwood habitat of the Cooper's and sharp-shinned hawk.

Route Alternative G was a small deviation from the proposed route near the end of the Geysers Effluent Pipeline to avoid construction in the area of the Northern California Power Agency main gate, which receives heavy vehicle traffic. The road is the Northern California Power Agency's private road. The alternative route was rejected because it offered no substantial environmental advantages and because the construction disturbance for the

preferred alternative route could be accommodated.

#### Consideration of Other Alternatives

The preferred project is a preliminary plan. As the project has been approved by the Lake County Sanitation District Board of Directors, the phase of final engineering design will soon be started. At present, the project sponsors are considering a number of design and route alternatives that would represent modifications of the plan as presented in the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report. One of the primary reasons for these potential modifications is to reduce mitigation costs by avoiding environmentally sensitive areas altogether. These alternatives include (1) evaluation of isolation valve placement; (2) relocation of the main pump station site on private land within the City of Clearlake (on Robin Lane); (3) a new pump station located near Highway 29 by project station 58 on private land; and (4) an alternative pipeline route between the southern end of the City of Clear Lake and Morgan Valley Road on private land and county roads to avoid the proposed route in Lake Street which is heavily constrained by cultural resources, traffic and other infrastructure. All of these alternatives, if advanced to a specific proposal, would require completion of supplemental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

#### Non-Environmental Factors Affecting The Decision-Making Process, Rationale and Trade-Offs

Non-environmental factors that entered into the Department's decision-making process included the mission of contributing to the research and development of alternative energy resources and a desire to perform that mission while contributing to resolution of the municipal wastewater treatment problems in Lake County. Cost considerations were a significant consideration on the part of The Lake County Sanitation District in selecting alternatives.

#### Decision

After consideration of the entire record and attachments (including the conditions for right-of-way grants in the Bureau of Land Management's Record of Decision) the Department has decided to provide additional funding to the Lake County Sanitation District through financial assistance awards for this project. The project encompasses upgrades to the Southeast Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and

construction of a pipeline to transport treated municipal wastewater treatment plant effluent and water from Clear Lake in Lake County, California, to the Southeast Geysers Geothermal Field for injection into the steam field.

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*Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

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#### Energy Information Administration

##### Proposed Extension of FE-746R, "Import and Export of Natural Gas"

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of the Proposed Extension of FE-746R, "Import and Export of Natural Gas".

**SUMMARY:** The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of FE-746R, "Import and Export of Natural Gas."

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before December 12, 1995. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to John Glynn, FE-531, Rm. 3H-087, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Natural Gas, Fossil Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, John Glynn can be reached at JGLYNN@FE.DOE.GOV (Internet e-mail), or 202-586-6050 (facsimile).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to John Glynn at the address listed above, or phone 202-586-9454.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

#### I. Background

In order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-275) and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91), the Energy Information Administration is obliged to carry out a central, comprehensive, and unified energy data and information program. As part of this

program, EIA collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates data and information related to energy resource reserves, production, demand, and technology, and related economic and statistical information relevant to the adequacy of energy resources to meet demands in the near and longer term future for the Nation's economic and social needs.

The Energy Information Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden (required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13)), conducts a presurvey consultation program to provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing reporting forms. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden is minimized, reporting forms are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

The information requirements in FE-746R contain an application for authorization to export or import natural gas and for information to be filed as part of an import/export proceeding. Applications to export and import natural gas are required by statute and provide the decision-maker with the basic factual information about the scope and nature of a proposed export or import. The application and the information obtained during the course of a proceeding form the record upon which a decision will be based.

## II. Current Actions

This notice is to solicit comments on the proposed extension to FE-746R. The extension request to the Office of Management and Budget will be through December 31, 1998. The regulation establishes the procedures that are to be followed by persons filing applications to obtain authorization to import or export natural gas.

## 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 responses.

### General Issues

EIA is interested in receiving comments from persons regarding:

A. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the

information will have practical utility. Practical utility is 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 EIA make to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

### As a Potential Respondent

C. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions require clarification?

D. Can data be submitted in accordance with the due date specified in the instructions?

E. Public reporting burden for the FE-746R is estimated to average 150 hours per respondent. Burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

Please comment on (1) the accuracy of our estimate, and (2) how the agency could minimize the burden of the collection of information, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

F. What is the estimated cost of providing this data, including the direct and indirect costs associated with the data collection? Direct costs should include all costs, such as administrative costs, directly attributable to providing this information.

G. Do you know of any other Federal, State, or local agency that collects similar data? If you do, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

H. If you have the capability, what is your electronic reporting preference (FAX, Touch-Tone Telephone Data Entry, Internet, etc.)?

### As a Potential User

I. Can you use data at the levels of detail indicated?

J. For what purpose would you use the data? Be specific.

K. Are there alternate sources of data and do you use them? If so, what are their deficiencies and/or strengths?

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

Statutory Authority: Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

Issued in Washington, D.C. October 10, 1995.

John Gross,

Acting Director, Office of Statistical Standards, Energy Information Administration.

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## Office of Energy Research

### Health and Environmental Research Advisory Committee Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the Health and Environmental Research Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** Tuesday, October 31, 1995, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, November 1, 1995, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Doubletree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Benjamin Barnhart, Designated Federal Official, Health and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, ER-70, GTN, Germantown, Maryland 20874, Telephone Number: 301-903-3213.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Purpose of the Meeting:* To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director of Energy Research of the Department of Energy on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the health and environmental research program.

### Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, October 31, 1995, and Wednesday, November 1, 1995

- Welcome Remarks
- Opening of Meeting
- Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Remarks by the Director of the Office of Energy Research