

For the Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information
Administration, DOE.

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

SUMMARY: The Energy Information
Administration (EIA) is soliciting
comments concerning the proposed
extension of Form FE-781R, "Annual
Report of International Electrical
Export/Import Data."

DATES: Written comments must be
submitted on or before August 29, 1997.
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 Steven
Mintz, Office of Coal and Power Imports
and Exports, FE-27, Forrestal Building,
U.S. Department of Energy, Washington,
DC 20585 (Phone 202-586-9506; e-mail
address—steven.mintz@hq.doe.gov, and
FAX (202-586-6050)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Requests for additional information or
copies of the form and instructions
should be directed to Steven Mintz at
the address listed above.

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
(EIA) 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 EIA, 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: prepare data requests
in the desired format, minimize
reporting burden, develop clearly
understandable reporting forms, and
assess the impact of collection
requirements on respondents. Also, EIA
will later seek approval by the Office of
Management and Budget (OMB) for the
collections under Section 3507(h) of the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub.
L. No. 104-13, Title 44, U.S.C. Chapter
35).

The Office of Coal and Power Imports
and Exports (Fossil Energy) will monitor
the levels of electricity imports and
exports and issue summary tabulations
in a staff Annual Report. The Office will
also provide monthly tabulations of
these data for use in the Energy
Information Administration's Monthly
Energy Review and Annual Energy
Review. This information will be kept in
the public docket files and will be
available for public inspection and
copying.

II. Current Actions

A clearance package will be submitted
to the Office of Management and Budget
requesting approval of a three-year
extension with no change of the
currently-approved collection.

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

A. Is the proposed collection of
information necessary for the proper
performance of the functions of the
agency? 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 EIA make
to the quality, utility, and clarity of the
information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent

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

B. Can data be submitted by the due
date?

C. Public reporting burden for this
collection is estimated to average 10
hours per response. Burden includes the
total time, effort, or financial resources
expended to generate, maintain, retain,
or disclose or provide 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 information technology.

D. EIA estimates that respondents will
incur no additional costs for reporting
other than the hours required to
complete the collection. What is the
estimated: (1) total dollar amount
annualized for capital and start-up
costs, and (2) recurring annual costs of
operation and maintenance, and
purchase of services associated with this
data collection?

E. 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.

As a Potential User

A. Can you use data at the levels of
detail indicated on the form?

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

C. 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 of the form. 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).

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