1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713–2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802 (562/980–4001).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at 301/713–0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Trevor Spradlin, 301/713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 860–1374, issued on October 15, 1997, (62 FR 54836) is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 860–1374 authorizes the permit holder to take by Level B harassment gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*) and northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) in California waters for purposes of commercial photography. The permit holder requests authorization to include 50 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*).

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: March 3, 1998.

Art Jeffers,

Acting Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000–0077]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Quality Assurance Requirements

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000–0077).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Quality Assurance Requirements. The clearance currently expires on June 30, 1998.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before May 8, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Klein, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501–3775.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0077, Quality Assurance Requirements, in all correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Supplies and services acquired under Government contracts must conform to the contract's quality and quantity requirements. FAR Part 46 prescribes inspection, acceptance, warranty, and other measures associated with quality requirements. Standard clauses related to inspection (a) Require the contractor to provide and maintain an inspection system that is acceptable to the Government; (b) give the Government the right to make inspections and test while work is in process; and (c) require the contractor to keep complete, and make available to the Government, records of its inspection work.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .25 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, *950*; responses per respondent, *1*; total annual responses, *950*; preparation hours per response, *.25*; and total response burden hours, *237.5 (238)*.

C. Annual Recordkeeping Burden

The annual recordkeeping burden is estimated as follows: Recordkeepers, *58,060*; hours per recordkeeper, *.68*; and total recordkeeping burden hours, *39,481*. The total annual burden is *238+39,481=39,719*.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VRS), Room 4037, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501–4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0077, Quality Assurance Requirements, in all correspondence.

Dated: March 3, 1998.

Sharon A. Kiser,

FAR Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The Air and Space Command & Control Agency (ASC2A) Advisory Group Panel Meeting in support of the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet at Langley Air Force Base, VA on April 9–10, 1998 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and receive briefings.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697–8404.

Barbara A. Carmichael,

Alternate Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. EA–175 and EA–176]

Applications To Export Electric Energy; Enova Energy, Inc. and Sempra Energy Trading Corp.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of applications.

SUMMARY: Enova Energy, Inc. and Sempra Energy Trading Corp. both power marketers, have submitted applications to export electric energy to Mexico.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before March 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (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: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202–586–9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202–586–6667.

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)).

The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) has received applications from the following companies for authorization to export electric energy to Mexico, pursuant to section 202(e) of the FPA:

Applicant	Application date	Docket No.
Enova Energy, Inc. (EEI)	2/27/98	EA–175
Sempra Energy Trading Corp. (SET)	2/27/98	EA–176

EEI, a wholly owned subsidiary of Enova Corporation which owns 100% of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), is a power marketer that does not own, operate or control any electric power generation, transmission or distribution facilities. In Docket EA–175, EEI proposes to purchase electric energy from electric utilities and federal power marketing agencies and transmit the energy on its own behalf to Mexico. EEI would arrange for the exported energy to be transmitted to Mexico over the international transmission facilities owned by SDG&E.

In Docket EA–176, SET, a power marketer, also proposes to transmit to Mexico surplus electric energy purchased from utilities and federal power marketing agencies using the international transmission facilities owned by SDG&E. SET is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wine Acquisition Inc., which in turn, is owned 50% by Enova Corporation and 50% Pacific Enterprises (which owns 100% of Southern California Gas Company).

The SDG&E international transmission facilities, as more fully described in the applications, have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

Procedural Matters

Any persons desiring to become a party to these proceedings 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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

The comment period in this proceeding has been abbreviated so that each applicant may make a timely response to a solicitation for 320 MW or more of energy and capacity proffered by Comision Federal de Electricidad (CFE), the national electric utility of Mexico. FE considers this action to not harm, or otherwise prejudice, any entity that may wish to become a party to this proceeding because both EEI and SET are corporately related to SDG&E, the owner of the transmission facilities each proposes to use.

Comments on EEI's request to export to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA–175. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Dwain M. Boettcher, President, Enova Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 126211, San Diego, CA 92112–6211 *AND* Michael C. Tierney, Enova Corporation, P.O. Box 129400, San Diego, CA 92112–9400.

Comments on SET's request to export to Mexico should be clearly market with Docket EA–176. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Michael A. Goldstein, Esq., Vice President & General Counsel, Sempra Energy Trading Corp., One Greenwich Plaza, Greenwich, CT 06830 *AND* Michael C. Tierney, Enova Corporation, P.O. Box 129400, San Diego, CA 92112–9400.

A final decision will be made on these applications after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed actions will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of these applications will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 3, 1998.

Anthony J. Como,

Manager, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal and Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal and Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GP98–2–000]

Amoco Production Company; Notice of Offer of Settlement and Call for the Protection of Rights Pending Adjudication or Settlement

March 3, 1998.

Take notice that on February 20, 1998, Amoco Production Company (Amoco), alleging compliance with the Commission's January 23, 1998 Order Clarifying Procedures (82 FERC ¶ 61,059), filed an offer of settlement with the Commission, and called for the protection of its rights pending adjudication or settlement, with respect to Amoco's Kansas ad valorem tax refund obligation to K N Interstate Gas Transmission Company (KNI), identified in the Statement of Refunds Due filed by KNI in Docket No. RP98–53–000. Amoco's pleading is on file with the Commission and, except for Amoco's confidential offer of settlement, is open to public inspection.

Amoco contends that the Commission has established a procedure to follow, under 18 CFR 385.602 of the Commission's regulations, when informal settlement or reconciliation efforts fail, and that it has complied with the requisites of that Section. Amoco suggests that a Settlement Judge be appointed, that Amoco's refund obligation to KNI be held in abeyance and that interest be tolled, on the basis