

20503. The OMB DOE Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-7318. (A copy of your comments should also be provided to EIA's Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller, Statistics and Methods Group, (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC. 20585-0670. Mr. Miller may be contacted by telephone at (202) 287-1711, FAX at (202) 287-1705, or e-mail at Herbert.Miller@eia.doe.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This section contains the following information about the energy information collection submitted to OMB for review: (1) The collection number and title; (2) the sponsor (*i.e.*, the Department of Energy component); (3) the current OMB docket number (if applicable); (4) the type of request (*i.e.*, new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); (5) response obligation (*i.e.*, mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (6) a description of the need for and proposed use of the information; (7) a categorical description of the likely respondents; and (8) an estimate of the total annual reporting burden (*i.e.*, the estimated number of likely respondents times the proposed frequency of response per year times the average hours per response).

1. Forms EIA-911A-C, "Bi-Weekly Surveys to Assess Effects of Interruptions of Natural Supplies in the Northeast United States"

2. Energy Information Administration

3. OMB Number 1905-NEW

4. New (emergency clearance request)

5. Mandatory

6. Beginning with the period January 1-14, 2001 and continuing through the two-week period ending April 8, 2001, forms EIA-911A-C will collect information for use in assessing the interactions of energy markets in the Northeast United States. The survey requests will include: (1) Information from natural gas suppliers on deliveries and interruptions in service to customers; (2) information from petroleum product suppliers on sales, inventories, and customers that can switch between natural gas and petroleum; and (3) information from large energy consumers regarding energy-related matters. Data will be used to monitor energy supply and consumption activities in the Northeast U.S. Respondents will be natural gas suppliers, petroleum product suppliers, and a sample of large energy consumers (*e.g.*, electric power generators,

industrial establishments, commercial establishments, institutional facilities, and government facilities) in the Northeast United States (*i.e.*, the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania).

7. Businesses or other for-profit; Federal Government; Not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local or Tribal Governments

8. 6,650 total burden hours; EIA-911A (natural gas suppliers) will entail 560 total burden hours (40 respondents  $\times$  7 reports  $\times$  2 hours/report); EIA-911B (petroleum product suppliers) will entail 1,890 total burden hours (270 respondents  $\times$  7 reports  $\times$  1 hour/report); EIA-911C (large energy consumers) will entail 4,200 total burden hours (300 respondents  $\times$  7 reports  $\times$  2 hours/report)

**Statutory Authority:** Section 3507(j)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

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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 February 26, 2001. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** 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. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. 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 generators of spent nuclear fuel within the U.S. are respondents to this survey). The DOE will take possession of this spent fuel and needs this data to properly design the spent fuel repository (spent fuel receiving systems, spent fuel handling systems, etc.) which will be the final storage/disposal site for all of the spent fuel and high level radioactive waste materials.

#### II. Current Actions

*The current proposed action is:* A revision and three-year extension of an existing data collection, RW-859. As

before, all data will be collected once; only changes in the specific data element will require updating. This revision will also facilitate the streamlining of data elements, which will be collected. Specifically, all of the data which is needed on an assembly specific basis will be collected at one time; thereafter referring this data by reference to the assembly serial number.

**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) 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**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Docket No. IC01-546-000, FERC-546]**

**Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments**

December 19, 2000.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before February 26, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the proposed collection of information can be

obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 208-2425, and by e-mail at [mike.miller@ferc.fed.us](mailto:mike.miller@ferc.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The information collected under the requirements of FERC-546 "Certificated Rate Filings: Gas Pipeline Rates" (OMB No. 1902-0155) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Title IV of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA), (15 U.S.C. 3301-3432) and Sections 4, 5, and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w). The Commission has the regulatory responsibility under these Acts to ensure that pipeline rates and services are just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory. Accordingly, jurisdictional natural gas pipeline companies are required to obtain Commission approval for all rates and charges made, or demanded, in connection with the transportation or sale of natural gas in interstate commerce.

Service and tariff revision information necessary for Commission examination and subsequent approval of any certificated pipeline change in service is collected under FERC-546. (Information necessary to examine and approve any change in rates is collected separately under FERC-542 for tracking filings (non-formal), and 544 and 545 for general rate change filings, including NGA Section 4 major rate cases, (formal and non-formal respectively)). The required FERC-546 information is set forth in each pipeline's tariff, and must be filed in compliance with Commission regulations found in 18 CFR Part 154.4; 154.7; 154.202; 154.204-.209; and 154.602-.603.

**Action:** The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

**Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this collection remains unchanged from the previous renewal and is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)x(2)x(3)
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