

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Chicago Operations Office; Notice of Financial Assistance Solicitation Availability

AGENCY: Chicago Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of financial assistance solicitation availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy is announcing its intent to invite applications from small businesses and institutions of higher education and development for the Cooperative Automotive Research for Advanced Technologies (CARAT) Program. This annual solicitation seeks innovative research and development in the following seven (7) topic areas: TOPIC 1—Alternative (Non-Lithium) Insertion Electrode Battery Technology; TOPIC 2—Non-Carbon Anodes for Lithium-ion Batteries; TOPIC 3—Fuel Cells for Auxiliary and Portable Power; TOPIC 4—Homogeneous-Charge Compression-Ignition (HCCI) Enabling Technology; TOPIC 5—Cost-Effective, High-Efficiency Porous Media Heat Transfer; TOPIC 6—Cost-Effective, High-Efficiency Materials for Thermoelectric Devices; and TOPIC 7—Cost-Effective, High-Efficiency Integrated Systems Approach to Auxiliary Electric Motors.

DATES: The complete solicitation document will be available on or about April 27, 2001. The deadline for the submission of applications will be identified in the solicitation.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the solicitation, when issued, can be obtained from the DOE Chicago Operations Office, Acquisition and Assistance Home Page at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm> under the heading "current solicitations", Solicitation No. DE-SC02-01EE50657.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Earlette Robinson, 630/252-2667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Preapplications will be due approximately two-weeks after on the release of the solicitation. Please note that users will not be alerted when the solicitation is issued on the Internet.

Issued in Argonne, Illinois on April 20, 2001.

John D. Greenwood,

Assistant Manager for Acquisition and Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC00-580-001, FERC Form 580]

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

April 25, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of submission of review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the provisions of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission, as explained below. The Commission received comments from two entities in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of June 21, 2000 (65 FR 38529) and has replied to these comments in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before May 31, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., 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 to mike.miller@ferc.fed.us

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Description**

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC Form No. 580, "Interrogatory on Fuel and Energy Purchase Practices, Docket No. IN79-6".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* 1902-0137.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three year extension of these mandatory information collection requirements.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of the Federal Power Act (FPA). The FPA was amended by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (Pub. L. 95-617) to require the Commission to review "not less frequently than every two (2) years * * * of practices * * * to ensure efficient use of resources (including economical purchase and use of fuel and electric energy) * * *". The information is used to:

(1) Review as mandated by statute, fuel purchase and cost recovery practices to insure efficient use of resources, including economical purchase and use of fuel and electric energy, under fuel adjustment clauses on file with the Commission; (2) evaluate fuel costs in individual rate filings; (3) to supplement periodic utility audits; and (4) to monitor changes and trends in the electric wholesale market. The information has also been used by the Energy Information Administration under a Congressional mandate to study various aspects of coal, oil, and gas transportation rates. Electric market participants and the public are using the information to assess the marketplace during its transition to a fully competitive regime.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises approximately 119 respondents.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 3,808 total burden hours, 119 respondents, 59.5 responses annually (119 responses every two years), 64 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondent:* 3,808 hours ÷ 2,080 hours per year × \$117,041 = \$214,275.

Statutory Authority: Sections 205(f) of the Federal Power Act, as amended by Section 208 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. (49 Stat. 851; 16 U.S.C. 824d).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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