

team of highly trained nuclear experts. One of the major training facilities for these experts is located at TA-18 at LANL. The principal TA-18 activities are the design, construction, research, development, and applications of experiments on nuclear criticality.

The TA-18 buildings and infrastructure are near the end of their useful life, and action is required to assess alternatives for continuing these activities for the next 25 years. The TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS identifies siting options to assist the NNSA in determining a long-range strategy for maintaining nuclear criticality missions, infrastructure, and expertise currently residing at TA-18.

The TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS evaluates the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts associated with relocating the TA-18 mission to the following DOE sites: (1) A different site at LANL (the preferred alternative); (2) NTS; (3) SNL; and (4) ANL-W. The TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS also analyzes upgrading the TA-18 facilities at LANL and the no-action alternative of maintaining the operations at the current TA-18 location without upgrades.

The NNSA is inviting members of Congress, American Indian Tribal Governments, state and local governments, other Federal agencies, and the general public to provide comments on the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS. The comment period runs until October 5, 2001. The Department will consider all comments received or postmarked by October 5, 2001, in preparing the TA-18 Relocation Final EIS. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent

practicable. As part of the public comment period on the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS, public hearings will be held as follows:

Argonne National Laboratory— West— September 11, 2001, 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m., The Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Blvd., Idaho Falls, ID 83402.

Nevada Test Site—September 13, 2001, 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m., U.S. DOE Nevada Operations Office Auditorium, 232 Energy Way, North Las Vegas, NV 89030.

Los Alamos National Laboratory— September 18, 2001, 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m., Fuller Lodge, 2132 Central Avenue, Los Alamos, NM 87544.

Sandia National Laboratory—September 19, 2001, 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m., Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 Second Street, NW., Albuquerque, NM 87102.

The TA-18 Relocation Final EIS is expected to be completed by December 31, 2001. A Record of Decision would be completed no sooner than 30 days after the TA-18 Relocation Final EIS is issued.

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 14th day of August, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket No. 01-35-NG, 01-32-LNG and 01-36-NG]

Mexicana de Cobre, S.A. de C.V., Williams Energy Marketing Trading Company, TX Energy Trading Company; Orders Granting and Amending Authority To Import and Export Natural Gas, Including Liquefied Natural Gas

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during June 2001, it issued Orders granting authority to import and export natural gas, including liquefied natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix and may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov> (select gas regulation), or on the electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853. They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 10, 2001.

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Attachment

APPENDIX—ORDERS GRANTING IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS

Order No.	Date Issued	Importer/Export FE Docket No.	Import volume	Exporter Volume	Comments
1697	07-02-01	Mexicana De Cobre, S.A. DE C.V., 01-35-NG.	17.2 Bcf	Export to Mexico beginning on April 27, 2001, and extending through April 26, 2003.
1698	07-02-01	Williams Energy Marketing & Trade Company, 01-32-LNG.	160 Bcf	Import LNG from Nigeria, Algeria, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, and Trinidad, over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery.
1699	07-13-01	TXU Energy Trading Company, 01-36-NG.	20 Bcf	Import and export a combined total from and to Canada and Mexico, beginning on July 27, 2001, and extending through July 26, 2003.

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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 three-year extension to the Form FE-746R, "Import and Export of Natural Gas."

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before October 19, 2001. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Yvonne Caudillo, Office of Fossil Energy, FE-34, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, Yvonne Caudillo may be contacted by telephone at (202) 586-4587, FAX at (202) 586-4062, or e-mail at yvonne.caudillo@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of any forms and instructions should be directed to Yvonne Caudillo 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. No. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 et seq.) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 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 demand.

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.

The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy is delegated the authority to regulate natural gas imports and exports under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act of 1938, 15 U.S.C. 717b.

In order to carry out its delegated responsibility, FE requires those persons seeking to import or export natural gas to file an application containing basic information about the scope and nature of the proposed import/export activity. FE collects, on a quarterly basis, certain information regarding import and export transactions. The information obtained quarterly from authorization holders is used to ensure compliance with any terms and conditions of authorization. In addition, the data are used to monitor North American natural gas trade, which in turn enables the Federal Government to perform market and regulatory analyses; improve the capability of industry and the Government to respond to any future energy-related supply problems; and keep the general public informed of international natural gas trade.

II. Current Actions

FE is proposing a three-year extension, without change, of the currently approved Form FE-746R.

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 between 8 hours (for short-term authorizations of up to two years) to 24 hours for long-term authorizations (over 2 years). The public reporting burden for the quarterly reports after authorization is estimated to range from 0.25 of an hour to 8 hours per response, with an average burden of 2 hours. 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 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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