

agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more Performance Review Boards. The board shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal by the supervisor of a senior executive's performance, along with any recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive. The board also shall make recommendations as to whether the career executive should be re-certified, conditionally re-certified, or not re-certified. The DNFSB is a small, independent Federal agency; therefore, these newly designated members of the DNFSB SES Performance Review Board are being drawn from the SES ranks of other agencies.

The following persons comprise a standing roster to serve as members of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board SES Performance Review Board:

Arctic Research Commission, Garrett W. Brass, Executive Director
National Mediation Board, Stephen Crable, Chief of Staff
Japan-United States Friendship Commission, Eric J. Gangloff, Executive Director
U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, Christopher W. Warner, General Counsel
Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Leon A. Wilson, Jr., Executive Director

The following DNFSB SES members comprise a standing roster to serve on performance review boards for other small, independent Federal commissions, committees and boards:

Richard A. Azzaro, General Counsel
J. Kent Fortenberry, Technical Director
James J. McConnell, Technical Lead for Nuclear Weapons Programs
Joseph R. Neubeiser, Deputy General Manager
Kenneth M. Pusateri, General Manager
Richard E. Tontodonato, Technical Lead for Materials Processing & Environmental Restoration Programs

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 26, 2001.

Dated: September 20, 2001.

Kenneth M. Pusateri,

Chairman, Executive Resources Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office

of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 26, 2001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: September 20, 2001.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of the Undersecretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: National Evaluation of Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math Science.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 4,728.

Burden Hours: 1,686.

Abstract: This request is continuation of the fourth follow-up study and conducting the fifth follow-up of the regular Upward Bound study. It is also for the continuation of the first follow-up and conducting the second follow-up to the Math Science Upward Bound study. These data collections are part of the National Evaluation of Upward Bound that has been on-going since 1992. The studies are following a sample of 4,728 participants and control group students through high school and into young adulthood. The study is looking at academic achievement, college participation rates, and employment patterns.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Jacqueline Montague at (202) 708-5359 or via her internet address Jackie.Montague@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC01-721-001, FERC-721]

Public Information Collection Approved by the Office of Management and Budget

September 20, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collection

pursuant to the requirements of Section 3507(j)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), and 5 CFR 1320.13 of OMB's regulations. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Silverman, Office of the General Counsel, (legal), (202)208-2078; Joseph Cholka, Office of Markets Tariffs and Rates, (technical), (202)208-2414; Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, (information policy), (202)208-1415; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0187.

Expiration Date: 01/31/2002.

Title: Reporting of Natural Gas Sales to California.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated annual burden: 89

Respondents; 208 hours per response (avg.); 534 responses; 19,847 total hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and/or Recordkeeping cost: \$2,2334,570.

Frequency of Response: Monthly.

Obligation to Respond: Mandatory.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 25, 2001, (66 FR 40245-81, August 2, 2001) the Commission issued an Order in Docket No. RM01-09-000 imposing reporting requirements for natural gas sales to and in the California market. The reporting requirements are being implemented as a result of comments in response to an earlier order of May 18, 2001 (66 FR 29121-24, May 29, 2001) issued after the filing of several complaints with the Commission on the price increases of natural gas in California. The prices in California rose dramatically and exceeded the increases in other markets. FERC-721 is intended to provide the Commission with the necessary information to determine what action if any, it should take within its jurisdiction, with respect to the price of natural gas sold in the California market. The Commission intends to collect information on the volumes, and prices of sales to the California market including transportation rates, the daily operational capacity of pipelines to, and in the California market, and the actual volumes flowing to, and in California, plus gas sales and transportation requirements of local distribution companies.

The information is to assist the Commission in carrying out its regulatory responsibilities. First, it will help the Commission determine what part of the problem, if any, is within the

scope of its jurisdiction. The information proposed to be collected will give the Commission an accurate picture of overall average gas costs being incurred by all purchasers of natural gas moving into the California market. The information to be collected will also enable the Commission to determine the extent to which the cost of interstate transportation, which is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction, affects the price for the gas commodity at the California border.

Accordingly, because the Commission requires the information as soon as possible, the Commission will require submission of the information on a monthly basis, to be submitted 30 days after the end of each month, for the six months commencing August 1, 2001 and ending January 31, 2002. The first report will be due October 1, 2001.

As indicated in both the July 25 order and in its request for emergency processing and OMB approval, the Commission stated that it would undertake a separate action to request OMB approval to extend the reporting period to September 30, 2002, to coincide with the termination of the Commission's June 19, 2001 California electric power mitigation order. In its approval of the Commission's request for emergency processing, OMB stated several conditions that would have to be met before a submission was made to extend the reporting requirements. These conditions have been listed below to inform the public. They are as follows:

Terms of Clearance

The FERC Information Collection Request, titled "Reporting of Natural Gas Sales to the California Market," is approved through 1/31/02. Should FERC decide to resubmit the ICR for renewal, it must address the practical utility and burden issues described below. FERC should include an explicit discussion of the way in which it addresses these issues as part of its supporting statement.

(1) **Practical Utility:** The order requires detailed transaction information on gas sales to California—that is, a daily reporting of price and quantity for each component of gas sold to the California market. Several commenters have reported that they do not maintain the data in a way that allows them to disaggregate price/quantity information in this way. Based on the comments, we are concerned that this data collection would require significant data manipulation by the industry in order to respond to the request. The resulting disaggregation is likely to be artificial—and therefore not

reliable for individual transactions—and respondents are likely to vary in their choice of method for disaggregating transactions * * * Given the potential data quality problems associated with disaggregated reporting and the questionable need for the disaggregated data, we are concerned that such data may have little practical utility. Should FERC decide to resubmit the ICR for renewal, it should justify its decision to continue to require reporting at a disaggregated level.

(2) **Burden:** Commenters also believe FERC has significantly underestimated the burden. In particular, the commenters indicated that they would likely have to hire additional staff in order to respond to the data request because of the significant manipulation required to provide data in the format FERC is requesting. After consulting with respondents, FERC should evaluate its burden estimates for reporting and recordkeeping requirements. FERC should provide a list of the names, affiliations, and phone numbers of the respondents it contacted.

Document Availability

The data templates for FERC-721 are available as Excel spreadsheets on the Commission's website under "Bulk Power Markets", "Order Imposing Reporting Requirements on Natural Gas Sales to California Market, RM01-9, issued 7/25/01", <http://www.ferc.gov/electric/bulkpower.htm>.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-460-002]

Canyon Creek Compression Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

September 20, 2001.

Take notice that on September 17, 2001, Canyon Creek Compression Company (Canyon) tendered for filing certain tariff sheets to be part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 (Tariff), to be effective July 23, 2001.

Canyon states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Letter Order in Docket No. RP01-460-001 issued on September 7, 2001.

Canyon requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations to the extent