5 years effective July 1, 2006, through September 30, 2011. On June 30, 2011, the Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS) and Ancillary Services Rate Schedules will expire. Western is temporarily extending the NITS and Ancillary Services formula rates and rate schedules through September 30, 2013.

Discussion

Western is temporarily extending the existing P–DP and Intertie NITS and Ancillary Services formula rates for Western Area Lower Colorado (WALC) Balancing Authority pursuant to 10 CFR 903.23(b). The existing rate formula methodologies collect annual revenue sufficient to recover annual expenses (including interest) and capital requirements, thus ensuring repayment of the projects costs within the cost recovery criteria set forth in DOE Order RA 6120.2. Western has made the decision that the Desert Southwest and Rocky Mountain Region Regional Offices would work together in an attempt to make their Ancillary Services rate formulas consistent to the extent possible as a result of the operations consolidation of the two regions.

Western is providing for this extension to allow for the evaluation of new rate requirements for Ancillary Services mandated under Western’s Open Access Transmission Tariff and FERC Order No. 890 and adjustments to the formula rates. For these reasons, Western is temporarily extending the existing rate schedules PD–NTS2, INT–NTS2 and DSW–SD2, DSW–RS2, DSW–FR2, DSW–EI2, DSW–SPR2, DSW–SUR2 for NITS and Ancillary Services through September 30, 2013.

DOE regulations at 10 CFR 903.23(b) do not require Western to provide for a consultation and comment period or hold public information and comment forums and no such consultation and comment period or forums were provided for or held.

Order

In view of the above and under the authority delegated to me, I hereby extend for a period effective July 1, 2011, through September 30, 2013, the existing rate schedules PD–NTS2, INT–NTS2 and DSW–SD2, DSW–RS2, DSW–FR2, DSW–EI2, DSW–SPR2, DSW–SUR2 for NITS and WALC Ancillary Services.

Dated: May 6, 2011.
Daniel B. Poneman, Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY


Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reformulated Gasoline and Conventional Gasoline: Requirements for Refiners, Oxygenate Blenders, and Importers of Gasoline; Requirements for Parties in the Gasoline Distribution Network

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit a request to renew an existing approved Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This ICR is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2011. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 18, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2007–0176 by one of the following methods:

• E-mail: a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov.
• Fax: (202) 566–9744.
• Mail: Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 343–9027; fax number: (202) 343–2801; e-mail address: Solar.Jose@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jose Solar, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Mail Code: 6406J, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 343–9027; fax number: (202) 343–2801; e-mail address: Solar.Jose@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

How can I access the docket and/or submit comments?

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2007–0176 which is available for online viewing at http://www.regulations.gov. EPA has also established a public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm.

For any comments that are submitted, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA’s public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm.
the docket ID number identified in this document.

What information is EPA particularly interested in?

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA specifically solicits comments and information to enable it to:

(i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. In particular, EPA is requesting comments from very small businesses (those that employ less than 25) on examples of specific additional efforts that EPA could make to reduce the paperwork burden for very small businesses affected by this collection.

What should I consider when I prepare my comments for EPA?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible and provide specific examples.

2. Describe any assumptions that you used.

3. Provide copies of any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.

4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate that you provide.

5. Offer alternative ways to improve the collection activity.

6. Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline identified under DATES.

7. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, be sure to identify the docket ID number assigned to this action in the subject line on the first page of your response. You may also provide the name, date, and Federal Register citation.

What information collection activity or ICR does this apply to?

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are Refiners, Oxygenate Blenders, and Importers of Gasoline; Parties in the Gasoline Distribution Network.

Title: Reformulated Gasoline and Conventional Gasoline: Requirements for Refiners, Oxygenate Blenders, and Importers of Gasoline; Requirements for Parties in the Gasoline Distribution Network.

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 1591.25, OMB Control No. 2060–0277.

ICR status: This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on 10/31/11. 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 OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA’s regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the Federal Register when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the Federal Register or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: Gasoline combustion is the major source of air pollution in most urban areas. In the 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act (Act), section 211(k), Congress required that gasoline dispensed in nine areas with severe air quality problems, and areas that opt-in, be reformulated to reduce toxic and ozone-forming emissions. Congress also required that, in the process of producing reformulated gasoline (RFG), dirty components removed in the reformulation process not be “dumped” into the remainder of the country’s gasoline, known as conventional gasoline (CG). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated regulations at 40 CFR part 80, subpart D—Reformulated Gasoline, subpart E—Anti-Dumping, and subpart F—Attest Engagements, implementing the statutory requirements, which include standards for RFG (80.41) and CG (80.101). The regulations also contain reporting and recordkeeping requirements for the production, importation, transport and storage of gasoline, in order to demonstrate compliance and facilitate compliance and enforcement. The program is run by the Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation. Enforcement is done by the Air Enforcement Division, Office of Regulatory Enforcement, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. The program excludes California, which has separate requirements for gasoline.

The United States has an annual gasoline consumption of about 133 billion gallons, of which about 30% is RFG. In 2009 EPA received reports from 255 refineries, 60 importer facilities/facility groups, 44 oxygenate blending facilities, 21 independent laboratory facilities, and the RFG Survey Association, Inc. under this program.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the Agency’s estimate, which is only briefly summarized here:

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 3,968.

Frequency of response: Quarterly, Annually, on Occasion.

Estimated total average number of responses for each respondent: 100 to 130.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 126,931 hours.

Estimated total annual costs: $38,675,442, which includes $24,713,032 in annualized capital, or O&M costs.

Are there changes in the estimates from the last approval?

There is a slight decrease in the total burden hours due to a change in reporting regulations. There is an increase in the total burden cost due to the update in labor salaries.

What is the next step in the process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another Federal Register notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to
announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the technical person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Dated: May 12, 2011.

Margo Tsirigotis Oge,
Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

Supplementary Information:
EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On November 24, 2010, 75 FR 71687, EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments. Any additional comments on this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OA–2010–0757, which is available for online viewing at www.regulations.gov, or in person viewing at the Environmental Information Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is 202–566–1744, and the telephone number for the Environmental Information Docket is 202–566–9744.

Use EPA’s electronic docket and comment system at http://www.regulations.gov, to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select “docket search,” then key in the docket ID number identified above. Please note that EPA’s policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing at http://www.regulations.gov as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, confidential business information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. For further information about the electronic docket, go to http://www.regulations.gov.

Title: Confidential Financial Disclosure Form 3110.48 for Special Government Employees (SGE) Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the Environmental Protection Agency (Renewal).

ICR numbers: EPA ICR No. 2260.04, OMB Control No. 2090–0029.

ICR Status: This ICR is scheduled to expire on 3/31/2011. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB. 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 OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA’s regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the Federal Register when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, are displayed either by publication in the Federal Register or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: The purpose of this information collection is to assist the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) in selecting Federal advisory committee members who will be appointed as Special Government Employees (SGEs), mostly to EPA’s scientific and technical committees. To select SGE members as efficiently and cost effectively as possible, the Agency needs to evaluate potential conflicts of interest before a candidate is hired as an SGE and appointed as a member to a committee by EPA’s Administrator or Deputy Administrator. Agency officials developed the “Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,” also referred to as Form 3110–48, for greater inclusion of information to discover any potential conflicts of interest as recommended by the Government Accountability Office.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one hour per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are approximately 300 candidates...