

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy****Proposed Agency Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for OMB Review and Comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance, a proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection will gather information on solar energy market indicators. The Solar Energy Technologies Program (SETP) seeks to reduce non-hardware costs of solar systems associated with processes such as project siting, permitting and interconnection, system installation, and project financing. In order to direct strategic investments toward reducing those costs, the Agency requires information on the current status of non-hardware costs and the underlying cost drivers. Questions for this collection are focused on permitting processes, interconnection processes, available financing options, and planning and zoning issues as they relate to rooftop solar PV installations.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before October 3, 2011. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4650.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the

DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

And to

Jennifer DeCesaro, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC, 20585, Fax: 202-586-8148, [Jennifer.DeCesaro@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Jennifer.DeCesaro@ee.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer DeCesaro, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585. Fax: 202-586-8148. [Jennifer.DeCesaro@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Jennifer.DeCesaro@ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.* New; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Solar Market Indicators: Data collection from local jurisdictions and other relevant regional stakeholders (e.g. non-profit organizations, state energy offices) on policies and processes that contribute to solar system costs; (3) *Type of Request:* New collection; (4) *Purpose:* The DOE will use this information to establish a baseline for key solar market indicators and process contributions to the non-hardware costs for solar installations, an effort that has not been formally undertaken by the Federal government or industry to date. Likely respondents are local jurisdictions, state governments, and non-profit organizations; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 35; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 35; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 210; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$0.

**Statutory Authority:** These activities are authorized under the Solar Photovoltaic Energy Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-590, codified at 42 U.S.C. 5581 et seq., and the Department of Energy Organization Act, Pub. L. 95-91, as amended, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy****State Energy Advisory Board**

**AGENCY:** Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** November 15-16, 2011 9 a.m.-5 p.m. November 17, 2011 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Hilton Knoxville, 501 West Church Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gil Sperling, STEAB's Designated Federal Officer; U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington DC 20585; phone: (202) 586-1644.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Purpose of the Board:* To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives, programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-440).

*Tentative Agenda:* Receive updates and review accomplishments of STEAB's Sub-committee and Taskforces, meet with key members of Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) to discuss new initiatives and technologies and explore possible technology transfer programs, meet with Laboratory staff to gain a better understanding of deployment efforts, discuss ways to make sure states are successful with implementing ARRA in light of the March 2012 deadline, and update to the Board on routine business matters and other topics of interest.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gil Sperling at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral comments must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include requested topic(s) on the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days on the STEAB Web site at <http://www.steab.org>.

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