

vehicles. Information collected would allow DOE to provide respondents with an objective assessment of their communities' readiness for PEV adoption and an understanding of their commitment to successful deployment of PEVs, and is needed to ensure appropriate evaluation of progress in deploying PEVs.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 29, 2012. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Ms. Linda Bluestein, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE-2G), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, or by fax at 202-586-1600, or by email at Linda.Bluestein@ee.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Ms. Linda Bluestein, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE-2G), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-6116, Linda.Bluestein@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. New; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Clean Cities Plug-In Vehicle Community Readiness Scorecard; (3) Type of Request: New; (4) Purpose: DOE's Clean Cities initiative has developed a voluntary scorecard to assist its coalitions and stakeholders in assessing the level of readiness of their communities for plug-in electric vehicles. The principal objective of the scorecard is to provide respondents with an objective assessment and estimate of their respective community's readiness for PEV deployment as well as understand the respective community's commitment to deploying these vehicles successfully. DOE intends the scorecard to be completed by a city/county/regional sustainability or energy coordinator. As the intended respondent may not be aware of every aspect of local or regional PEV readiness, coordination among local stakeholders to gather appropriate information may be necessary.

The scorecard assessment effort will rely on responses to questions the respondent chooses to answer. The multiple-choice questions address the following topic areas: (1) Electric vehicle supply equipment permitting and inspection process; (2) PEV and

electric vehicle supply equipment availability and numbers; (3) laws, incentives, and financing; (4) education and outreach; (5) utility interaction; and (6) vehicle and infrastructure planning. Respondents will provide answers through a user-friendly online interface. The answers will then be translated through a simple algorithm that will establish appropriate quantitative criteria, translating the readiness measures across several weighted categories into numeric data. Using a numberless color spectrum, a community will be rated against itself, with the colored spectrum results made available only to the respondent community. The total rankings will be normalized into a "score", and communities will see their own rating and may be compared to other cities.

The scorecard will use one information collection system, an online system. No other data collection system will be employed to support the scorecard. The online scorecard system DOE has developed provides several advantages. First, it avoids the need to download any forms or materials, though respondents may print out the full list of questions and answers, or a portion thereof if they wish. Second, avoiding downloads also limits potential security threats. Third, the designed system allows respondents to dynamically compare historical records, providing the opportunity to revisit the scorecard however often they like to track progress. Further, employing an online system also eliminates version control concerns, allowing for a single update to ensure that all scorecard users are using the current version.

The voluntary scorecard may be completed at any time, and there is no date by which the scorecard questions must be completed. Calculation of outcomes will be undertaken on an ongoing basis, immediately following completion of the scorecard questionnaire.

While there are approximately 90 Clean Cities coalitions across the United States, DOE expects that other communities may want to avail themselves of the opportunity to assess their respective community's PEV readiness. Therefore, DOE expects a total respondent population of approximately 100 respondents. Selecting the multiple choice answers in completing a scorecard questionnaire is expected to take under 30 minutes, although additional time of no more than 20 hours may be needed to assemble information necessary to be able to answer the questions, leading to a total burden of approximately 2,050 hours in the first year. Assembling

information to update questionnaire answers in future years on a voluntary basis would be expected to take less time, on the order of 10 hours, as much of any necessary time and effort needed to research information would have been completed previously; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 100; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 2,050; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* There is no cost associated with reporting and recordkeeping.

Statutory Authority: 42 U.S.C. Sec. 13233; 42 U.S.C. Sec. 13252(a)-(b); 42 U.S.C. 13255; 42 U.S.C. Sec. 7256.

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Henry C. Kelly,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice and request for public review and comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted the Electricity Sector Cybersecurity Risk Management Maturity Pilot 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 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.13.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before 15 days from the date of publication. 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: Samara Moore, samara.moore@hq.doe.gov, Fax: 202-586-1472.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samara Moore,

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed collection will be used by the Department and electric sector owners and operators to identify best practices and potential resource allocations for cybersecurity in terms of supply chain management, information sharing, asset, change and configuration management, and risk management, among others. It is imperative that the owners and operators of the nation’s electric utilities, as well as the government agencies supporting the sector, have the ability to understand what capabilities and competencies will allow the sector to defend itself, and how to prioritize necessary investments. This initiative supports strategies identified in the White House Cyberspace Policy Review 2010 and the 2011 Roadmap to Achieve Energy Delivery Systems Cybersecurity. A maturity model approach was deemed to be a reasonable way to leverage existing efforts to implement key strategies designed to measure the sector’s cybersecurity posture and to enable utilities to make strategic investments that will increase cybersecurity throughout the electricity sector. The pilot process will request feedback from a limited set of participants on both the model’s and the assessment tool’s structure and application to the unique attributes of the sector. The model structure includes domains—logical groupings of cybersecurity risk management

activities—and maturity indicator levels (MILs). The content within each domain includes characteristics, which are expressions of domain activities at each level of maturity. The model is developed as a common model that can be used by the various types of entities operating within the sector, including investor-owned, municipal, and cooperative utilities. It will also enable utilities to communicate cybersecurity capabilities in meaningful terms and prioritize their cybersecurity actions and investments.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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;
- 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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.

This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.* New; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Electric Sector Cybersecurity Risk Management Maturity Initiative; (3) *Type of Request:* New; (4) *Purpose:* The Department of Energy, at the request of the White House, and in collaboration with DHS and industry experts, has developed a maturity model with owners, operators and subject matter experts to meet their request to identify and prioritize capabilities relative to risk and cost; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 17; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 17; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 136; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$0.

Statutory Authority: Section 301 of the Department of Energy Organization Act, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7151.

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Patricia Hoffman,
Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[12–06–LNG, 12–09–LNG, 12–10–LNG, et al.]

Orders Granting Authority To Import and Export Natural Gas and Liquefied Natural Gas During February 2012

FE Docket Nos.

FREEMONT LNG EXPANSION, L.P. AND FLNG LIQUEFACTION, LLC	12–06–LNG
EXCELERATE ENERGY L.P	12–09–LNG
SHELL NA LNG LLC	12–10–LNG
QUICKSILVER RESOURCES INC	12–12–NG
UNITED ENERGY TRADING CANADA, ULC	12–13–NG
ENCANA NATURAL GAS INC	11–163–NG
ALCOA INC	12–11–NG
JPMORGAN LNG CO	12–15–LNG
CNE GAS SUPPLY, LLC	12–17–NG

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during February 2012, it issued Orders granting authority to import and export natural gas and liquefied natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix

and may be found on the FE Web site at <http://www.fossil.energy.gov/programs/gasregulation/authorizations/Orders-2012.html>. They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Natural Gas Regulatory 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.

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Manager, Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, Office of Fossil Energy.

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