

Counsel, the title has been shortened to Labor Relations; (3) *Type of Request*: Renewal; (4) *Purpose*: The proposed collection will request information from the Department of Energy Facilities Management Contractors for contract administration, management oversight and cost control. This information is used to ensure that Department contractors maintain good labor relations and retain a workforce in accordance with the terms of their contract and in compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements as identified by contract. The respondents are Department Management and Operations and Facility Management Contractors; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 35; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 35; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 1.84 per respondent for total of 64.4 per year; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$8,310.80.

Statutory Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7254, 7256.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Briefings on Preliminary Findings of 2012 National Electric Transmission Congestion Study

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of upcoming webinars.

SUMMARY: Section 216(a)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) requires the Department of Energy (Department or DOE) to complete a study of electric transmission congestion every three years. DOE previously issued the 2006 and 2009 studies and is currently developing the 2012 study. DOE, as part of the consultation process, will host three webinars in August 2012 to receive input and suggestions concerning the preliminary findings of the study. After the webinars, DOE will release a draft of the study for public comment. After reviewing and considering the comments received, DOE will publish a final version of the study.

DATES: The webinars are open to the public and will be held on three dates in August:

- Tuesday, August 7, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern.

- Thursday, August 16, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern.
- Tuesday, August 21, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern.

ADDRESSES: Those wishing to participate in these webinars should register in advance at this Web site, <http://energy.gov/node/378523> or use the link to the registration available at the Department's Congestion Study Web site, <http://energy.gov/oe/congestion-study-2012>. At these webinars, DOE will set aside time to allow participants to make comments and direct questions to the presenters. Federal law requires DOE to consult with the states in the preparation of the Congestion Study. Accordingly, although stakeholders may participate in any of the webinars, two of these webinars (August 7 and 21) will focus in particular on state officials' comments and concerns. The third Webinar (August 16) will provide an opportunity to discuss the comments and concerns of all stakeholders.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Meyer, DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, david.meyer@hq.doe.gov, or call 202-586-1411.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-58) (EPA) added several new provisions to the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824p) (FPA), including FPA section 216. FPA section 216(a) requires the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study of electric transmission congestion ("National Electric Transmission Congestion Study" or (Congestion Study)) within one year from the date of enactment of EPA and every three years thereafter. The 2006 and 2009 Congestion Studies reviewed congestion nationwide except for the portion of Texas covered by the Electricity Reliability Council of Texas, to which FPA section 216 does not apply. The 2012 Congestion Study is being developed with a similar scope. FPA section 216(a) requires the congestion study be conducted in consultation with affected States and regional entities identified in FPA section 215.

DOE intends to release a draft version of the 2012 Congestion Study later in 2012 for public comment. After reviewing and considering the comments received, DOE will issue a final version of the study.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Case No. RF-024]

Petition for Waiver of LG Electronics, Inc. From the Department of Energy Residential Refrigerator and Refrigerator-Freezer Test Procedure and Grant of Interim Waiver

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

ACTION: Notice of Petition for Waiver, Notice of Granting Application for Interim Waiver, and Request for Public Comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of a petition for waiver from LG Electronics, Inc. (LG) regarding specified portions of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) test procedure for determining the energy consumption of electric refrigerators and refrigerator-freezers. It also grants LG with an interim waiver from that procedure. The waiver request pertains to the basic models set forth in LG's petition that incorporate dual compressors. In its petition, LG provides an alternate test procedure that addresses difficulties in testing dual compressor systems according to the DOE test procedure. DOE solicits comments, data, and information concerning LG's petition and the suggested alternate test procedure.

DATES: DOE will accept comments, data, and information with respect to the LG Petition until, but no later than August 29, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by case number "RF-024," by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* AS_Waiver_Requests@ee.doe.gov. Include the case number [Case No. RF-024] in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-2/1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-2945. Please submit one signed original paper copy.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024. Please submit one signed original paper copy.

Docket: For access to the docket to review the background documents