Type of Request: New information collection.
Burden: 71 hours annually.
Number of Respondents: 420 responses per year. Out of a sample size of 3,000, the USPTO estimates that 420 completed surveys will be received, for a response rate of 14%. The USPTO estimates that none of these surveys will be submitted by small entities.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) to complete this survey. This estimated time includes reading the instructions for the survey, gathering the necessary information, completing the survey, and submitting it to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: The Grace Period Study survey is used by foreign governments, researchers, and other stakeholders to evaluate the effects of premature disclosure of patentable inventions or ideas on researchers’ failures to apply for or receive patents. The USPTO will use the survey to gather data to estimate the value of lost commercial opportunities in Europe due to the lack of adequate patent grace periods in many European countries.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits and non-profit institutions.
Frequency: On occasion.
Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.
OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, email: Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at www.reginfo.gov. Paper copies can be obtained by:

- Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov.
- Mail: Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before June 21, 2013 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to 202–395–5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: May 17, 2013.
Susan K. Fawcett,
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY


Constellation Energy
Commodities Group, Inc., ENI USA Gas Marketing LLC, Sequent Energy

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during March 2013, it issued orders granting authority to import and export natural gas and liquefied natural gas and vacating prior authority. 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 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 6, 2013.
John A. Anderson,
Manager, Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, Office of Fossil Energy.

Appendix
DOE/FE Orders Granting Import/Export Authorizations

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<td>Order vacating blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.</td>
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The regulations provide that the Commission will publish annually, an index figure reflecting the final change in the PPI–FG, after the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes the final PPI–FG in May of each calendar year. The annual average PPI–FG index figures were 190.5 for 2011 and 194.2 for 2012. Thus, the percent change (expressed as a decimal) in the annual average PPI–FG from 2011 to 2012, plus 2.65 percent, is positive 0.045923. Oil pipelines must multiply their July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, index ceiling levels by 1.045923 to compute their index ceiling levels for July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, in accordance with 18 CFR 342.3(d). For guidance in calculating the ceiling levels for each 12 month period beginning January 1, 1995, see Explorer Pipeline Company, 71 FERC ¶ 61,416 at n.6 (1995).

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