

In June 2013, the Supreme Court ruled that the NVRA preempts inconsistent State law and States must accept and use the Federal Form for voter registration purposes in elections for Federal office. *Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.*, _____ U.S. ____, 133 S. Ct. 2247, 2253–60 (2013) (hereinafter “*Inter Tribal Council*”).

The EAC deferred consideration of the requests by Kansas and Georgia pursuant to internal operating procedures put in place in 2011 by the former EAC Executive Director. These procedures provided that requests that “raise issues of broad policy concerns to more than one state” would be deferred until the EAC regained a quorum of its commissioners, so that they would have the opportunity, if they desired, to provide additional policy guidance to the Executive Director and staff. Currently all four seats on the EAC are vacant.

Following the Supreme Court’s decision in *Inter Tribal Council* in June 2013, Arizona and Kansas renewed their requests to the EAC to change the State-specific instructions on the Federal Form to include additional proof-of-citizenship requirements, and the EAC likewise deferred those renewed requests, in accordance with the 2011 EAC internal procedures. Kansas and Arizona officials then initiated litigation against the EAC in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas, challenging the EAC’s deferral of these requests. See *Kobach v. EAC*, No. 5:13-cv-4095 (D. Kan. filed Aug. 21, 2013). On December 13, 2013, as part of this litigation, the district court remanded the Kansas and Arizona matters to the EAC with instructions that the EAC render a final agency action on the Kansas and Arizona requests to change the Federal Form by no later than January 17, 2014. The Court’s order provided that if the EAC has not acted by January 17, 2014, the States’ requests will be deemed by the Court to have been denied. The Georgia request is not part of this pending federal court litigation.

Request for Public Comments: The EAC invites public comments on the requests from Arizona, Kansas and Georgia to modify the State-specific instructions for those States on the Federal Form to require additional proof of citizenship under their respective state laws beyond the existing requirements on the Federal Form. The EAC invites public comments on any issues that commenters believe are relevant to the EAC’s consideration of these State requests. Comments must be in writing and must be submitted no

later than 5:00 p.m. EST on January 3, 2014.

Dated: December 19, 2013.

Alice Miller,
Chief Operating Officer and Acting Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection Extension With Changes

AGENCY: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and Request for OMB Review and Comment.

SUMMARY: EIA has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension with changes, under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for the Electricity and Renewable Power Surveys (OMB Control Number 1905–0129) information collection. EIA requests a three-year clearance with changes for the following existing forms:

- Form EIA–411, “Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program Report”
- Form EIA–826, “Monthly Electric Utility Sales and Revenue Report with State Distributions”
- Form EIA–860, “Annual Electric Generator Report”
- Form EIA–860M, “Monthly Update to the Annual Electric Generator Report”
- Form EIA–861, “Annual Electric Power Industry Report”
- Form EIA–861S, “Annual Electric Power Industry Report (Short Form)”
- Form EIA–923, “Power Plant Operations Report” and

the addition of a new survey, Form EIA–930, “Balancing Authority Operations Report” under OMB Control Number 1905–0129.

EIA also proposes to discontinue OMB Control Number 1905–0196 for the Solar Information Collection. This collection includes the Form EIA–63A (Annual Solar Thermal Collector/ Reflector Shipments Report), Form EIA–63B (Annual Photovoltaic Module/Cell Shipments Report), and Form EIA–902 (Annual Geothermal Heat Pump Shipments Report). The current approval will expire on December 31, 2013. EIA does not plan to collect data on the Forms EIA–63A and EIA–902 and proposes to transfer the Form EIA–63B to the Electric Power Information Collection (OMB Control Number 1905–0129).

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before January 23, 2014. 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 202–395–4718 or contacted by email at Chad_S_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov.

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, Chad_S_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov.

And to Rebecca Peterson, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Mail Stop EI–23, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, erus2014@eia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct any requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions to Rebecca Peterson at erus2014@eia.gov, or at 202–586–4509. The collection instrument and instructions are also available on the Internet at: <http://www.eia.gov/survey/changes/electricity/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

- (1) OMB No.: 1905–0129;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Electricity and Renewables Power Surveys;
- (3) *Type of Request:* Extension, with changes of a currently approved collection;

(4) *Purpose:* The electricity and renewables surveys collect data from entities involved in the production, transmission, delivery, and sale of electricity, and in maintaining the reliable operation of the power system. The data collected are the primary source of information on the nation’s electric power industry. EIA uses the data collected on the electric power surveys to answer queries from the U.S. Congress, other federal and state agencies, the electric power industry, and the public; and as input to the National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) and to EIA’s other forecasting and analytical activities. Other users of the data include policy makers, regulators, energy market analysts, and the energy industries.

EIA proposes that the existing Form EIA–63B, “Annual Photovoltaic Cell/

Module Shipments Report,” move into this clearance package to permit EIA to better align its surveys and programs. In addition, EIA’s proposed new Form EIA-930, “Balancing Authority Operations Report,” will collect hourly information on the operation of the power system, a topic of growing interest due to the impact of renewable power plants and demand response programs on power system performance.

Changes to the currently approved forms in this package include collecting enhanced data on power system reliability, operations, environmental performance, and energy efficiency and demand response programs, and eliminating questions where the data either are no longer needed or cannot be accurately or cost-effectively collected. In addition, EIA proposes changes to the data protection terms for the electric power survey forms to uniformly apply the same policy regarding electric power data. There are two changes in the provisions for protecting the survey data. The first change is that EIA will protect and not publicly disclose the information on the individuals who complete the survey forms. The second change is that, with the exceptions of blackstart data and power plant construction costs reported on Form EIA-860, and all data reported on Form EIA-63B, EIA will no longer apply disclosure limitation procedures to the published aggregate electric power statistical data.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 14,328;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 74,934;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 141,145;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$76,000.

Authority: Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Public Law 93-275, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b).

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Stephanie Brown,

Director, Office of Survey Development and Statistical Integration, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Certification Reports, Compliance Statements, Application for a Test Procedure Waiver, and Recordkeeping for Consumer Products and Commercial/Industrial Equipment Subject to Federal Energy or Water Conservation Standards

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

ACTION: Proposed information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 24, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Ms. Ashley Armstrong, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Program, EE-2J, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Email: certification_compliance_enforcement@ee.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Ashley Armstrong at Ashley.Armstrong@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1910-1400;

(2) *Information Collection Request Title: Certification Reports, Compliance Statements, Application for a Test*

Procedure Waiver, and Recordkeeping for Consumer Products and Commercial/Industrial Equipment subject to Energy or Water Conservation Standards;

(3) *Type of Request:* Renewal;
(4) *Purpose:* DOE is seeking approval to collect information from manufacturers and to require that manufacturers retain records of covered consumer products and commercial and industrial equipment pursuant to Title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, as amended (“EPCA”), 42 U.S.C. 6291 *et seq.* The EPCA sets forth a variety of provisions designed to improve energy efficiency. Part A of Title III (42 U.S.C. 6291-6309) of the EPCA provides for the Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products Other Than Automobiles.

The Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products Other Than Automobiles consists of four parts: (1) Testing, (2) labeling, (3) Federal energy conservation standards, and (4) certification and enforcement procedures. The testing requirements consist of test procedures that manufacturers of covered products must use (1) as the basis for certifying to DOE that their products comply with the applicable energy conservation standards adopted under the EPCA, and (2) for making representations about the efficiency of those products. DOE must use these test requirements to determine whether the products comply with any relevant standards promulgated under the EPCA.

DOE is renewing its information collection on the energy and water efficiency of consumer products and commercial equipment manufactured for distribution in commerce in the United States. Under the Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products Other Than Automobiles DOE requires that manufacturers: (1) Submit certification and compliance reports for each basic model distributed in commerce in the U.S.; (2) maintain records underlying the certified ratings for each basic model including test data and the associated calculations; and (3) submit an application for a test procedure waiver for which manufacturers may elect to submit if they manufacturer a basic model that cannot be tested pursuant to the DOE test procedure.

DOE currently requires manufacturers or their party representatives to prepare and submit certification reports and compliance statements using DOE’s electronic Web-based tool, the Compliance and Certification Management System (CCMS), which is the only mechanism for submitting