There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale. There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

**POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

Kuwait—AIM–120C–7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air (AMRAAM)

The Government of Kuwait has requested a possible sale of sixty (60) AIM–120C–7 AMRAAM Missiles including containers and other related services. The total overall estimated value is $110 million.

This proposed sale contributes to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the security of a Major Non-NATO Ally that continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East. Kuwait is a strategic partner in maintaining stability in the region. This sale will increase Kuwait’s interoperability with the United States. It also ensures a sustained air-to-air capability for Kuwait’s F/A–18 aircraft.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

Implementation of the sale does not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Kuwait.

The principal contractor will be Raytheon Corporation, Tucson, Arizona.
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: FERC–603, Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII) Request.
OMB Control No.: 1902–0197.
Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC–603 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.
Abstract: This collection is used by the Commission to implement procedures for individuals with a valid or legitimate need for access to Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII), which is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), subject to a non-disclosure agreement. On February 21, 2003, the Commission issued Order No. 630 (66 FR 52917) to ensure appropriate treatment of CEII in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and to restrict access due to the ongoing terrorism threat. Given that such information would typically be exempt from mandatory disclosure pursuant to FOIA, the Commission determined that it was important to have a process for individuals with a valid or legitimate need to access certain sensitive energy infrastructure information. As such, the Commission’s CEII process is designed to limit the distribution of sensitive infrastructure information to those individuals with a need to know in order to avoid having sensitive information fall into the hands of those who may use it to attack the Nation’s infrastructure. This collection was prepared as part of the implementation of the CEII request process.

On December 4, 2015, the President signed the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) into law, which directed the Commission to issue regulations aimed at securing and sharing sensitive infrastructure information. On November 17, 2016, in Order No. 833 (in Docket No. RM16–15), the Commission adopted a Final Rule implementing the FAST Act by amending its regulations that pertain to the designation, protection, and sharing of Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII). The Final Rule will be effective on February 19, 2017. FERC–603, Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII) request form is largely unchanged from the previously approved version. As in the previous version, a person seeking access to CEII must file a request for that information by providing information about their identity and the reason the individual needs the information. With that information, the Commission is able to assess the requester’s need for the information against the sensitivity of the information. When Order No. 833 becomes effective, the form will be updated to refer to CEII as Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII) as opposed to Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII). The form will also be updated to provide clarification about the statement of need that CEII requesters must provide by referring individuals to the regulations. Compliance with these requirements is mandatory. A sample updated CEII request form is attached to this notice.

Type of Respondents: Persons seeking access to CEII.


3 Because the Final Rule is not yet effective, the sample CEII Request Form attached to this notice does not appear on the FERC Web site and will not be published in the Federal Register. The sample CEII Request Form will be published with this Notice in Docket No. IC17–3 in eLibrary.

4 Section 215A(a)(3) of the FAST Act defined Critical Electric Infrastructure Information to include information that qualifies as critical energy infrastructure information under the Commission’s regulations. The Commission therefore defined the term “Critical Electric Infrastructure Information” as defined under the Commission’s existing regulations and determined to refer to both types of information, collectively, as CEII.

5 Specifically, 18 CFR 388.113(g)(3) states that a Statement of Need must include: The extent to which a particular function is dependent upon access to the information; why the function cannot be achieved or performed without access to the information; an explanation of whether other information is available to the requester that could facilitate the same objective; how long the information will be needed; whether or not the information is needed to participate in a specific proceeding (with that proceeding identified); and an explanation of whether the information is needed expeditiously. "Burden" is the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation...

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