SALARY INFORMATION: Title II of FUA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.), provides that no new base load electric powerplant may be constructed or operated without the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel as a primary energy source. Pursuant to the FUA, in order to meet the requirement of coal capability, the owner or operator of such a facility proposing to use natural gas or petroleum as its primary energy source shall certify to the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) prior to construction, or prior to operation as a base load electric powerplant, that such powerplant has the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel. Such certification establishes compliance with FUA section 201(a) as of the date it is filed with the Secretary. 42 U.S.C. 8311.

The following owner of a proposed new base-load electric generating powerplant has filed a self-certification of coal-capability with DOE pursuant to FUA section 201(d) and in accordance with DOE regulations in 10 CFR 50.160, 61:

Owner: PSEG Power, LLC
Capacity: 540 megawatts (MW)
Plant Location: PSEG Fossil Sewaren Generating Station, Sewaren, NJ
In-Service Date: April 2018

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 11, 2017.

Brian Mills,
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

SUMMARY:

The application at the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214). Five copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program Web site at http://energy.gov/node/11845, or by emailing Angela Troy at Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 11, 2017.

Brian Mills,
Senior Planning Advisor, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA–328–B]

Application To Export Electric Energy
RBC Energy Services LP

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

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: RBC Energy Services LP (Applicant or RBC Energy) has applied to renew its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before May 31, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed to: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE–20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585–0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov, or by facsimile to 202–586–8008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On September 28, 2012, DOE issued Order No. EA–328–A to RBC Energy, which authorized the Applicant to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities. That authority expires on September 26, 2017. On March 24, 2017, RBC Energy filed an application with DOE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA–328 for an additional five-year term.

In its application, RBC Energy states that it does not own or operate any electric generation or transmission facilities, and it does not have a franchised service area. The electric energy that RBC Energy proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from third parties such as electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies pursuant to voluntary agreements. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by RBC Energy have previously been authorized by Presidential Permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214). Five copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Copies and other filings concerning RBC Energy’s application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA–328–B. An additional copy is to be provided directly to both Chantal Marchese, Royal Bank of Canada, 200 Bay Street, 30th Floor, North Tower, Toronto, Ontario Canada M5J 2J5 and Marcus Chun, RBC Capital Markets, 200 Bay Street, 9th Floor, South Tower, Toronto, Ontario Canada M5J 2J2.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE’s National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program Web site at http://energy.gov/node/11845, or by emailing Angela Troy at Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 11, 2017.

Brian Mills,
Senior Planning Advisor, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Proposed Agency Information Collection Extension


ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the EERE Environmental Questionnaire (OMB No. 1910–5175). Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DOE, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of DOE’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: Comments regarding this proposed information collection extension must be received on or before June 30, 2017. 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 Lisa Jorgensen at: U.S. Department of Energy, 15013 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO 80401, by fax at (720–356–1790), or by email at EEREEQComments@EE.DOE.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the EERE Environmental Questionnaire should be directed to Lisa Jorgensen at EEREEQComments@EE.DOE.gov. The EERE Environmental Questionnaire also is available for viewing in the Golden Field Office Public Reading Room at: www.energy.gov/node/2299401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

1. OMB No. 1910–5175;
2. Information Collection Request Title: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Environmental Questionnaire;
3. Type of Request: Extension, with changes;
4. Purpose: The DOE’s EERE provides federal funding through federal assistance programs to businesses, industries, universities, and other groups for renewable energy and energy efficiency research and development and demonstration projects. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) requires that an environmental analysis be completed for all major federal actions significantly affecting the environment including projects entirely or partly financed by federal agencies. To effectively perform environmental analyses for these projects, the DOE’s EERE needs to collect project-specific information from federal financial assistance awardees. DOE’s EERE has developed its Environmental Questionnaire to obtain the required information and ensure that its decision-making processes are consistent with NEPA as it relates to renewable energy and energy efficiency research and development and demonstration projects. Minor changes have been made to the Environmental Questionnaire that help to clarify certain questions, but do not change the meaning of the questions being asked.
5. Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 300;
6. Average Hours per Response: 1; and
7. Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 300
8. There is no cost associated with reporting and recordkeeping.

Statutory Authority: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

Issued in Golden, CO, on April 20, 2017.

Robin L. Sweeney,
Director, Environmental Oversight Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration
Agency Information Collection Extension

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

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Information collection extension; notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The EIA, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend with changes for three years with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the surveys in the Natural Gas Data Collection Program Package under OMB Control No. 1905–0175. This program provides information on the supply and disposition of natural gas within the United States. The surveys covered by this information collection request include:
Form EIA–176, Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition
EIA–191, Monthly Underground Gas Storage Report
EIA–757, Natural Gas Processing Plant Survey
EIA–857, Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers
EIA–910, Monthly Natural Gas Marketer Survey
EIA–912, Weekly Underground Natural Gas Storage Report

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: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before June 30, 2017. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in ADDRESSES as soon as possible.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the any forms and instructions should be directed to Mr. Kopalek at the address listed above. Also, the draft forms and instructions are available on the EIA Web site at http://www.eia.gov/survey/notice/ngdownstream/forms.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

1. OMB Control Number 1902–0175;
2. Information Collection Request Title: Natural Gas Data Collection Program;
3. Type of Request: Renewal, with changes;