DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Notice of Public Meeting on Understanding the Environmental, Health, and Local Impacts of Ethane Processing and Distribution


ACTION: Notice of virtual public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) will host a public meeting to discuss the impacts petrochemical manufacturing, pipelines, and supporting infrastructure have on environmental and health conditions in local communities and on global greenhouse gas emission targets.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. EST.

Location: The public meeting will be held virtually via Webex on August 24, 2021, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. EST. Those who register will be provided with the meeting link and other details.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Easley, Industry Analyst, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, by email at kevin.easley@hq.doe.gov; or by telephone at (240) 780–1453.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to obtain data, information, and perspectives from individual stakeholders on the following topics: (1) Local environmental, health, and community impacts associated with petrochemical manufacturing, particularly from ethane crackers and pipelines; (2) health and safety risks to local communities from accidents and system failures associated with such facilities and infrastructure; (3) greenhouse gas emissions from such facilities and infrastructure; and (4) opportunities to reduce environmental and health impacts of such facilities locally and along the value chain, up to and including product exports. The public meeting discussion will inform the DOE FECM study assessing the long-term trends related to the domestic production and consumption of ethane, the export of ethane, and the opportunities for and economic benefit of investments for further domestic use, as encouraged by Congress pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116–260, and explanatory statement, 166 Cong. Rec. H7879, H8363 (Dec. 21, 2020). In holding this meeting, DOE is seeking individual opinions and perspectives and is not seeking to obtain or utilize consensus advice and/or recommendations from any groups or entities.

The meeting is open to the public and participation is via Webex. Please direct all media inquiries to Marc Willis, Director of Communications, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, at FECCommunications@hq.doe.gov. Those planning to join via Webex are requested to register in advance by email to Colleen Newman (colleen.newman@hq.doe.gov) and provide their name, title, organization, and email address prior to the meeting. Participants are responsible for ensuring their systems are compatible with the Webex software.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on August 3, 2021, by Jennifer Wilcox, Ph.D., Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the Federal Register.
• Public Comment
• Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make an oral statement regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Dr. Barish at sam.barish@science.doe.gov (Email). Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements during the Public Comment time on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for on the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee website: http://science.energy.gov/fes/fesac/.

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 4, 2021.
LaTanya Butler,
Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
[Docket No. IC21–30–000, RD20–4–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–725G); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on a renewal of currently approved information collection, FERC 725G (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: PRC Reliability Standards), which will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due September 8, 2021.


Please submit copies of your comments to the Commission. You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC21–30–000) by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through http:// www.ferc.gov, is preferred.

Computer Filing: Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.

For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier delivery).


Hand (Including Courier Delivery): Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Instructions: OMB submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Use the searching function under the “Currently Under Review” field, select Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; click “submit,” and select “comment” to the right of the subject collection.

FERC submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: http://www.ferc.gov. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208–3676 (toll-free).

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502–8663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:


OMB Control No.: 1902–0252.

Type of Request: Revisions and extension to the information collection, as discussed in Docket No. RD20–4–000.

Abstract: On August 8, 2005, Congress enacted into law the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, which is Title XII, Subtitle A, of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005).1 EPAct 2005 added a new section 215 to the FPA, which required a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, which are subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the ERO subject to Commission oversight, or the Commission can independently enforce Reliability Standards.2

The information collected by the FERC–725G is required to implement the statutory provisions of section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA),3 Section 215 of the FPA buttresses the Commission’s efforts to strengthen the reliability of the interstate bulk power grid.


• PRC–002–2 Disturbance Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

The purpose is to have adequate data available to facilitate analysis of Bulk Electric System (BES) Disturb.

• PRC–006–5 Automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding

To establish design and documentation requirements for automatic Underfrequency Load Shedding (UFLS) programs to arrest declining frequency, assist recovery of frequency following underfrequency events and provide last resort system preservation measures.

• PRC–012–2 Remedial Action Schemes

To ensure that Remedial Action Schemes (RAS) do not introduce unintentional or unacceptable reliability risks to the Bulk Electric System (BES).

• PRC–019–2 Coordination of Generating Unit or Plant Capabilities, Voltage Regulating Controls, and Protection

The purpose is to verify coordination of generating unit Facility or synchronous condenser voltage

2 16 U.S.C. 824o(c)(3).
3 16 U.S.C. 824o(c)(3).