

2. on or after November 1, 1994, for all non-class actions commenced on or after October 1, 1994; and

3. on or after February 1, 1995, for all non-class-action litigation commenced before October 1, 1994.

Attachment A. — U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, Contractor Litigation Costs, Model Bill Format and Contents

### I. FOR FEES

Date of service	Description of service	Name or initials of attorney	Approved rate	Time charged	Amount (rate x time)
.....	(See Note 1 below).	.....	.....	.....	

### II. FOR DISBURSEMENTS

Date	Description of disbursement	Amount
.....	(See Note 2 below). .....	

Note 1.—Description of Service: All fees must be itemized and described in sufficient detail and specificity to reflect the purpose and nature of the work performed (e.g., subject matter researched or discussed; names of participants of calls/meetings; type of documents reviewed).

Note 2.—Description of Disbursement: Description should be in sufficient detail to determine that the disbursement expense was in accordance with all applicable DOE policies on contractor litigation costs and the terms of engagement between the contractor and the law firm (e.g., if copying charges, include number of pages copied and cost per page).

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#### Notice of Conference on Freedom of Information Act Policies and Procedures

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of conference.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing that it will hold a conference to discuss DOE Freedom of Information Act policies and procedures. This conference is being held to further the goals of the Secretary's Openness Initiative.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held on April 23, 1996, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon beginning in the Main Auditorium of the Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585. Break-out sessions will follow in both the Main and Small Auditoriums.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ed McGinnis, FOIA/Privacy Act Division, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585 or call (202) 586-1310.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** President Clinton, in an October 4, 1993, memorandum, called on all Federal departments and agencies to renew their commitment to the underlying principles and sound administration of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). On that same day, Attorney General Janet Reno asked all Federal departments and agencies to ensure that

the principle of openness in government be applied in every disclosure and nondisclosure decision made pursuant to the FOIA.

The Department of Energy is fully committed to the goals and principles articulated in President Clinton's and Attorney General Reno's memoranda. As part of the Department's efforts to comply with both the letter and spirit of the FOIA, a FOIA Users Conference is being convened to discuss how the Department can better meet the needs of FOIA requesters. All interested parties are encouraged to attend this Conference and contribute to the discussion.

**AGENDA:** The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- (1) Welcome and introductory remarks;
- (2) Concurrent panel discussions (Panelist will be DOE program officials who will discuss their programs record systems and FOIA procedures);
- (3) Open discussion and question and answer period.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The meeting will be open to the public. However, seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals who need further assistance or wish to provide special remarks at the conference should contact Ed McGinnis at (202) 586-1310 by April 16, 1996.

Signed March 26, 1996.

Archer L. Durham,  
Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration.

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#### Energy Information Administration

##### Agency Information Collection Activities

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Agency information collection activities: Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments concerning the revisions to the Form EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program Report."

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before June 3, 1996. 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, you should advise the contact listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Mr. John W. Makens, EI-523, Office of Coal, Nuclear, Electric and Alternate Fuels, Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. Phone—(202) 426-1165. FAX—(202) 426-1308. E-mail: JMAKENS@EIA.DOE.GOV

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Mr. John W. Makens at the address listed above.

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background.
- II. Current Actions.
- III. Request for Comments.

## I. Background

In order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-275) and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Public Law 95-91), the Energy Information Administration is obliged to carry out a central, comprehensive, and unified energy data and information program. As part of this program, EIA collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates data and information related to energy resource reserves, production, demand, and technology, and related economic and statistical information relevant to the adequacy of energy resources to meet demands in the near and longer term future for the Nation's economic and social needs.

The Energy Information Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden (required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13)), conducts a presurvey consultation program to provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing reporting forms. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden is minimized, reporting forms are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

The Form EIA-411 is filed annually as a voluntary report. The information reported includes: (1) Actual energy and peak demand for the preceding year and 10 additional years; (2) existing and future generating capacity; (3) scheduled capacity transfers; (4) projections of capacity, demand, purchases, sales, and scheduled maintenance; and (5) bulk power system maps. These data support queries from the executive branch, Congress, other public agencies, and the general public. The data present various council aggregate totals for their member electric utilities, with some nonmember information included. The *1994 Electric Power Annual, Volume II* published selected information, while the *1994 Inventory of Power Plants in the United States* published capacity information. These publications and other EIA publications may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office. Telephone orders may be directed to: Mail Order Desk, (202) 512-1800 or by FAX at (202) 512-2250.

## II. Current Actions

EIA is requesting a 3 year clearance to an existing collection that has been changed. The following schedules were dropped when the form (previously the OE-411, "Coordinated Regional Bulk Power Supply Program Report") was transferred to EIA: Item 3-B, Assessment of Adequacy; Item 3-C, Generating Capacity Unavailability; Item 5-A, Near Term Transmission Adequacy; Item 5-B, Future Critical Bulk Power Facilities That Will Not Be in Service When Required; Item 5-C, System Evaluation Criteria; Item 6-A, Coordination of Operations; Item 6-B, Load Preservation Program; and Item 7, Additional Information. Comments, if any, about these deletions from the new form will be considered. In addition, the information from Item 1, Actual Energy and Peak Demand for the Preceding Year and 10 Additional Years, will not be available in 1996; however, Item 1 is under consideration to be kept on the new form via this clearance review. Information found in Item 1 includes, by North American Electric Reliability Council Region (NERC), the 12 monthly peak and energy demand data elements for the prior year, estimated values for the reporting year, and 10-year projections. The information provided shows all monthly peak loads and energy, thereby allowing the examination of seasonal patterns by NERC regions and for any region having sub-regions.

The Form EIA-411 will be filed in a unified, electronic format in which the national and individual council aggregates will be provided for all items. There will be no individual council reports produced on paper.

## III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of responses.

### General Issues

EIA is interested in receiving comments from persons regarding:

A. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility. Practical utility is the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can EIA make to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

## As a Potential Respondent

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions require clarification?

B. Can data be submitted in accordance with the due date specified in the instructions?

C. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 13 hours per utility providing information to the NERC regional councils and average of 650 hours for each of the regional councils to provide consolidated information to NERC. It is then estimated that it will take NERC 240 hours to file 1 report covering all council regions with the EIA. Burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

Please comment on (1) the accuracy of our estimate, and (2) how the agency could minimize the burden of the collection of information, including, through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

D. What are the estimated (1) total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs, and (2) recurring annual dollar amount of operation and maintenance and purchase of services costs associated with this data collection? The estimates should take into account the costs associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing the information. Estimates should not include purchases of equipment or services made as part of customary and usual business practices, or the cost of any burden hours for completing the form. EIA estimates that there are no additional costs other than those that the respondent incurs in keeping the information for its own uses.

E. Do you know of any other Federal, State, or local agency that collects similar data? If you do, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

*As a Potential User*

A. Can you use data at the levels of detail indicated on the form?

B. For what purpose would you use the data? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources of data and do you use them? If so, what are their deficiencies and/or strengths?

D. For the most part, information is published by EIA in U.S. customary units, e.g., cubic feet of natural gas, short tons of coal, and barrels of oil. Would you prefer to see EIA publish more information in metric units, e.g., cubic meters, metric tons, and kilograms? If yes, please specify what information (e.g., coal production, natural gas consumption, and crude oil imports), the metric unit(s) of measurement preferred, and in which EIA publication(s) you would like to see such information.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law No. 104-13).

Issued in Washington, DC March 27, 1996.

Yvonne M. Bishop,

*Director, Office of Statistical Standards  
Energy Information Administration.*

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## **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP96-178-000]

### **Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership; Notice of Filing**

March 28, 1996.

Take notice that on March 15, 1996, pursuant to Section 1.27 of the General Terms and Condition (GT&C) of Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership (Cove Point) FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, filed with the Commission its revised retainage schedule and tariff to be effective April 16.

Cove Point states that the retainage for Cove Point's three peaking services was in excess of the 20.5 percent retainage cap for peaking services provided in GT&C section 1.27. Cove Point states the schedule attached to the filing shows that retainage levels for transportation services for the effective point were 2.86 percent. Cove Point states that the later figures is known to be inaccurate in that Cove Point experienced a significant problem with the meters at the Washington Gas (Cove Point's primary

transportation customer) delivery points off of the Cove Point pipeline. Cove Point further states that instead of increasing the existing transportation retainage based on the currently available data, Cove Point proposes to defer any adjustment in the transportation retainage percentage until the inaccuracies are rectified.

Cove Point states that (i) there is no change in the filed retainage levels to be made effective April 16, 1996; and (ii) at such time as Cove Point has ascertained more accurate meter readings regarding transportation volumes it will, to the extent a variance in actual versus collected retainage exists, file a revised retainage schedule.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before April 4, 1996. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the public reference room. Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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### **Gas Research Institute; Notice of Petition To Amend GRI's 1996 RD&D Program**

March 28, 1996.

Take notice that on March 22, 1996, the Gas Research Institute (GRI) filed a petition requesting expedited approval of its proposal to amend its approved 1996 RD&D Program. In its petition, GRI states that it now anticipates an approximately 20 percent reduction in 1996 revenues due to decontracting and greater than anticipated discounting and, therefore, proposes to reduce its RD&D Program Obligations Budget from the approved 1996 level of \$218.8 million to \$174.8 million. GRI also requests approval of one-time staff severance and restructuring costs of \$2.0 million, associated with an approximately 20 percent cut in GRI staffing.

GRI requests approval to utilize its proposed amended 1996 Program Obligations Budget of \$174.8 million to fund R&D obligations of \$151.0 million and general operating expenses of \$23.8 million. GRI states that it expects to be able to fund this reduced budget with the currently effective GRI surcharges.

GRI proposes to maintain the overall balance of the approved 1996 program in the amended 1996 program, and therefore proposes to allocate reduced budgets for contract R&D and directly associated R&D management costs on a roughly *pro rata* basis across the overall objectives of GRI's RD&D program.

A detailed description of GRI's proposed revision of its approved 1996 R&D Program budget, including its plan to eliminate 1996 funding for seventeen approved new projects, and to fund eight additional projects that were not previously included in its 1996 R&D Program, is set forth in the text of GRI's petition and its attachments.

In a supplemental letter to its filing, GRI clarifies that it is not seeking Commission approval to fund the eight additional projects. According to GRI, these programs are being implemented using existing authority under Stipulation No. 6 and are only included in the revised budget request filing to give the Commission, all intervenors and other interested parties a complete picture of GRI's current funding plans and priorities.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said petition should file a petition to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 385.214) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). All such petition or protests must be filed on or before April 4, 1996. All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a petition to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Lois D. Cashell,

*Secretary.*

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