

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Office of Environment, Safety and Health; Continuation of Solicitation for Epidemiology and Other Health Studies Financial Assistance Program (Notice 96-01)**

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Annual notice of continuation of potential availability of grants and cooperative agreements.

SUMMARY: The Office of Health Studies within the Office of Environment, Safety, and Health of the Department of Energy (DOE) announces its continuing interest in applications for grants and cooperative agreements for occupational and environmental health studies of DOE employees and DOE contractors, as well as related DOE international health programs, concerning nuclear weapons research, development, production, use, storage, and dismantling.

DATES: Deadlines for applications or pre-applications will be contained in separate Notices of Availability to be published at a later time in the Federal Register that will address specific program areas to be funded by the Office of Health Studies in fiscal year 1997. All applications accepted under these subsequent notices must be received by the Office of Health Studies on or before September 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: After the issuance of a Notice of Availability, applicants may obtain additional information from Dr. Paul Seligman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Health Studies (EH-6), U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290; facsimile: 301-903-3445; telephone: 301-903-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A final program rule, which specifies the policies and procedures governing the purpose and scope, program areas, eligibility, application requirements, evaluation criteria, and selection procedures for the Office of Health Studies Financial Assistance Program, was published in the Federal Register (60 FR 5838) on January 31, 1995, effective March 2, 1995. Proposed research applications and pre-applications shall also comply with 10 CFR Part 602.

The three offices within the Office of Health Studies: The Office of International Health Programs, the Office of Occupational Medicine and Medical Surveillance, and the Office of Epidemiologic Studies, promote studies to identify and assess the health risks associated with occupational or environmental exposures to ionizing radiation or toxic chemicals in the

following populations: employees of DOE and DOE contractors (particularly those at high risk for exposure to ionizing radiation or toxic chemicals), residents of communities near DOE facilities, and populations throughout the world at high risk for exposure to ionizing radiation or toxic chemicals resulting from accidental exposures or proximity to nuclear or other energy-related facilities. Deliberate exposure of human subjects in ongoing radiation experiments is outside the scope of this announcement. Access and use of information for conducting studies under this notice will comply with the Amendment to the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 regarding Existing Systems of Records, published June 28, 1995, effective August 7, 1995 (60 FR 33510).

For fiscal year 1997, the Office of Health Studies estimates that approximately \$4.3 million will be available for grants or cooperative agreements in occupational and environmental health studies. The number of awards made will depend on the number of applications received for which the results of competitive merit review are favorable. Of this total, the Office of International Health Programs anticipates that up to \$500,000 will be available to support research to improve understanding of the health effects and health risks resulting from exposure to elevated levels of ionizing radiation in both occupational settings and the general populations. The Office of Occupational Medicine and Medical Surveillance anticipates that approximately \$3.7 million will be available for new cooperative agreements and to continue, as necessary, funding for the six cooperative agreements already awarded late in fiscal year 1996 for evaluating the health effects of former DOE workers who may be at significant risk due to exposures to hazardous and/or radioactive substances.

The Office of Epidemiologic Studies does not have funds available to support either new cooperative agreements or new grants during fiscal year 1997 for epidemiologic studies of the DOE workforce or communities near DOE facilities.

Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding between DOE and the Department of Health and Human Services (56 FR 9701), published March 7, 1991 (and extended through fiscal year 2000), additional funds to study: (1) Occupational health and safety issues arising from exposures to radiation and toxic chemicals at nuclear and other energy-related facilities, and (2) methodology for risk assessment and epidemiologic research may be available

through the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); see Federal Register Announcement 521 (60 FR 4916), published January 25, 1995, or contact the Associate Director for Energy-Related Health Research, NIOSH, Mail Stop R-44, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45226; telephone: 513-841-4400.

The National Center for Environmental Health of CDC previously awarded funds for radiation-related research, including dose reconstruction studies, but does not anticipate any additional funds for fiscal year 1997. (For current information contact Dr. James Smith, Chief, Radiation Studies Branch, NCEH, 4770 Buford Highway, NE., Atlanta, GA 30341; telephone: 404-488-7040.)

DOE is under no obligation to pay for any cost associated with the preparation or submission of any application. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the applications submitted in response to this notice. Results of studies carried out as grants or cooperative agreements with the Office of Health Studies will be made available to DOE workers, to the public, and to managers responsible for protecting worker health and safety. Data will be made available through DOE's Comprehensive Epidemiologic Data Resource.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 4, 1996.

Paul J. Seligman,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Studies.
[FR Doc. 96-26420 Filed 10-15-96; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

Energy Information Administration**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed renewal of form EIA-457A-H, Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 16, 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 Michael T. Laurence, Office of Energy Markets and End Use, EI-631, Forrestal

Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585, telephone (202) 586-2453, or INTERNET address, mlaurenc@eia.doe.gov, or fax 202/586-0018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Michael T. Laurence 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 (Pub. L. No. 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 data collection included, herein, was approved by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget for a one-year extension through June 30, 1997. EIA seeks an extension of this collection by the Director with some modifications under Section 3507(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13, Title 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

The Energy Information Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden (required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 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 RECS is a periodic survey of U.S. households to estimate energy consumption and expenditures and track changes over time. The data are widely used throughout the government and the

private sector for policy analysis and are made available to the public in a variety of publications and electronic data files.

II. Current Actions

A three-year extension with changes to an existing collection that expires June 30, 1997, will be submitted to OMB. Due to funding constraints, the RECS, with this effort, will move from a triennial to a quadrennial schedule. Accordingly, the next RECS will be in 1997 and then 2001. The scope and length of the survey is being substantially reduced and Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) procedures are being introduced which will result in a substantial reduction in respondent burden. Form EIA-457H, Household Lighting Usage Supplement, is being dropped as well as portions of Form EIA-457A, Household Questionnaire, including conservation measures, demand-side management, new home supplement, detailed questions about vehicles, and housing measurements. Some new questions regarding the frequency that appliances are used are being added.

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. Please indicate to which form(s) your comments apply.

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 30 minutes for Form EIA-457A, Household Questionnaire; 20 minutes for Form EIA-457B, Mail version of the

Household Questionnaire; 15 minutes for Form EIA-457C, Rental Agents, Landlords, and Apartment Managers; 30 minutes for Form EIA-457D, Household Bottle Gas (LPG or Propane) Usage; 30 minutes for Form EIA-457E, Household Bottled Gas (LPG or Propane) Usage; 30 minutes for Form EIA-457F, Household Electricity Usage; 30 minutes for Form EIA-457G, Household Natural Gas Usage; and 30 minutes for Form EIA-457H, Household Fuel Oil or Kerosene Usage. 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

D. What is 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.

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 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

Issued in Washington, DC, October 8, 1996.
John Gross,

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

[FR Doc. 96-26421 Filed 10-15-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP91-103-007]

Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Filing of Tariff Sheet and Refund Report

October 9, 1996.

Take notice that on October 4, 1996, Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company (Alabama-Tennessee), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 4A, superseding Sub. Third Revised Sheet No. 4A. Alabama-Tennessee also filed a report of refunds, pursuant to Article 1, Paragraph 3(c) of the Stipulation and Agreement in Docket No. RP91-103-000, et al., remitted to customers on September 25, 1996.

Alabama-Tennessee states that Fourth Revised Sheet No. 4A reflects the elimination of Take-or-Pay Surcharges pursuant to the Stipulation and Agreement approved by FERC Order dated October 17, 1991. Alabama-Tennessee requests an effective date of September 1, 1996.

Alabama-Tennessee has requested that the Commission grant such waivers as may be necessary to accept and approve the filing as submitted.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). All such protests must be filed on or before October 16, 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 96-26403 Filed 10-15-96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

Hydroelectric Applications [The Connecticut Light and Power Company, et al.] Notice of Applications

[Project Nos. P-2576-000, et al.]

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

1a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent to File An Application for a New License.

b. *Project No.:* 2576.

c. *Date filed:* August 19, 1996.

d. *Submitted By:* The Connecticut Light and Power Company, current licensee.

e. *Name of Project:* Housatonic River.

f. *Location:* On the Housatonic River, in the Towns of Bridgewater, Brookfield, Kent, Monroe, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Oxford, Roxbury, Sherman, and Southbury, in the City of Danbury, Litchfield, Fairfield, and New Haven Counties, CT.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Effective date of original license:* March 1, 1953.

i. *Expiration date of original license:* September 30, 2001.

j. *The project consists of four developments:*

(1) the Bulls Bridge Development, comprising: (a) a 203-foot-long, 24-foot-high concrete gravity-overflow structure known as Bulls Bridge or Main Dam; (b) a 156-foot-long, 17-foot-high rockfill concrete-capped overflow structure having 3-foot-high wooden flashboards and known as Spooner Dam; (c) a reservoir having a 120-acre surface area and a 233-acre-foot useable storage volume at normal pool elevation 354.6 feet m.s.l.; (d) an intake structure and a 2-mile-long canal; (e) a forebay and two (one 13-foot-diameter and one 8-foot-diameter) 420-foot-long penstocks; (f) a powerhouse containing six 1,200-Kw generating units for a total installed capacity of 7,200-Kw; and (g) appurtenant facilities.

(2) the Rocky River Development, comprising: (a) a 952-foot-long, 100-foot-high earth-filled structure having a

core wall and known as Guarding Hill or Main Dam; (b) a 2,500-foot-long earthen structure known as Canal or Guarding Hill Dike; (c) four small dike structures; (d) a reservoir having a 5,600-acre surface area and an 8,250-acre-foot useable storage volume at normal pool elevation 428.14 m.s.l. and known as Candlewood Lake; (e) a 3,190-foot-long canal; (f) an intake structure and a concrete/woodstave/riveted steel penstock; (g) a powerhouse containing a 25,000-Kw generating unit and two 3,000-Kw reversible pump/generator units for an installed generating capacity of 31,000-Kw; and (h) appurtenant facilities.

(3) the Shepaug Development, comprising: (a) a 1,412-foot-long, 147-foot-high concrete gravity-type structure known as Shepaug Dam; (b) a reservoir having a 1,870-acre surface area and a 5,400-acre-foot useable storage volume at normal pool elevation 198.28 feet m.s.l. and known as Lake Lillinonah; (c) an intake structure and a 25-foot-diameter penstock; (d) a powerhouse containing a 37,200-Kw generating unit; and (e) appurtenant facilities.

(4) the Stevenson Development, comprising: (a) a 1,250-foot-long, 124-foot-high concrete gravity-type structure having a 520-foot-long spillway surmounted by 3-foot-high wooden flashboards and known as Stevenson Dam; (b) a reservoir having a 1,063-acre surface area and a 5,038-acre-foot useable storage volume at normal pool elevation 101.3 feet m.s.l. and known as Lake Zoar; (c) an intake structure and four 12-foot-square penstocks; (d) a powerhouse containing an 8,000-Kw generating unit and three 7,500-Kw generating units for a total installed capacity of 30,500 Kw; and (e) appurtenant facilities;

The project has a total installed capacity of 105,900-Kw.

k. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.7, information on the project is available at: The Connecticut Light and Power Company, 41 Park Lane Road, New Milford, CT 06776, (860) 355-6527.

l. *FERC contact:* Charles T. Raabe (202) 219-2811.

m. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by September 30, 1999.

2a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent To File an Application for a New License.

b. *Project No.:* 2597.

c. *Date filed:* August 21, 1996.