

Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: May 27, 1998.

**Gloria Parker,**

*Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of Postsecondary Education**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Federal Pell Grant Program Institution Payment Record and Payment Data.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Businesses or other for-profits; State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or LEAs.

**Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 5,918.

Burden Hours: 355,080.

**Abstract:** The Federal Pell Grant Program provides grants to eligible students based on financial need to meet the costs of postsecondary education. The institution payment record and payment data is how the institution reports to the Department student recipients and the funds to be disbursed under the program.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Notice of Intent To Establish the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee**

Pursuant to Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 101-6.1015(a), this is notice of intent to establish the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee. This intent to establish follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, pursuant to 41 CFR Subpart 101-6.10.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Secretary of Energy and the Director of the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology with advice, information, and recommendations on national research needs and priorities. The Committee will provide an organized forum for the scientific community to conduct an in-depth assessment of the Nuclear Energy Research Programs.

Committee members will be chosen to ensure an appropriately balanced membership to bring into account a diversity of viewpoints including representatives from universities, industry, Department of Energy operating contractors, and others who may significantly contribute to the deliberations of the Committee. All meetings of this Committee will be published ahead of time in the **Federal Register**.

Additionally, the establishment of the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee has been determined to be compelled by considerations of national security, essential to the conduct of Department of Energy business, and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of Energy by law and agreement.

Further information regarding this Committee may be obtained from Mr. William D. Magwood, IV, Associate Director of Planning and Analysis, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585, phone (202) 586-6630.

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**James N. Solit,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

**State Energy Advisory Board, Open Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

*Name:* State Energy Advisory Board.

*Date and Time:* May 14, 1998 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and May 15, 1998 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

*Place:* The Southgate Tower, 371 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10001. 212-563-1800.

*Contact:* William J. Raup, Office of Building Technology, State, and Community Programs, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone 202/586-2214.

**Purpose of the Board**

To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives and programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-440).

**Tentative Agenda**

Briefings on, and discussions of:

- Federal efforts to market energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.

- Issues related to Electric Utility Industry restructuring and financing.
- Relationships between DOE Regional Support Offices and DOE headquarters offices.

**Public Participation**

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with

the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact William J. Raup at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral presentations must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statements in the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

#### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on March 30, 1998.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration, DOE.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension to FE-329R, "Regulations Implementing the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978."

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted by June 1, 1998. 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 make a submission as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Ms. Ellen Russell, Fossil Energy, FE-52, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, (Phone—(202) 586-9624) (e-mail address—ellen.russell@hq.doe.gov) and FAX (202-586-6050).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Ms. Russell 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 (EIA) 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 EIA, 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 documents. This program helps to prepare data requests in the desired format, minimize reporting burden, develop clearly understandable reporting documents, and assess the impact of collection requirements on respondents. Also, EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collections under Section 3507(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13, Title 44, U.S.C. Chapter 35).

A three-year extension of OMB's approval for the information collection requirements contained in 10 CFR parts 500, 501, 503, and 504 regulations (OMB No. 1901-0297) is being requested. The owners/operators of powerplants may self-certify the alternate fuel capability of their powerplants. The Office of Fossil Energy uses the data to verify that the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 provisions are met.

#### II. Current Actions

This request is for a three-year extension of the current OMB expiration

date, with no changes to the regulations in 10 CFR 500, 501, 503, and 504.

#### 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

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility? Practical utility is defined as 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 by the due date?

C. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 20 hours per response. Burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide 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 information technology.

D. EIA estimates that respondents will incur no additional costs for reporting other than the hours required to complete the collection. What is the estimated: (1) Total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs, and (2) recurring annual costs of operation and maintenance, and purchase of services associated with this data collection?

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?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or