

notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting:

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Rocky Flats.

DATES: Thursday, December 14, 1998; 6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Arvada Center of the Arts and Humanities 6901 Wadsworth Boulevard Arvada, CO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Korkia, Board/Staff Coordinator, EM SSAB–Rocky Flats, 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021, phone (303) 420–7855, fax: (303) 420–7579.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

Continue Discussion on Waste Management Topics and Development of a "Vision" for the Closure of the Rocky Flats Site

Other Board Business May Be Conducted as Necessary

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ken Korkia at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and a reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make a public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments at the beginning of the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Public Reading Room located at the Board's office at 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021; telephone (303) 420–7855. Hours of operation of the Public Reading Room are 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Minutes will also be made available by writing or calling Deb Thompson at the Board's office address or telephone number listed above.

Issued at Washington, DC on November 24, 1998.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting: Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board.

DATES: Wednesday, December 16, 1998, 9:00 am–3:30 pm.

ADDRESSES: Swissotel Washington—The Watergate Hotel, Monticello Ballroom, 2650 Virginia Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB–1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586–1709 or (202) 586–6279 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board

The Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (The Board) reports directly to the Secretary of Energy and is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 624(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (Public Law 95–91). The Board provides the Secretary of Energy with essential independent advice and recommendations on issues of national importance. The Board and its Task Force Subcommittees provide timely, balanced, and authoritative advice to the Secretary on the Department's management reforms, research, development, and technology activities, energy and national security responsibilities, environmental cleanup activities, and economic issues relating to energy.

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, December 16, 1998

9:00 am–9:15 am Welcome & Opening Remarks—Chairman Walter Massey

9:15 am–9:30 am Remarks and Introduction of New Board Members—Secretary Bill Richardson

9:30 am–11:30 am SEAB

Subcommittee Reports & Discussion

11:30 am–11:45 am Response and Charge to the Board—Secretary Bill Richardson

11:45 am–12:00 pm Public Comment Period

12:00 pm–1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm–3:15 pm SEAB Planning Session

3:15 pm–3:30 pm Public Comment Period

3:30 pm Closing Remarks

This tentative agenda is subject to change. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The Chairman of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a way that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Washington, DC, the Board welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Board will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB–1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

Minutes: Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E–190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board may also be found at the Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

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Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

RIN 1904–AA77

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Office of Codes and Standards (OCS) in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed information collection under the title "Study of Central Air Conditioner Prices." OCS is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data regarding equipment and installation prices for residential unitary air conditioners and heat pumps.

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted by January 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to: U.S. Department of Energy, Attn: Kathi Epping, Office of Codes and Standards (EE-43), 1J-018/ FORS, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathi Epping, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Codes and Standards, Mail Station EE-431, Room 1J-018 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-7425, E-mail: Kathi.Epping@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Collection title: Study of Central Air Conditioner Life Cycle Costs.

Form Number: N/A.

Abstract: OCS is undertaking a rulemaking to determine whether the current regulations mandating minimum energy efficiency levels for central air conditioners and heat pumps should be amended. Legislation requires that, in determining whether an energy conservation standard is economically justified, the Secretary shall consider "the savings in operating costs throughout the estimated average life of the covered product . . . compared to any increase in the price of, or in the initial charges for, or maintenance expenses of, the covered products." (42 U.S.C. 6295(o)(2)(B)(i)(II)). As part of this analysis, the Office of Codes and Standards is seeking to survey participants in central air conditioner and heat pump markets to determine current retail unitary equipment prices and installation costs by equipment efficiency level.

The information collection will include contractors participating in the residential unitary equipment market.

Consumers will not be surveyed. Questions will attempt to gather data related to equipment costs, sales volumes, and other information pertinent to the determination of retail prices. Some information does exist and is available to OCS from government and private sources. These sources include:

- Current Industrial Report MA35M(96), U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1997.
- ARI Statistical Profile, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute, 1997.
- U.S. Unitary and Close Control Air Conditioning, Report 11973/2, Building Services Research and Information Association, 1997.
- 1996 Measure Cost Study, California Energy Commission, 1997.
- Forced-air Furnace and Central Air Conditioner Market, Report 164-1, Energy Center of Wisconsin.

This information is not sufficient to determine retail prices for the purposes of this analysis, because most sources (1) disaggregate by capacity rather than efficiency, (2) aggregate on a national rather than regional level, (3) do not differentiate between "deluxe" and standard models, and (4) do not differentiate between the appropriate product classes. OCS is not aware of any source or combination of sources that satisfies all requirements. This information collection request is intended to provide that additional necessary information.

Approximately 250 respondents each will be asked 6-10 questions, and responses will be voluntary. Independent market research firms and consultants will conduct much of the collection on behalf of the Department. Most interviews will be conducted via telephone or facsimile and in person. Responses requiring disclosure of proprietary information will be kept confidential in accordance with Department policy.

Type of request: Approval of new collection.

Type of respondents: Contractors.
Estimated annual number of respondents: 250.

Total annual responses: 250 (one per respondent).

Estimated Burden hours per respondent: 1.5 hours.

Estimated total reporting burden: 375 hours.

Estimated cost burden to respondents: No monetary burden.

Request for comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval. All

comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary to carry out the mandates of the legislation; (2) the accuracy of DOE's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 23, 1998.

Dan W. Reicher,

Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-11-000; FERC Form No. 11]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

November 23, 1998.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before January 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC Form No. 11 "Natural Gas Pipeline Company Quarterly Statement of Monthly Data" (OMB No. 1902-0032) is used by the