

approaches for production and storage. The goal of the production activity is to produce hydrogen from renewable energy sources using certain biomass or photoelectrochemistry approaches. The goal of the storage activity is to develop an innovative concept or material using approaches with non-transition metal complex hydrides and purified carbon nanotubes. DOE is proposing to fund this effort under the provisions of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996. DOE anticipates selecting multiple Applications for negotiation of awards, with first-year DOE funding limits per award as described in the Supplemental Announcement. The awards will be Cooperative Agreements with a term of up to three years. A cost share contribution from an Applicant is required for an Application to be considered for award. Subject to availability, the total Fiscal Year 2001 DOE funding will be approximately \$550,000, with an additional \$1,000,000 anticipated in Fiscal Year 2002 and an additional \$2,000,000 anticipated in Fiscal Year 2003. All information regarding the Supplemental Announcement will be posted on the DOE Golden Field Office Home page at the address identified below.

DATES: DOE expects to issue the Supplemental Announcement around mid-January, 2001. The closing date of the Supplemental Announcement is March 7, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The Supplemental Announcement will be posted on the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html> under "Solicitations".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley Johnson, Contract Specialist, at Facsimile 303-275-4788 or e-mail Shirley_Johnson@nrel.gov.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on January 12, 2001.

Jerry L. Zimmer,

Procurement Director, Golden Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC01-512-001, FERC-512]

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

January 23, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of November 20, 2000 (65 FR 69754) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before February 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 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) 208-2425, and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-512 "Application for Preliminary Permit".

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0073. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. These are mandatory collection requirements. The Commission does not consider this information to be confidential.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the provisions of the Federal Power Act

(FPA). The information reported under Commission identifier FERC-512 is filed in accordance with sections 4(f), 5, and 7(FPA). Part I of the FPA gives the Commission Authority to issue licenses for hydropower projects on waters subject to the Congressional authority. Preliminary permits, issued for three years, reserve rights to study the feasibility of hydropower development at a specific site, but do not authorize construction of any hydropower facilities. The purpose of obtaining a preliminary permit is to maintain priority status for an application for a license, while the applicant conducts site examinations and surveys to prepare maps, plans, specifications and estimates. This period of time also provides the applicant with the opportunity to conduct engineering, economic and environmental feasibility studies; plus make financial arrangements for funding and construction of the site. The conditions under which the priority will be maintained are set forth in each permit. The filing requirements for submitting an application for a preliminary permit may be found in 18 CFR 4.31-33 and 4.81-.82.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 45 respondents filing the recreation report.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 3,285 total burden hours, 45 respondents, 45 responses annually, 73 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 3,285 hours ÷ 2,080 hours per year × \$115,357 per year = \$182,186. The cost per respondent is \$4,048.

Statutory Authority: Sections 4(f), 5, and 7 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 797-800.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER01-520-001]

Covert Generating Company, LLC; Notice of Filing

January 23, 2001.

Take notice that on January 17, 2001, Covert Generating Company, LLC (Covert), tendered for filing in the above-captioned proceeding, pursuant to section 205 of the Federal Power Act and part 35 of the Commission's

regulations, a revised FERC Electric Tariff No. 1 which incorporates information that Covert included in its petition for authorization to sell capacity, energy, and certain Ancillary Services at market-based rates filed with the Commission on November 28, 2000 in the above-captioned proceeding.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before February 2, 2001. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-232-001]

Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.; Notice of Technical and Scoping Meetings for the Proposed Eastchester Project, as Amended

January 23, 2001.

On December 15, 2000, Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. (Iroquois), filed an amendment to the application for the Eastchester Project. Iroquois proposes to construct a natural gas pipeline from Long Island to the Bronx, New York. The amendment includes a new preferred route through the Bronx, three additional routing alternatives, as well as alternative interconnection locations with Consolidated Edison Company of New York's facilities. The amendment was noticed on December 28, 2000.

Iroquois's preferred alternative would traverse long Island Sound with landfall at Locust point. Through a combination of underground horizontal drilling and open-trench construction, the pipeline would cross the Throgs Neck Expressway, follow the Throgs Neck Expressway Extension to Lafayette Avenue and follow Lafayette Avenue to an interconnection site located just south of the intersection of Lafayette and Brush avenues on the east bank of Westchester Creek.

In a letter dated January 5, 2001, Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey requested a meeting be held to inform elected officials and the public about the pipeline certification process, Iroquois' amendment, and other viable route options. A technical meeting will be held to discuss these issues and to exchange information among state and federal agencies and U.S., state, and community representatives. The location and time for the technical meeting are listed below:

Date and Time: February 2, 2001, 10 a.m.

Location: Community Board 10, 3165 E. Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461.

Phone: (718) 892-1161.

While the public is welcome to attend the technical meeting, public comments will be received at the scoping meeting listed below:

Date and Time: February 15, 2001, 7 a.m.

Location: St. Francis de Chantal School, 2962 Harding Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465.

Phone: (718) 792-5500.

Comments received at the scoping meeting will assist Commission staff to determine the issues to be evaluated in the environmental impact statement and will be included in the Commission's record for this proceeding. Additional information may be obtained from John Schnagl, at (202) 219-2661.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC01-56-000]

Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc.; Notice of Filing

January 23, 2001.

Take notice that on January 12, 2001, Applicants filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an

application pursuant to section 203 of the Federal Power Act for authorization of a disposition of jurisdictional facilities whereby Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc. (MLCS) will: (1) Dispose of jurisdictional facilities by way of a sale and assignment of the right, title, obligation, and interest in certain of its wholesale electric power sales agreements and associated intellectual property, books and records to Allegheny Energy Global Markets, LLC (Allegheny Global), a newly formed and wholly-owned subsidiary of Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC (Allegheny Supply); and (2) transfer to MLCS membership interests in Allegheny Supply as part of that disposition.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such 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 Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before February 2, 2001. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-40-000]

Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

January 22, 2001.

An informal settlement conference will be held in the above docket regarding the Kansas ad valorem tax refund issues in the proceedings