

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 Leader, Information Policy and Standards Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that 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. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: August 4, 2006.

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### **Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title:* IDEA Part C State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR).

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 56.

*Burden Hours:* 14,000.

*Abstract:* The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act

of 2004, signed on December 3, 2004, became PL 108-446. In accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1416(b)(1) and 20 U.S.C. 1442, not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, each Lead Agency must have in place a performance plan that evaluates the Lead Agency's efforts to implement the requirements and purposes of Part C and describe how the Lead Agency will improve such implementation. This plan is called the Part C State Performance Plan (Part C—SPP). In accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1416(b)(2)(C)(ii) and 20 U.S.C. 1442 the Lead Agency shall report annually to the public on the performance of each Part C program located in the State on the targets in the Lead Agency's performance plan. The Lead Agency shall report annually to the Secretary on the performance of the State under the Lead Agency's performance plan. This report is called the Part C Annual Performance Report (Part C—APR.)

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3167. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Bonneville Power Administration**

#### **Opportunity for Public Comment; Bonneville Power Administration Long-Term Regional Dialogue Policy Proposal**

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Regional Dialogue policy proposal and opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** BPA is publishing a policy proposal regarding the agency's future power supply role in the Pacific Northwest after 2011. This proposal addresses how the agency proposes to market power and distribute the costs and benefits of the Federal Columbia River Power System, which will create valuable certainty for customers over their BPA power supply. Current contracts expire in 2011, and once BPA makes basic policy decisions, it will still take at least another 16 months to negotiate new contracts and put a long-term tiered rate methodology in place. This will leave little more than three years for the region's utilities to make and implement their plans for developing any necessary power supply. It is in the region's best interest to proceed with implementation of this policy and to execute new contracts soon to accommodate such planning and development. A final record of decision on BPA's policy will be issued in early 2007 after all public comments have been reviewed.

**DATES:** Public comments will be accepted through September 29, 2006. Public meeting dates are included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

**ADDRESSES:** The comment period is open through September 29, 2006. Comments can be submitted on-line at: <http://www.bpa.gov/comment> via e-mail to [comment@bpa.gov](mailto:comment@bpa.gov), via mail to: Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office—DKC-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, Oregon, 97293-4428, or faxed to (503) 230-3285. You can also call us with your comment; toll free at (800) 622-4519. Please reference the Regional Dialogue with your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Helen Goodwin, Regional Dialogue project manager, at (503) 230-3129. Copies of the policy proposal are available online at <http://www.bpa.gov/power/pl/regionaldialogue/announcements.shtml> or by calling the BPA Public Information Center at (800) 622-4520.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Schedule of public meetings:*

1. August 1, 2006, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Seattle, Washington—Mountaineers Building, 300 3rd Avenue West.
2. August 7, 2006, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pasco, Washington—Franklin PUD Auditorium, 1411 West Clark Street.
3. August 9, 2006, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Portland, Oregon—BPA Rates Hearing, Room 223, 911 NE. 11th Avenue.

4. August 21, 2006, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Missoula, Montana—Wingate Inn, 5252 Airway Boulevard.
5. August 23, 2006, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Idaho Falls, Idaho—Shilo Inns Suites Hotel, 780 Lindsay Boulevard.
6. August 29, 2006, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Portland, Oregon—BPA Rates Hearing, Room 223, 911 NE. 11th Avenue—Direct Service Industry public meeting.

Any changes or additions to this meeting schedule will be posted on BPA's Regional Dialogue Web site at [www.bpa.gov/power/regionaldialogue](http://www.bpa.gov/power/regionaldialogue).

Issued in Portland, Oregon on August 1, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

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

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** The EIA is soliciting comments on the proposed three-year extension and revisions to Form FE 746R, "The Natural Gas Import and Export Authorization Application and Monthly Reports," which includes the elimination of the associated quarterly reporting requirement.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by October 10, 2006. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Yvonne Caudillo. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX (202-586-6050) or e-mail ([yvonne.caudillo@hq.doe.gov](mailto:yvonne.caudillo@hq.doe.gov)) is recommended. The mailing address is The Office of Fossil Energy, Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, FE-34, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, Ms. Caudillo may be contacted by telephone at 202-586-4587.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of any forms and instructions should be directed to Ms. Caudillo at the address listed above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

#### I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require the EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Any comments received help the EIA to prepare data requests that maximize the utility of the information collected, and to assess the impact of collection requirements on the public. Also, the EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Section 3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DOE's Office of Fossil Energy (FE) is delegated the authority to regulate natural gas imports and exports under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act of 1938, 15 U.S.C. 717b. In order to carry out its delegated responsibility, FE requires those persons seeking to import or export natural gas to file an application containing the basic information about the scope and nature of the proposed import/export activity. Historically, FE has collected information on a quarterly and monthly basis regarding import and export transactions. That information has been used to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the authorizations. In addition, the data are used to monitor North American gas trade, which, in turn, enables the Federal government to perform market and regulatory analyses; improve the capability of industry and the government to respond to any future energy-related supply problems; and keep the general public informed of international natural gas trade.

#### II. Current Actions

DOE will be requesting a three-year extension of approval to its natural gas import and export application

information collection for both long-term and blanket (short-term) authorizations. In addition, DOE will be requesting a three-year extension and a revision of its existing information reporting requirements for import/export transactions under an approved application by revising the monthly reporting and eliminating the quarterly report.

DOE has undertaken a Natural Gas Data Collection Initiative to improve the way DOE gathers and disseminates information about the use and origin of natural gas supplies in the U.S. More specifically, DOE is continually seeking to improve the timeliness of the published information and to streamline the reporting process for the natural gas import/export authorization holders. Historically, DOE has collected critical natural gas transaction information (*i.e.*, country of origin/destination, international point of entry/exit, and volume imported/exported) on a monthly basis, and has collected more detailed natural gas information (*i.e.*, country of origin/destination, international point of entry/exit; name of supplier; volume; price; transporter; purchaser; geographic market served; and duration of supply contract) on a quarterly basis. Under this Initiative, DOE plans to collect the detailed natural gas transaction information (which is currently collected on a quarterly basis) on a monthly basis. DOE also plans to eliminate the quarterly reporting requirement.

This proposed change in reporting requirements would reduce the burden on the authorization holders by eliminating the requirement of filing two different reports on two different reporting schedules. This proposed change would also streamline the data collection and publication process and make it possible for DOE to provide the government, the industry and the general public with more detailed information on a more timely basis. DOE will establish an Internet-based reporting option for the proposed monthly reporting. DOE will treat the monthly information as public information, which conforms to the historical treatment of all natural gas import and export information filed pursuant to the terms of all natural gas import/export authorizations.

#### 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 comments.