activities in other energy lines of business or nonenergy areas, and domestic activities can be compared to foreign activities. The data are used to evaluate the competitive environment within which energy products are supplied and developed and to analyze the nature of institutional arrangements as they relate to energy resource development, supply, and distribution. The FRS report, entitled Performance Profiles of Major Energy Producers (Profiles), has been published for each of the reporting years 1977 through 1994. The Profiles report for 1995 will be published in December 1996.

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.

II. Current Actions

This is an extension with changes to an existing collection. The proposed extension is to December 31, 1999. The revisions to the form will update the categories of refinery output of motor gasoline collected on Schedule 5242 of the form. The form currently collects refinery output of leaded and unleaded motor gasoline. The categories will be changed from leaded and unleaded to reformulated, oxygenated, and other.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the proposed extension and changes. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of responses.

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 633 hours per response. 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, July 26, 1996.

John Gross,

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

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments (FERC–716)

July 26, 1996.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 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 of on or before September 30, 1996.

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 P. Miller, Information Services Division, ED–12.4, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC–716 ''Good Faith Request for Transmission Services and Response by Transmitting Utility Under Sections 211(a) and 213 of the Federal Power Act, as amended, and added by the Energy Policy Act'' (OMB No. 1902–0170) (PL93–3) is used by the Commission to implement the Statutory provisions of the Sections 211 and 213 of the Federal Power Act (EPA), 16 U.S.C. 824j, 8251 as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102–486) 106 Stat. 2776. Under Section 211, the Commission may order transmission service if it finds that such action would be in the public interest and would not unreasonable impair the continued reliability of systems affected by the order. No order may be issued unless the applicant has made a request for transmission services to the transmitting utility that would be the subject of such order at least 60 days prior to filing the application with the Commission.

Section 213(a) requires a response by the transmitting utility. Unless the transmitting utility accommodates the request on mutually agreeable terms, it shall, within 60 days of receipt of the request, or other mutually agreed upon period, provide such applicant with a detailed written explanation of the basis for the transmitting utility's proposed rates, charges, terms and conditions for such services, as well as any physical constraints which would affect such service. The information is not filed with the Commission, however, the request and response may be analyzed as part of a Section 211 proceeding. The Commision implements these requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR 2.20.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burder for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
20	1	200	4,000

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 4,000 hours/2,087 hours per year × $102,000 per year = $195,495.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, 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.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate fo the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used: (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 those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology *e.g.* permitting electronic submission of responses.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP95–408–000 and RP95–408–001]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

July 26, 1996.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference in this proceeding will be convened on Thursday, August 1, 1996 and Friday August 2, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. The settlement conference will be held at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC, 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant, as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact Thomas J. Burgess at 208–2058 or David R. Cain at 208–0917.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Refund Report

July 26, 1996.

Take notice that on July 24, 1996, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) tendered for filing a Report of Gas Research Institute Tier 1 Refunds for 1995 calendar year overpayments. Great Lakes states that the refund report is being filed in accordance with the Commission's Order issued February 22, 1995 in Docket No. RP95–124–000 (70 FERC ¶ 61,205).

Great Lakes states that a refund amount of $219,707 was received from GRI on June 28, 1996. Great Lakes further states this amount was subsequently refunded to eligible firm transportation customers on a pro-rata basis. Great Lakes states that the report filed reflects the GRI refund amounts allocated to each eligible firm transportation customers for the 1995 calendar year.

Great Lakes states that a copy of the filing is being served upon each of Great Lakes' firm customers and the Public Service Commissions of the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, and the Gas Research Institute.