

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—Electric System Reliability Task Force.*Dates and Times:* Tuesday, March 25, 1997, 8:00 am—4:00 pm.*Place:* The Madison Hotel, Dolley Madison Ballroom, 15th and M Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.**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:**Background**

The electric power industry is in the midst of a complex transition to competition, which will induce many far-reaching changes in the structure of the industry and the institutions which regulate it. This transition raises many reliability issues, as new entities emerge in the power markets and as generation becomes less integrated with transmission.

Purpose of the Task Force: The purpose of the Electric System Reliability Task Force is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the critical institutional, technical, and policy issues that need to be addressed in order to maintain the reliability of the nation's bulk electric system in the context of a more competitive industry.

Tentative Agenda

- 8:00–8:15 Opening Remarks & Objectives; Philip Sharp, Chairman, Electric System Reliability Task Force;
- 8:15–9:15 Discussion: Assumptions Regarding the Future Electricity Industry
- 9:15–10:15 Discussion: Basic Concepts and Operating Requirements for Electric System Reliability
- 10:15–10:30 Break
- 10:30–11:45 Panel Discussion & Roundtable: Policy and Institutional Issues, Panelists: NERC, Power Marketer, & DOE
- 11:45–12:00 Public Comment
- 12:00–1:15 Lunch

- 1:15–3:45 Panel Discussion & Roundtable: Policy and Institutional Issues (Continued), Panelists: NERC, Power Marketer, & DOE
- 3:45–4:00 Scheduling of Next Meeting
- 4:00 Adjourn

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

Public Participation: The Chairman of the Task Force is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Washington, D.C. the Task Force 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 Task Force will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be submitted to David Cheney, Acting Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Minutes: The 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.

Issued at Washington, DC, on March 5, 1997.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Energy Information Administration**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request**

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed changes and extension to Form NWP-830R A-G, "Standard Contract for Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and/or High-Level Radioactive Waste."

DATE: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 12, 1997. 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 do so as soon as possible.

ADDRESS: Send comments to Kathy Gibbard, Energy Information

Administration Survey Manager, EI-531, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585, (phone number (202) 426-1129; e-mail address KGIBBARD@EIA.DOE.GOV, and FAX number (202) 426-1280).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Kathy Gibbard 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 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 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. 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).

The Form NWP-830R A-G is designed to be as the service document for entries into the Department of Energy's accounting records. Electric utilities transmit data concerning payment of their contribution to the

Nuclear Waste Fund, and specific data on disposal of nuclear waste.

II. Current Actions

In keeping with its mandated responsibilities, EIA proposes to extend the information collection aspects of NWP-830R A-G, "Standard Contract for Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and/or High-Level Radioactive Waste," for three years from the current approved OMB expiration date (05/31/97).

The proposed changes to the Form NWP-830C, Appendix C—Delivery Commitment Schedule, are summarized below:

Changes to Appendix C Form

(1) Section 3.0 Certifications—The referenced Item 1.3 in the certification statement was replaced with Item 1.4.
(2) "Unites States" was replaced with "United States" to correct a typographical error.

Changes to Appendix C Instructions

(1) 4. Where to Submit—The address was changed to conform with the new DOE address for forms submission: Special Accounts Team, Office of Financial Control and Reporting, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290.

(2) Questions on the DCS—
The contact name was changed from Nancy Slater to Dave Zabransky.

Changes to Appendix G Form

(1) The Zip Code 20875 was replaced with 20874-1290.
(2) Section 2, Line 2.7—"Fee Date" was replaced with "Fee Data".

Changes to Appendix G General Information

(1) 3. Where to Submit—The forwarding address for remittance advice (RA) submittals was changed to conform with the new DOE address for submission of forms.

(2) 4. When to Submit—
The last sentence of this section: "Payment is by electronic wire transfer only."

Was replaced with the following: "Payment is by electronic wire transfer or automated clearing house (ACH) electronic funds transfer only."

Changes to Appendix G Instructions

(1) Section 2.4—
"Ten-Year Treasury Note rate on the date the payment is made, to be used if payments are being made using the 40 quarter option or if lump sum payment is made after June 30, 1985." was replaced with:

"Ten-Year Treasury Note rate in effect on the date of the first payment. To be

used only if payments are being made using the 40 quarter option (Option 1)."

Changes to Annex A Form

(1) Section 2. Net Electricity Generated Calculation—Previously asterisked footnotes will be enumerated and modified as follows:

(1) For a nuclear station with more than one reactor and different ownerships for each reactor, a separate Annex A will be required for each reactor.

(2) Utilities unable to meter individual units' use shall report estimated unit use and shall explain in a footnote how the unit data were estimated.

(2) The following footnote was added:
(3) Complete this item only if the DOE has approved a methodology for calculating such offsets.

Changes to Annex A Instructions

(1) 0.5 Where to submit—The address was changed to conform with the new DOE address for forms submission.

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. Please indicate to which form(s) your comments apply.

General Issues

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency? 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 specified in the instructions?

C. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 40 hours per respondent on Form NWP-830G and Annex A; and 5 hours of reporting burden on Form NWP-830C. 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 operating and maintaining and purchasing service costs 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 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).

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Agency Clearance Officer Office, of Statistical Standards, Energy Information Administration.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-267-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 5, 1997.

Take notice that on February 28, 1997, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective March 1, 1997:

Twentieth Revised Sheet No. 8
Twenty-second Revised Sheet No. 9
Twenty-first Revised Sheet No. 13
Twenty-second Revised Sheet No. 16
Twenty-fifth Revised Sheet No. 18

ANR states that the above-referenced tariff sheets are being filed pursuant to the approved mechanism of its Tariff to implement recovery of \$2.5 million of above-market costs that are associated