

sources. Awards under this solicitation will be cooperative agreements, with a term of up to five years.

The project should be conducted in two phases. Phase I will include the development of a detailed business plan, development of a conceptual system design, and performance of any required hydrogen technology validation/testing. A Go/No-Go decision will be conducted jointly by the applicant and DOE at the end of Phase I to determine the merits of proceeding to Phase II. If justified, the project will proceed to Phase II, which will include the construction, testing, and initial operation of the renewable hydrogen system.

AVAILABILITY OF THE SOLICITATION: It is anticipated that the solicitation will be issued in June, 1997, and will contain detailed information on funding, cost sharing requirements, eligibility, application preparation, DOE proposal evaluation criteria, and the proposal selection process for awards. Responses to the solicitation will be due 60 days after solicitation release. To obtain a copy of the solicitation once it is issued, submit a written request to the U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401, Attention: Mr. Matthew Barron, Contract Specialist. For convenience, requests for the solicitation may be faxed to Mr. Barron at (303) 275-4754. Solicitations may also be obtained electronically through the Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicit.htm>, followed, within ten days, by written notification of receipt to Mr. Barron. All responsible sources may submit an application and all timely applications will be considered, subject to the limitations above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This announcement is also intended to encourage owners and operators of existing or planned renewable energy generation facilities to consider submitting applications for integrating hydrogen systems with their facilities. It is expected that employment of these integrated systems will lead to many benefits, including operational and environmental advantages. Such systems are limited to electrolysis and generation system technologies including fuel cells or generator sets, and aqueous/non-aqueous reversible fuel cell technologies that can be integrated with hydrogen storage for load-leveling applications in conjunction with electricity buying and selling strategies.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

International Energy Agency Meetings

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to the International Energy Agency (IEA) will meet May 21-22, 1997, at the IEA's headquarters in Paris, France to permit attendance by representatives of U.S. company members of the IAB at a joint meeting of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ) and the Standing Group on the Oil Market and at a meeting of the SEQ.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samuel M. Bradley, Acting Assistant General Counsel for International and Legal Policy, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, 202-586-6738.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 252(c)(1)(A)(I) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6272(c)(1)(A)(I)), the following meeting notices are provided:

I. A meeting of the Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to the International Energy Agency (IEA) will be held on May 21, 1997, at the headquarters of the IEA, 9 rue de la Federation, Paris, France, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to permit attendance by representatives of U.S. company members of the IAB at a joint meeting of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ) and Standing Group on the Oil Market (SOM). The agenda for the meeting is under the control of the SEQ and SOM. It is expected that they will adopt the following agenda:

1. Current Oil Market Situation
2. Refinery Flexibility: A Hidden Source of Oil Security?
3. The Chinese Energy Situation: Oil Demand in China
4. Asian Oil Outlook: An Overview

II. A meeting of the IAB will be held on May 21 and 22, 1997, at the IEA headquarters at the above address, beginning at approximately 2:30 p.m. on May 21. The purpose of this meeting is to permit attendance by representatives of U.S. company members of the IAB at a meeting of the SEQ which is scheduled for this time and location, including a preparatory encounter among

company representatives on May 21 from approximately 2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The agenda for the preparatory encounter among company representatives is to elicit views on the SEQ's agenda. The agenda for the SEQ meeting is under the control of the SEQ. It is expected the SEQ will adopt the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Approval of Summary Record of the 89th Meeting
3. SEQ Work Program
 - The 1997 SEQ Work Program
 - The 1998 SEQ Work Program
4. Policy and Legislative Developments in Member Countries
 - Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA)
 - Report on U.S. Department of Energy Strategic Petroleum Reserve Study
 - Other Country Developments
5. Industry Advisory Board
 - Current and Planned IAB Activities
6. Future Strategies for IEA Emergency Reserves
7. Seminar on IEA Emergency Reserve Strategy
8. Emergency Response Reviews of IEA Countries
 - Spain
 - Portugal
 - Japan
 - Austria
 - Updated Schedule of Reviews
9. Review of SEQ Work Schedules
 - Results of Survey
10. Emergency Reserve Situation of IEA Countries
 - Emergency Reserve and Net Import Situation of IEA Countries on October 1, 1996
 - Emergency Reserve and Net Import Situation of IEA Countries on January 1, 1997
11. Emergency Response Issues in IEA Candidate Countries
 - The Emergency Reserve Situation of IEA Candidate Countries
 - Report on Data Reporting by Candidate Countries
12. Emergency Data System and Related Questions
 - Based Period Final Consumption (BPFC)—Q495-Q396
 - BPFC—Q196-Q496
 - Monthly Oil Statistics (MOS) December 1996
 - MOS January 1997
 - MOS February 1997
 - Quarterly Oil Forecast—Q197-Q397
13. IEA Public Information in Oil Crises
14. Emergency Reference Guide
 - Update of Emergency Contact Points List
15. IEA Dispute Settlement Center
 - Panel of Arbitrators

16. Any Other Business

- Preparations for the IEA Governing Board Meeting at Ministerial Level
- Visit of IEA Executive Director to Saudia Arabia
- Report on Non-Member Countries Energy Security Conference of April 1997
- Use of Internet for SEQ Documents and Communications

As provided in section 252(c)(1)(A)(ii) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6272(c)(1)(A)(ii)), these meetings are open only to representatives of members of the IAB and their counsel, representatives of members of the SEQ and SOM and representatives of the Departments of Energy, Justice, and State, the Federal Trade Commission, the General Accounting Office, Committees of the Congress, the IEA, and the European Commission, and invitees of the IAB, the SEQ, SOM or the IEA.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[FERC Form No. 546]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

May 7, 1997.

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 submitted July 11, 1997.

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, Information Services Division, ED-12.4, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 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 mmiller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: the information collected under the requirements of FERC Form No. -546

“Certificated Rate Filings: Gas Pipeline Rates” (OMB No. 1902-0155) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Title IV of the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA), 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432, Public Law 95-621) and Sections 4, 5, and 16, of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717-717o, Pub. L. 75-688). These statutory provisions require natural gas pipeline companies to obtain Commission authorization for all rates and charges made, demanded, or in connection with the transportation or sale of natural gas in interstate commerce. The Commission is authorized to investigate the rates charged by natural gas pipeline companies subject to its investigation. The data filed in certificated rate filings are used to implement new or revised service proposals for the transportation or sale of natural gas and for compliance with subsequent certification orders. The distinction between FERC-546 and other rate/tariff data collections is that data collected under FERC-546 involve initial service and tariff revisions due to changes in service rather than changes in existing rates. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR 154.4; .7; .202; .205-.206; .312; .601-.603.

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 burden 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)
100	4	400	16,000

Estimated cost burden to respondents: 16,000 hours/2,087 hours per year × \$104,350 per year = \$800,000. The cost per respondent is equal to \$8,000.

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 of 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