

II. Method of Collection

Typically, in the western Pacific, a permit applicant files an OMB-approved application form and, if applicable, a supplemental information sheet that collects basic information on the owner of the fishing vessel, the operator, and the vessel itself. Expiration of the permits is not uniform. Some permits expire annually, others are on a two-year cycle, and still others expire every 5 years. The crustacean limited entry permits have no expiration date and become invalid when they are transferred to another owner through established permit procedures.

The coastal pelagics fishery permit is a new requirement implemented in January 2000. Permits are valid indefinitely until either the holder transfers the permit or surrenders it.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0204.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 230.

Estimated Time Per Response: In the coastal pelagic fishery, 30 minutes for a permit or permit transfer application, 1 hour for additional information that may be required to support a permit request, and 2 hours for an appeal of a permit denial; in the bottomfish fishery, 45 minutes for a Mau Zone limited access permit application, 2 hours for a Ho'omalulu Zone limited access permit application, 1 hour for a Ho'omalulu Zone limited access permit renewal application, 2 hours for an appeal of a permit denial, and 1 hour for a Mau Zone exemption request; in the longline fishery, 30 minutes for general permit applications or limited entry permit transfer requests, 2 hours for an appeal of a permit action, and 2 hours for a closed area exemption request; in the crustacean fishery, 30 minutes for any limited entry permit action; in the precious coral fishery, 30 minutes for a permit application; and 2 hours for any experimental fishing permit application.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 119.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,000.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden

(including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and /or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 29, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030100B]

Submission for OMB Review; Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DoC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Designation of Fishery Management Council Members and Application for Reinstatement of State Authority.

Agency Form Number(s): n/a

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0314

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Burden Hours: 4,695

Number of Respondents: 54

Avg. Hours Per Response: Ranges between 1 hour and 120 hours depending on the requirement.

Needs and Uses: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended in 1996, provides for the nomination for members of Fishery Management Councils by state governors and Indian treaty tribes, for the designation of a principle state fishery official for the purposes of the Act, and for a request by a state for reinstatement of state

authority over a managed fishery. The information submitted with these actions will be used to ensure that the requirements of the Act are being met.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated February 28, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Department Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's Task Force on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs in the Former Soviet Union. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Task Force's review of the Department of Energy's programs in and with the Former Soviet Union (FSU).

NAME: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Task Force on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs in the Former Soviet Union.

DATES: Monday, March 13, 2000, 9:00 am-3:15 pm, Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Program Review Center (Room 8E-089), Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Note: Members of the public are requested to contact the Office of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board at (202) 586-7092 in advance of the meeting (if possible), to expedite their entry to the Forrestal Building

on the day of the meeting. Public participation is welcomed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, or Richard Burrow, Deputy Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-7092 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Task Force on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs in the Former Soviet Union is to provide independent external advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on the policy priorities established by the Department of Energy to pursue nonproliferation and nuclear safety programs in the Former Soviet Union. Special emphasis will be placed on program areas that may not have been addressed in the past. The Task Force will focus on assessing the performance of DOE's programs in achieving national security and nonproliferation missions, as well as providing policy recommendations on how the Department can be most effective in supporting U.S. national security interests. The Task Force will investigate, but will not be limited to, the following programs: (1) Initiatives for Nonproliferation, (2) Nuclear Cities Initiative, (3) Material Protection Control and Accounting Program, (4) Second Line of Defense Program, (5) Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) Purchase Agreement, (6) Plutonium Disposition Program, and (7) International Nuclear Safety Program.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, March 13, 2000

9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.—Opening Remarks, Introductions & Objectives
 9:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m.—Overview of DOE programs with Russia and the Former Soviet Union
 10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m.—Break
 10:30 p.m.–11:00 a.m.—Overview of DOE's Office of Nuclear Nonproliferation (NN) Programs
 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.—Briefings on Specific Issues—Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention, Nuclear Cities Initiative, Second Line of Defense
 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.—Lunch Break
 1:15 p.m.–2:15 p.m.—Briefings on Specific Issues—Material Protection Control and Accounting, Plutonium Disposition
 2:15 p.m.–3:00 p.m.—Briefings on Specific Issues—HEU Purchase Agreement, International Nuclear Safety

3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.—Public Comment Period

This tentative agenda is subject to change.

Public Participation

In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Task Force on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs in the Former Soviet Union and submit written comments or comment during the scheduled public comment period. 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 open meeting, 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. You may submit written comments to Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

Minutes

A copy of the minutes and a transcript of the open meeting will be made 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, D.C., between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Further information on the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board and its subcommittees may be found at the Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, D.C., on February 29, 2000.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. ER00-982-000, ER99-4534-000, ER99-238-000, ER97-1326-000, EL00-44-000, ER00-604-000 and ER00-26-000]

Central Maine Power Company; Notice of Initiation of Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

February 29, 2000.

Take notice that on February 28, 2000, the Commission issued an order in the above-indicated dockets initiating a proceeding in Docket No. EL00-44-000 under section 206 of the Federal Power Act.

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL00-44-000 will be 60 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-15-002]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes In FERC Gas Tariff

February 29, 2000.

Take notice that on February 23, 2000, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet, with an effective date of February 1, 2000:

Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 350A

CNG states that the purpose of this filing is to respond to the concerns of certain parties by clarifying the transportation cost tracking mechanism of CNG's tariff consistent with the "Stipulation and Agreement Amending Rate Case Settlement" filed October 5, 1999, approved by the Commission in this proceeding on December 21, 1999, 89 FERC ¶ 61,304.

CNG states that copies of its letter of transmittal and enclosures are being served upon parties to the proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of