

intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

*o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* All filings must bear in capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS", "PROTEST", OR "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

*p. Agency Comments—Federal, state, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.*

*q. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link.*

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM01-12-000]

#### Standard Market Design, Data and Software Standards; Notice of Conference

June 6, 2002.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) previously scheduled a conference for May 22, 2002 on data and software needs in connection with the Commission's Standard Market Design (SMD) rule. This conference was postponed by Notice issued on May 7, 2002. A new date for this conference is July 18, 2002, starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., in Washington, DC.

The conference is intended to discuss the data and software standards that are needed to implement SMD efficiently. The focus will be on exploring what should be standardized; whether there should be a standard data model; the potential for developing data sets to benchmark the needed software; and the need for user-friendly transparent interfaces that will help instill confidence in the process.

Software vendors will be invited to present their products the same day in the lobby area.

All interested parties are invited to attend. Further information about the structure of the conference will be provided in a subsequent notice, including the agenda and a list of participating discussants, as plans evolve.

The conference will be transcribed. Those interested in acquiring the transcript should contact Ace Reporters at 202-347-3700, or 800-336-6646. Transcripts will be placed in the public record ten days after the conference.

For additional information, please contact René Forsberg at 202-208-0425 or [René.Forsberg@ferc.gov](mailto:René.Forsberg@ferc.gov).

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Sunshine Act Meeting

June 6, 2002.

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409), 5 U.S.C. 552b: **AGENCY HOLDING MEETING:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **DATE AND TIME:** June 12, 2002. (30 Minutes Following Regular Commission Meeting).

**PLACE:** Room 2C, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Non-Public; Investigations and Inquiries and Enforcement Related Matters.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Telephone (202) 208-0400.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

#### Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

June 7, 2002.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should be come part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. The documents may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket#" and follow the

instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Exempt

| Docket No.                            | Date filed | Presenter or requester                              |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---|
| 1. P-10942-001 .....                  | 6-4-02     | Robert Reed.  |
| 2. CPO-384-000 and CPO1-387-000 ..... | 6-4-02     | David Schaffer.                                     |
| 3. CPO1-45-000 .....                  | 6-7-02     | Rep. William Carrico (Virginia House of Delegates). |

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7230-5]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Voluntary Aluminum Industry Partnership (VAIP)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Reporting Requirements under EPA's Voluntary Aluminum Industrial Partnership—EPA ICR No. 1967.02 for OMB Control number 2060-0411 which is due to expire on 07/31/2002. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 12, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** US Environmental Protection Agency, Climate Protection Partnerships Division, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (6202J), Washington, DC 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerome Blackman, Tel. 202-564-8995/ Fax 202-565-2155, [blackman.jerome@epa.gov](mailto:blackman.jerome@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Affected entities:* Producers of primary aluminum.

*Title:* Reporting requirements under EPA's Voluntary Aluminum Industrial Partnership (VAIP)—OMB Control No. 2060-0411; EPA renewal ICR No. 1867.02) expiring 7/31/02.

**Abstract:** EPA's Voluntary Aluminum Industrial Partnership (VAIP) was initiated in 1995 and is an important voluntary program contributing to the overall reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases. This program focuses on reducing per fluorocarbon (PFC) emission from the production of primary aluminum. Eight of the nine U.S. producers of primary aluminum participate in this program. PFCs are very potent greenhouse gases with global warming potentials several thousand times that of carbon dioxide and they persist in the atmosphere for thousands of years. EPA has developed this ICR to renew authorization to collect information from companies in the VAIP. Participants voluntarily agree to the following: designating a VAIP liaison; undertaking technically feasible and cost-effective actions to reduce PFC emissions; and reporting to EPA, on an annual basis, the PFC emissions or production parameters used to estimate emissions. The information contained in the annual reports of VAIP members is used by EPA to assess the success of the program in achieving its goals. The information contained in the annual reports may be considered confidential business information and is maintained as such.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

(i) Evaluate 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;

(ii) evaluate 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;

(iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through 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.

**Burden Statement:** The VAIP is a continuing program and, as such, the burden for collecting relevant information has decreased overtime as data collection processes have been improved and no new one-time cost activities are expected that would impact all respondents. VAIP participants sign a voluntary Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which assigns responsibilities to EPA and participating companies. The MOU has been signed by 6 of the 8 participating companies under the initial ICR for this program. The remaining companies are expected to sign of the course of the re-newed MOU and, therefore, will be subject to the one-time burden associated with completing and submitting the MOU to EPA.

The projected hour burden for this collection of information is as follows:

*Average annual reporting burden:* 73 hours plus 94.5 hours (one time for the 2 of 8 respondents that have not signed voluntary program MOU).

*Average annual record keeping burden:* 0 hours.

*Average burden hours/response:* 56.5 hours for the annual tracking report; and 16.5 hours associated with additional activities. 94.5 if MOU has not been signed.

*Frequency of response:* one per respondent per year.

*Estimated number of respondents per year:* 8.

*Cost burden to respondents:*  
*Estimated total annualized cost burden:* \$64,767.

*Total labor cost:* \$64,767.

*Total capital and start-up costs:* \$0.

*Estimated total operation and maintenance costs:* \$0.

*Purchase of services costs:* \$0.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose