

Abstract: IPEDS is a system of surveys designed to collect basic data from approximately 6,600 Title IV postsecondary institutions in the United States. The IPEDS provides information on numbers of students enrolled, degrees completed, other awards earned, dollars expended, staff employed at postsecondary institutions, and cost and pricing information. The amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1998, Part C, Sec. 131, specify the need for the "redesign of relevant data systems to improve the usefulness and timeliness of the data collected by such systems." As a consequence, in 2000 IPEDS began to collect data through a web-based data collection system and to concentrate on those institutions that participate in Title IV Federal student aid programs; other institutions may participate on a voluntary basis.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2940. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to IC_DocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to the e-mail address IC_DocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Federal Energy Management Program; Standard for Premium Energy Efficient Electric Motors for Federal Acquisition

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAc 2005) requires that in the case of electric motors of 1 to 500 horsepower, Federal agencies shall select only premium efficient motors that meet a standard designated by the Secretary of Energy (Secretary). DOE today designates the energy efficient motor specifications, developed under Executive Order 13123, as the temporary standard for premium efficient motors for purposes of Federal purchasing. Consistent with public comment requirements for "procurement policies" in 41 U.S.C. 418b, DOE invites public comment on the temporary standard. DOE intends to finalize a standard after considering any public comments that are submitted. The temporary specifications are consistent with standards recommended by the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), the Consortium for Energy Efficiency (CEE) and other energy efficiency groups.

DATES: The effective date of this notice is February 14, 2006. Comments on this notice are due March 16, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this standard to Joan Glickman, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EE-2L, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-0371, e-mail: joan.glickman@ee.doe.gov. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joan Glickman, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP), EE-2L, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-0371, e-mail: joan.glickman@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 104 of EPAc 2005 requires that Federal agencies procure only ENERGY STAR qualified products or FEMP-designated products unless the agency finds in writing that no qualifying product is lifecycle cost-effective or is reasonably available that meets the applicable functional requirements. Prior to enactment of EPAc 2005, similar provisions for energy-efficient Federal purchasing were established under Executive Order 13123. With respect to motors, in response to Executive Order 13123, FEMP worked with NEMA and CEE to establish efficiency criteria for low-voltage electric motors as a voluntary standard for Federal procurements.

Part 3 of Title V of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8251 *et seq.*), as amended by section 104 of EPAc 2005, requires that in the case of electric motors of 1 to 500 horsepower, Federal agencies shall purchase only premium efficient motors that meet a standard designated by the Secretary no later than 120 days after the date of enactment; EPAc 2005 was enacted on August 8, 2005.

After consultation with NEMA and representatives of energy efficiency organizations participating in the CEE Motors Committee, and subject to evaluation of public comments, DOE today designates as a temporary standard for premium energy efficient motors rated from 1 to 500 HP, the efficiency levels as set forth in Tables 1 and 2 attached to this notice. The efficiency levels in these tables are consistent with the NEMA Premium™ and Premium Efficiency Motors efficiency criteria. They can also be found on the DOE FEMP procurement Web site at http://www.eere.energy.gov/femp/technologies/eep_emotors.cfm, the NEMA Web site at <http://www.nema.org/gov/energy/efficiency/premium/>, and the CEE Web site at <http://www.cee1.org/ind/motrs/motrs-main.php3>.

By using common specifications for premium energy efficient motors, NEMA, CEE, and DOE have helped focus market demand by Federal buyers and utility company customers on a single standard for energy efficiency, thus providing a clear market signal in support of energy efficiency to manufacturers, suppliers, specifiers, and installers of electric motors.

FEMP will periodically review the DOE's motor efficiency standard and revise it as necessary, in consultation with industry and energy efficiency organizations, to reflect technology advances and/or changing market conditions.

DOE finds that the statutory deadline in section 104 is an urgent and compelling circumstance warranting designation of the standard set forth in this notice on a temporary basis pending receipt and evaluation of public comments. DOE intends to make a final designation after considering any relevant comments that DOE receives.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 3, 2006.

Douglas L. Faulkner,
Acting Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

TABLE 1.—NOMINAL EFFICIENCIES FOR “NEMA PREMIUM™” INDUCTION MOTORS RATED 600 VOLTS OR LESS
[Random wound]

Open drip-proof				Totally enclosed fan-cooled		
HP	6-pole	4-pole	2-pole	6-pole	4-pole	2-pole
1	82.5	85.5	*77.0	82.5	85.5	77.0
1.5	86.5	86.5	84.0	87.5	86.5	84.0
2	87.5	86.5	85.5	88.5	86.5	85.5
3	88.5	89.5	85.5	89.5	89.5	86.5
5	89.5	89.5	85.5	89.5	89.5	88.5
7.5	90.2	91.0	88.5	91.0	91.7	89.5
10	91.7	91.7	89.5	91.0	91.7	90.2
15	91.7	93.0	90.2	91.7	92.4	91.0
20	92.4	93.0	91.0	91.7	93.0	91.0
25	93.0	93.6	91.7	93.0	93.6	91.7
30	93.6	94.1	91.7	93.0	93.6	91.7
40	94.1	94.1	92.4	94.1	94.1	92.4
50	94.1	94.5	93.0	94.1	94.5	93.0
60	94.5	95.0	93.6	94.5	95.0	93.6
75	94.5	95.0	93.6	94.5	95.4	93.6
100	95.0	95.4	93.6	95.0	95.4	94.1
125	95.0	95.4	94.1	95.0	95.4	95.0
150	95.4	95.8	94.1	95.0	95.8	95.0
200	95.4	95.8	95.0	95.8	96.2	95.4
250	95.4	95.8	95.0	95.8	96.2	95.8
300	95.4	95.8	95.4	95.8	96.2	95.8
350	95.4	95.8	95.4	95.8	96.2	95.8
400	95.8	95.8	95.8	95.8	96.2	95.8
450	96.2	96.2	95.8	95.8	96.2	95.8
500	96.2	96.2	95.8	95.8	96.2	95.8

TABLE 2.—NOMINAL EFFICIENCIES FOR “NEMA PREMIUM™” INDUCTION MOTORS RATED 5 KV OR LESS
[Form wound]

Open drip-proof				Totally enclosed fan-cooled		
HP	6-pole	4-pole	2-pole	6-pole	4-pole	2-pole
250	95.0	95.0	94.5	95.0	95.0	95.0
300	95.0	95.0	94.5	95.0	95.0	95.0
350	95.0	95.0	94.5	95.0	95.0	95.0
400	95.0	95.0	94.5	95.0	95.0	95.0
450	95.0	95.0	94.5	95.0	95.0	95.0
500	95.0	95.0	94.5	95.0	95.0	95.0

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC06–587–000; FERC Form-587]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

February 7, 2006.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice.

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: Comments on the collection of information are due April 14, 2006.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the collection of information accompanies this notice or can be obtained from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED–34, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filing, the original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and refer to Docket No. IC06–587–000.

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All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC’s homepage using the eLibrary link. For user assistance, contact FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208–3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

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