

States, to encourage them to take similar actions.

The decision process reflected in this Notice complies with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) and its implementing regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500–1508 and 10 CFR Part 1021.

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Hazel R. O'Leary,
Secretary.

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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 three-year extension of existing form DOE–887, "Department of Energy Customer Surveys."

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 24, 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.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Herbert T. Miller, Office of Statistical Standards, EI–73, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585, (Phone 202–426–1103, FAX 202–426–1081, or e-mail htmiller@eia.doe.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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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).

On September 11, 1993, the President signed Executive Order No. 12862 aimed at " * * * ensuring the Federal government provides the highest quality service possible to the American people." The Order discusses surveys as a means for determining the kinds and qualities of service desired by Federal Government customers and for determining satisfaction levels for existing services. These voluntary customer surveys will be used to ascertain customer satisfaction with the Department of Energy in terms of services and products. Respondents will be individuals and organizations that are the recipients of the Department's services and products. Previous customer surveys have provided useful information to the Department for assessing how well the Department is delivering its services and products and for making improvements. The results are used internally and summaries are provided to the Office of Management and Budget on an annual basis, and are used to satisfy the requirements and the spirit of Executive Order No. 12862.

II. Current Actions

The request to OMB will be for a three-year extension of the expiration date of approval for DOE to conduct customer surveys. During the past clearance cycle, over 20 customer surveys have been conducted by telephone and mail. (Examples of previously conducted customer surveys are available upon request.) Our planned activities in the next 3 fiscal years reflect our increased emphasis on

and expansion of these activities, including an increased use of electronic means for obtaining customer input (CD-ROM and World Wide Web).

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.

General Issues

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, and reliability, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects in a useful and timely fashion?

B. What enhancements can EIA make to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent

A. Average public reporting burden for a customer survey is estimated to be .25 hours per response (8,333 respondents per year x 15 minutes per response = 2,083 hours annually). Burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or 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.

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 automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

B. 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 dollar amount of operation and maintenance and purchase of services costs associated with this data collection? The estimates should take into account the costs associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing the information.

C. 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. 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 Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) has submitted the energy information collection(s) listed at the end of this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). The listing does not include collections of information contained in new or revised regulations which are to be submitted under section 3507(d)(1)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act, nor management and procurement assistance requirements collected by the Department of Energy (DOE).

Each entry contains the following information: (1) collection number and title; (2) summary of the collection of information (includes sponsor (the DOE component)), current OMB document number (if applicable), type of request (new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); response obligation (mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (3) a description of the need and proposed use of the information; (4) description of the likely respondents; and (5) estimate of total annual reporting burden (average hours per response x proposed frequency of response per year x

estimated number of likely respondents.)

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before February 20, 1997. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB DOE Desk Officer listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3084. (Also, please notify the EIA contact listed below.)

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Department of Energy Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to the Office of Statistical Standards at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller, Office of Statistical Standards, (EI-73), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585. Mr. Miller may be telephoned at (202) 426-1103, FAX (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at hmiller@eia.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review was:

1. EIA-457A/G, "Residential Energy Consumption Survey"
2. Energy Information Administration, OMB No. 1905-0092, Revision of a currently approved collection, Mandatory
3. EIA-457A/G is used to collect comprehensive national and regional data on both the consumption of and expenditures for energy in the residential sector of the economy. Data are used for analyzing and forecasting residential energy consumption. Housing, appliance, and demographic characteristics data are collected via personal interviews with households, and consumption and expenditures billing data are collected from the energy suppliers.
4. Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, Federal Government, and State, Local or Tribal Government.
5. 2,005 hours (.4899 hours per response x .25 responses per year x 16,370 respondents). The EIA-457 A/G will be conducted on a quadrennial basis.

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-187-000]

Honeoye Storage Corporation; Notice of Application

January 14, 1997.

Take notice that on January 8, 1997, Honeoye Storage Corporation (Honeoye), One State Street, Suite 1200, Boston, Massachusetts, 02109, filed in Docket No. CP97-187-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for permission and approval to abandon storage service of 6,814 MMBtu per day of Average Daily Withdrawal Quantity (ADWQ) for Long Island Lighting Company (Lilco), and pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, to authorize the allocation of the abandoned service to two new customers, Providence Gas Company (Providence), and ProMark Energy, Inc. (ProMark), all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Honeoye states that on March 21, 1996, Lilco notified Honeoye that Lilco was terminating its Service Agreement with Honeoye effective March 31, 1997 in accordance with Article Five of its Service Agreement. Honeoye indicates that currently Lilco is entitled to 1,226,400 MMBtu of Maximum Quantities Storage (MQS), and a Maximum Daily Withdrawal Quantity (MDWQ) of 10,220 MMBtu per day. Honeoye hereby requests authorization to abandon such service in accordance with Lilco's wishes.

Honeoye also states that it conducted an open season, offering potential customers the service to be relinquished by Lilco under the terms, conditions, and rate of Honeoye's existing tariff. Honeoye further states that as a result of such open season, Honeoye proposes to provide the abandoned service in equal proportions to Providence and ProMark.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make protest with reference to said application should on or before January 24, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR