

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda: The meeting will include administrative plans for the board at the beginning of the meeting; Environmental Management and Enrichment Facilities (EMEF) Project updates; discussions on DOE responses to SSAB recommendations, decontamination and decommissioning cost effectiveness, and Site Treatment Plan Annual Report; a Bechtel/Jacobs Management and Integration presentation; a report on the Prioritization Meeting from Greg Waldrop; and updates on Waste Area Grouping (WAGs) 22 and the Vortec Environmental Assessment (if available). A copy of the final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Carlos Alvarado at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments as the first item on the meeting agenda. This notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved prior to publication.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Environmental Information and Reading Room at 175 Freedom Boulevard, Highway 60, Kevil, Kentucky between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday, or by writing to Carlos Alvarado, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, or by calling him at (502) 441-6804.

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Althea T. Vanzego,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Energy Information Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Proposed collections; Comment request.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed renewal of approval for Forms EIA-63A, "Annual Solar Thermal Collector Manufacturers Survey," and EIA-63B, "Annual Photovoltaic Module/Cell Manufacturers Survey."

DATES: Written comments must be submitted within 60 days of the publication of this notice. 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 James Holihan, Energy Information Administration, EI-523, Renewable Energy Branch, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585-0650, Telephone (202) 426-1147; e-mail jholihan@eia.doe.gov; FAX (202) 426-1311.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Mr. Holihan at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

II. Current Actions

III. Request for Comments

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 (EIA) 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 EIA, 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 EIA to prepare data requests in the desired format, minimize reporting burden, develop clearly understandable reporting forms, and assess the impact of collection requirements on respondents. 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).

II. Current Actions

The EIA will request a three-year extension through August 31, 2001, to continue using Forms EIA-63A and EIA-63B. No substantive modifications to the currently approved forms will be proposed unless substantive suggestions are received and approved.

The forms currently are used to gather information on the supply and distribution of solar thermal collectors, photovoltaic cells, and photovoltaic modules. Specifically, the forms collect information on manufacturing, imports, exports, and shipments. The EIA has been collecting this information annually and proposes to continue the surveys. The data collected will be published in the Renewable Energy Annual and will also be available through EIA's Internet site at <http://www.eia.doe.gov/fuelrenewable.html>.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. (If your comments apply to a specific form, please indicate one.) The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of responses.

General Issues

A. Are the proposed collections of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have

practical utility? Practical utility is defined as the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

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

As a Potential Respondent

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions require clarification?

B. Can data be submitted by the due date?

C. Public reporting burden for each form is estimated to average approximately three hours.

Burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide 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 information technology.

D. EIA estimates that respondents will incur no additional costs for reporting other than the hours required to complete the collection. The information requested is expected to be available in each respondent's business information system. What are the estimated: (1) Total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs, and (2) recurring annual costs of operation and maintenance, and purchase of services associated with this data collection?

E. 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. Can you use data at the levels of detail indicated on the form(s)?

B. For what purpose would you use the data? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources of data and do you use them? If so, what are their deficiencies and/or strengths?

D. For the most part, information is published by EIA in U.S. customary units, e.g., cubic feet of natural gas, short tons of coal, and barrels of oil. Would you prefer to see EIA publish more information in metric units, e.g., cubic meters, metric tons, and kilograms? If yes, please specify what information (e.g., coal production, natural gas consumption, and crude oil imports), the metric unit(s) of measurement preferred, and in which

EIA publication(s) you would like to see such information.

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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Jay H. Casselberry,

Agency Clearance Officer, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-6-000]

ALLEnergy Marketing Company; Notice of Issuance of Order

March 4, 1998.

ALLEnergy Marketing Company, L.L.C. (ALLEnergy), an affiliate of New England Power Company, filed an application for authorization to sell power at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, (ALLEnergy) requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by ALLEnergy. On February 25, 1998, the Commission issued an Order Approving Sale of Jurisdictional Facilities, Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates, Conditionally Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates, Accepting Proposed Rates For Filing, As Modified In Part, Rejecting Proposed Rates, Without Prejudiced To Refiling And Accepting For Filing And Suspending Proposed Rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's February 25, 1998 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (J), (K), and (M):

(J) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by ALLEnergy should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(K) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (J) above. ALLEnergy is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of ALLEnergy, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(M) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of ALLEnergy's issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities* * *.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is March 27, 1998.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-143-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

March 4, 1998.

Take notice that on February 27, 1998, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing, as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to become effective March 1, 1998:

Thirty-first Revised Sheet No. 8
Thirty-first Revised Sheet No. 9
Thirtieth Revised Sheet No. 13
Thirty-fifth Revised Sheet No. 18

ANR states that the above-referenced tariff sheets are being filed to implement recovery of approximately \$3.2 million of above-market costs that are associated with its obligations to Dakota Gasification Company (Dakota). ANR proposes a reservation surcharge applicable to its Part 284 firm transportation customers to collect ninety percent (90%) of the Dakota costs, and an adjustment to the maximum base tariff rates of Rate Schedule ITS and overrun rates