

business in Chula Vista, California. Intercom does not own or control any electric generation facilities, nor does it have a franchised electric power service area. The electric energy which Intercom proposes to export to Mexico would be purchased from electric utilities and other suppliers within the U.S.

Intercom proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Mexico over the international transmission facilities owned by San Diego Gas & Electric Company, El Paso Electric Company, Central Power and Light Company, and Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico. The construction of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by the applicants, as more fully described in the application, has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the Intercom application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA-289. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Ernesto Pallares, Chief Executive Officer, Intercom Energy, Inc., 303 H Street, Suite 401, Chula Vista, CA 91910 and Jon L. Brunenkant, James W. Moeller, Brunenkant & Haskell, LLP, 805 15th Street, NW., Suite 1101, Washington, DC, 20005 and Daniel J. Morgan, The Morgan Law Firm, P.C., 110 Juniper Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select

"Regulatory Programs," then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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Ellen Russell,

Acting Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, April 29, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, April 30, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Academy for Education Development (AED) Conference Center, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Thomassen ((301) 903-9817; david.thomassen@science.doe.gov), or Ms. Shirley Derflinger ((301) 903-0044; shirley.derflinger@science.doe.gov), Designated Federal Officers, Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC-70/ Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290. The most current information concerning this meeting can be found on the Web site: <http://www.science.doe.gov/ober/berac/announce.html>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Biological and Environmental Research Program.

Tentative Agenda:

Thursday, April 29, and Friday, April 30, 2004:

- Conflict of Interest and Federal Advisory Committee Act requirements and overview

- Comments from Dr. Raymond Orbach, Director, Office of Science

- Report by Dr. Ari Patrinos, Associate Director of Science for Biological and Environmental Research

- Discussion of BERAC reports on (1) need for additional sites for environmental remediation sciences research (2) review of the scientific basis for a proposed subsurface geosciences laboratory at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, (3) guidance to BER on how the Atmospheric Science Program should be reconfigured, (4) a Committee of Visitors review of the Climate Change Research Division's program management, and (5) radiochemistry program needs and opportunities.

- BERAC recommendations for BER to develop a roadmap for achieving and tracking its long term performance measures

- Status report on the development of a Genomics:GTL roadmap

- Coordination of common DOE and NIH research interests

- Discussion to define operating hours at BER facilities

- Science talk

- New Business

- Public comment (10 minute rule)

Public Participation: The day and a half meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact David Thomassen or Shirley Derflinger at the address or telephone numbers listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, IE-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Rachel M. Samuel,
Deputy Advisory Committee, Management
Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information
Administration (EIA), Department of
Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency information collection
activities: Proposed collection; comment
request.

SUMMARY: The EIA is soliciting
comments on the proposed revisions
and a three-year extension to the Forms:

- EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power
Supply Program Report,"
- EIA-412, "Annual Electric Industry
Financial Report,"
- EIA-423, "Monthly Cost and Quality of
Fuels for Electric Plants,"
- EIA-767, "Steam-Electric Plant
Operation and Design Report,"
- EIA-826, "Monthly Electric Sales and
Revenue with State Distributions
Report,"
- EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator
Report,"
- EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power
Industry Report,"
- EIA-906, "Power Plant Report," and
- EIA-920, "Combined Heat and Power
Plant Report."

The EIA is also soliciting comments
on a proposed new Form EIA-860M,
"Monthly Update to the Annual Electric
Generator Report" to be authorized for
three years.

DATES: Comments must be filed by June
1, 2004. If you anticipate difficulty in
submitting comments within that
period, contact the person listed below
as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Charlene
Harris-Russell. To ensure receipt of the
comments by the due date, submission
by fax ((202) 287-1946) or e-mail
Charlene.Harris-Russell@eia.doe.gov is
recommended. The mailing address is
Energy Information Administration,
Electric Power Division, EI-53, Forrestal
Building, U.S. Department of Energy,
Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively,
Charlene Harris-Russell may be
contacted by telephone at (202) 287-
1747.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or
copies of any forms and instructions
should be directed to Charlene Harris-
Russell at the address listed above. To
review the proposed forms and
instructions, please visit: [http://
www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/electricity/page/
fednotice/formsandinstr.html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/electricity/page/fednotice/formsandinstr.html).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration
Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275, 15 U.S.C.
761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization
Act (Pub. L. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et
seq.*) require the EIA to carry out a
centralized, comprehensive, and unified
energy information program. This
program collects, evaluates, assembles,
analyzes, and disseminates information
on energy resource reserves, production,
demand, technology, and related
economic and statistical information.
This information is used to assess the
adequacy of energy resources to meet
near and longer term domestic
demands.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply
with the Paperwork Reduction Act of
1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter
35), provides the general public and
other Federal agencies with
opportunities to comment on collections
of energy information conducted by or
in conjunction with the EIA. Any
comments received help the EIA to
prepare data requests that maximize the
utility of the information collected, and
to assess the impact of collection
requirements on the public. Also, the
EIA will later seek approval by the
Office of Management and Budget
(OMB) under section 3507(a) of the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The EIA collects information about
the electric power industry for use by
government and private sector analysts.
The survey information is disseminated
in a variety of print publications,
electronic products, and electronic data
files. For details on EIA's electric power
information program, please visit the
electricity page of EIA's Web site at
[http://www.eia.doe.gov/
fuelelectric.html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/fuelelectric.html).

Please refer to the proposed forms and
instructions for more information about
the purpose, who must report, when to
report, where to submit, the elements to
be reported, detailed instructions,
provisions for confidentiality, and uses
(including possible nonstatistical uses)
of the information. For instructions on

obtaining materials, see the **FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

II. Current Actions

EIA has completed an extensive
review and update of the electric power
survey collection instruments. The
forms presented here are the result of
that task which includes input from the
electric power industry, other industrial
users of the data, government agencies,
consumer groups, and private sector
analysts. Along with the forms changes,
the EIA is proposing a revision to the
commercially sensitive data elements
collected on EIA's electric power forms
that will be treated as confidential.

As a means of improving its electric
power surveys to reflect the changing
industry, EIA proposes the following
changes:

Form EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk
Power Supply Program Report." The
collection of this form is proposed to
become mandatory subject to a revised
memorandum of agreement with the
North American Electric Reliability
Council. Additional revisions include:
(1) Reconcile differences between
capacity totals reported to EIA by its
respondents and the planning capacity
data reported by the North American
Electric Reliability Council, (2)
transmission line outage data, and (3)
distributed generation data. Specifically,
a new Schedule 3, Reconciliation
Between Total Generation Regional
Capacity and Planned Regional Capacity
Resources (Summer, Winter), collects 35
proposed data elements on generator
capacity. This replaces the previous
Schedule 3 that collected 115 data
elements concerning capacity
information by generator. A new
Schedule 7, Annual Data for
Transmission Line Outages for Extra
High Voltage (EHV) Lines, will collect
13 new data elements on outages by
voltage class. Schedule 2, Part A and B.
Historical and Projected Demand and
Capacity—Summer, Winter, will collect
distributed generation data. Together,
these represent a net decrease of 60 data
elements on the Form EIA-411. The
form and instructions will be modified
to show these changes.

Form EIA-412 "Annual Electric
Industry Financial Report." This form
will now ask in the Identification
Section, if an entity generates
electricity. In addition, a new Schedule
9B, Electric Generating Plant Statistics,
Unregulated Companies, will collect
cost data from unregulated plants at a
higher aggregated level than previously
requested. As a result of these actions,
the overall net change for the Form EIA-
412 is a decrease of 10 data elements
collected from unregulated plants.