

technology transfer be included in future annual plans. In response, the 2010 *Annual Plan* describes the structure for the overall technology transfer program.

Subtitle J provides that the Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Research Fund be funded at \$50-million-per-year, with funds generated from Federal lease royalties, rents, and bonuses paid by oil and gas companies. Seventy-five percent of these funds are obligated to the Program Consortium's contract to execute the three program elements. After allocations for contract management by NETL and program administration by the Program Consortium, the amount to be invested in research activities by the Program Consortium totals \$31.88 million per year.

Under the Stage-Gate approach applied to prior years' activities, all Program Consortium administered projects are fully funded to the completion of the appropriate decision point identified in each contract, which may include multiple stages. If a decision is made to move to the next stage or decision point or to gather additional data, additional funding will be provided from available funds.

The NETL Strategic Center for Natural Gas and Oil is responsible for management of the consortium's contract as part of its review and oversight function. Complementary research and development (R&D) is being carried out by NETL's Office of Research and Development. Planning and analysis related to the Program, including benefits assessment and technology impacts analysis, is being carried out by NETL's Office of Systems, Analysis, and Planning.

Subtitle J contains a general sunset provision for Title IX, Subtitle J, of September 30, 2014.

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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 three-year extension of EIA Form EIA-914 Monthly Natural Gas Production Report. **DATES:** Comments must be filed by May 10, 2010. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Ms. Rhonda Green at Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration, Reserves and Production Division, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 1110, Dallas, Texas 75201-6801. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by e-mail (rhonda.green@eia.doe.gov) or FAX 214-720-6155 is recommended. Alternatively, Ms. Green may be contacted by telephone at 214-720-6161.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of any forms and instructions should be directed to Ms. Rhonda Green at the contact information listed above. The proposed forms and instructions are also available on the Internet at: http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/natural_gas/survey_forms/nat_survey_forms.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 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.

Currently a sample of operators of natural gas wells report on the Form EIA-914. From a universe of about 9,300 active operators, a cut-off sample is selected of 243 largest natural gas producers by state or area, known to have produced at least 20 million cubic feet (10 million cubic feet in Oklahoma) of natural gas per day in 2009. Using information collected on Form EIA-914, EIA estimates and disseminates timely and reliable monthly natural gas production data for Texas (onshore and offshore) and Louisiana (onshore and offshore), New Mexico, Oklahoma, Wyoming, the Federal Offshore Gulf of Mexico, Other States (onshore and offshore for the remaining gas producing States with Alaska excluded), and the lower 48 States. This collection is essential to the mission of the DOE in general and the EIA in particular because of the increasing demand for natural gas in the United States and the requirement for accurate and timely natural gas production information necessary to monitor the United States natural gas supply and demand balance. These estimates are essential to the development, implementation, and evaluation of energy policy and legislation. Data are disseminated through the *EIA Natural Gas Monthly* and *EIA Natural Gas Annual* Web site. Secondary publications that use the data include EIA's *Short-Term Energy Outlook*, *Annual Energy Outlook*, *Monthly Energy Review*, and *Annual Energy Review*.

II. Current Actions

Currently EIA asks operators to resubmit if actual or corrected data vary more than plus or minus four percent (4%) from the data previously reported. The proposed change would ask that operators resubmit any change in previously reported data. This will make the instructions consistent with the way operators actually report now, *i.e.*, without regard to a four percent difference threshold on revision submissions.

III. Request for Comment

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 comments.

As a Potential Respondent to the Request for Information

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility?

B. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information to be collected?

C. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions need clarification?

D. Can the information be submitted by the respondent by the due date?

E. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 3 hours per respondent monthly. The estimated burden includes the total time necessary to provide the requested information. In your opinion, how accurate is this estimate?

F. The agency estimates that the only cost to a respondent is for the time it will take to complete the collection. Will a respondent incur any start-up costs for reporting, or any recurring annual costs for operation, maintenance, and purchase of services associated with the information collection?

G. What additional actions could be taken to minimize the burden of this collection of information? Such actions may involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

H. Does any other Federal, State, or local agency collect similar information? If so, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User of the Information To Be Collected

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility?

B. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information disseminated?

C. Is the information useful at the levels of detail to be collected?

D. For what purpose(s) would the information be used? Be specific.

E. Are there alternate sources for the information and are they useful? If so, what are their weaknesses 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 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-275, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13526-001]

Bowersock Mills and Power Company; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission; Intent To Waive Stage I and Stage II Pre-Filing Consultation Requirements and Scoping; Soliciting Additional Study Requests; and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Licensing

March 3, 2010.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Original Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 13526-001.

c. *Date Filed:* February 8, 2010.

d. *Applicant:* Bowersock Mills Power Company (Bowersock).

e. *Name of Project:* Bowersock Mills and Power Company Expanded Kansas River Hydropower Project.

f. *Location:* The project would be located on the Kansas River in Douglas County, Kansas. The project would not affect Federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Sarah Hill-Nelson, The Bowersock Mills and Power Company, P.O. Box 66, Lawrence, Kansas 66044; (785)-766-0884.

i. *FERC Contact:* Monte TerHaar, (202) 502-6035, or via e-mail at monte.terhaar@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, State, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Pursuant to Section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if

any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. Deadline for filing requests for cooperating agency status and additional studies: April 9, 2010.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp>) under the "e-Filing" link. For a simpler method of submitting text only comments, click on "Quick Comment". For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov; call toll-free at (866) 208-3676; or, for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and eight copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

m. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *Project Description:* The existing Bowersock dam and powerhouse currently operates under an exemption (Project No. 2644) as a small hydropower project of 5 megawatts (MW) or less. The proposed project would consist of the existing Bowersock dam and two powerhouses; the existing powerhouse on the South bank of the Kansas River, and a proposed powerhouse on the North bank of the Kansas River. The proposed project would have a total capacity of 6.012 MW and generate an estimated 33 gigawatt-hours annually. The electricity produced by the project would be sold to a local utility.

The proposed project would consist of the following:

(1) The existing 665-foot-long, 17-foot-high timber-crib Bowersock Dam; (2) a 120-foot-long gated spillway with seven gates; (3) raising the existing flashboards from 4 feet high to 5.5 feet high; (4) an existing 4.3-mile-long reservoir, having a normal water surface elevation of 813.5 feet mean sea level; (5) an existing South powerhouse, containing seven turbine/generator units having an installed capacity of 2.012 MW; (6) a proposed North powerhouse with four turbine/generator units, having an