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Request for Information Categories and Questions

DOE is particularly interested in receiving comments and data on the following:

1. Quality and Completeness of Information. Are the policy descriptions accurate and complete? Are they current? Are the key functional pieces of the policy easily accessible? What additional information would be useful? How could the descriptions be streamlined? What other policies should be included?
2. Functionality. How could the functionality be improved in areas such as user interface, search functionality, sorting functionality, site structure, etc.?
3. Uses. How might you or your organization use the database? What key important questions could the database help to answer? What visualizations might you or your organization consider using the database to develop?
4. Connection to Other Data Sources or Initiatives. Are there other data sources in industry, government, academia, or other sectors that could be connected to this database? If so, what are these data sets and how might they be beneficially connected or coordinated with the database?
5. Users. Which stakeholder groups—including groups in industry, government, academia, etc.—might find the database most useful and for what purpose?
6. Maintenance. How should policy developments be tracked and at what frequency to keep the database current and useful?

Request for Information Response Guidelines

Responses to this RFI must be submitted electronically to EPSA.Database@hq.doe.gov no later than 11:59 p.m. (ET) on August 4, 2017. Responses must be provided as attachments to an email. It is recommended that attachments with file sizes exceeding 25MB be compressed (*i.e.*, zipped) to ensure message delivery. Responses must be provided as a Microsoft Word (.docx) or Microsoft Excel (.xlsx) attachment to the email. Only electronic responses will be accepted.

Please identify your answers by responding to a specific question or topic if applicable. Respondents may answer as many or as few questions as they wish. DOE-EPSA will not respond to individual submissions or publish publicly a compendium of responses. A response to this RFI will not be viewed as a binding commitment to develop or pursue the project or ideas discussed.

Respondents are requested to provide the following information at the start of their response to this RFI:

- Company/institution name;
- Company/institution contact;
- Contact's address, phone number, and email address.

Confidential Business Information

Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit via email two well-marked copies: One copy of the document marked "confidential" including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document marked "non-confidential" with the information believed to be confidential deleted. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination.

Factors of interest to DOE when evaluating requests to treat submitted information as confidential include: (1) A description of the items; (2) whether and why such items are customarily treated as confidential within the industry; (3) whether the information is generally known by or available from other sources; (4) whether the information has previously been made available to others without obligation concerning its confidentiality; (5) an explanation of the competitive injury to the submitting person that would result from public disclosure; (6) when such information might lose its confidential character due to the passage of time; and

(7) why disclosure of the information would be contrary to the public interest.

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Carol Battershell,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

U.S. Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Extension

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

ACTION: Notice and request for OMB review and comment.

SUMMARY: The EIA has submitted an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its CIPSEA Confidentiality Pledge Revision, OMB Control Number 1905-0211. The proposed collection will make permanent the modification to the confidentiality pledge that was approved on January 12, 2017, under the emergency clearance under OMB Control Number 1905-0211.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before July 5, 2017. 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, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4718.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

And to Jacob.bournazian@eia.gov or Jacob Bournazian, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Mail Stop EI-23, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585 (Email is preferred).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jacob Bournazian, U.S. Energy Information Administration, 1000 Independence Avenue SW.,

Washington, DC 20585, phone: 202–586–5562 (this is not a toll-free number), email: jacob.bournazian@eia.gov. Because of delays in the receipt of regular mail related to security screening, respondents are encouraged to use electronic communications. The survey forms and instructions are available on the Internet at <https://www.eia.gov/survey/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1905–0211; (2) Information Collection Request Title: CIPSEA Confidentiality Pledge Revision; (3) Type of Request: Three-year extension; (4) Purpose: Under 44 U.S.C. 3506(e), and 44 U.S.C. 3501 (note), EIA revised the confidentiality pledge(s) it provides to respondents for surveys that protect information under the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 (note)) (CIPSEA). EIA's CIPSEA confidentiality pledge needed to be modified to be consistent with provisions of the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015 (Pub. L. 114–11, Division N, Title II, Subtitle B, Sec. 223), which permit and require the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide Federal civilian agencies' information technology systems with cybersecurity protection for their Internet traffic. In 2004, EIA's original CIPSEA confidentiality pledge stated that the information respondents provide will be seen only by EIA personnel or their sworn agents, and be used only for statistical purposes. As part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2016 signed on December 17, 2015, the Congress included the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015 (Pub. L. 114–11, Division N, Title II, Subtitle B, Sec. 223). This Act, among other provisions, permits and requires DHS to provide Federal civilian agencies' information technology systems with cybersecurity protection for their Internet traffic. The technology currently used to provide this protection against cyber malware is known as Einstein 3A; it electronically searches Internet traffic in and out of Federal civilian agencies in real time for malware signatures. When such a signature is found, the Internet packets that contain the malware signature are moved to a secured area for further inspection by DHS personnel. Because it is possible that such packets entering or leaving a statistical agency's information technology system may contain a small portion of confidential statistical data, statistical agencies no longer promise their respondents that their responses will be seen only by statistical agency

personnel or their sworn agents. However, EIA does promise, in accordance with provisions of the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, that such monitoring will be used only to protect information and information systems from cybersecurity risks, thereby, in effect, providing stronger protection to the integrity of the respondents' submissions. Since it is possible that DHS personnel may see some portion of those confidential data in the course of examining the suspicious Internet packets identified by Einstein 3A sensors, EIA revised its confidentiality pledge on January 12, 2017, under an emergency clearance, to reflect this process change. The submission of this request to OMB makes the change in EIA's CIPSEA confidentiality pledge permanent for all surveys that EIA protects under the CIPSEA statute. Therefore, EIA provides this notice to alert the public of this permanent change in its confidentiality pledge in an efficient and coordinated manner.

Statutory Authority: Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93–275, codified as 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and the DOE Organization Act of 1977, Pub. L. 95–91, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*

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Director, Office of Survey Development and Statistical Integration, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP16–496–000]

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Lone Star Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Lone Star Project, proposed by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (Tennessee) in the above-referenced docket. Tennessee requests authorization to construct and operate two new compressor stations in San Patricio and Jackson Counties, Texas.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of construction and operation of the Lone Star Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The FERC staff concludes that approval

of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The proposed Lone Star Project includes the following facilities:

- One new bi-directional enclosed Compressor Station 3A in San Patricio County, Texas, consisting of one 10,915 horsepower (hp) International Organization for Standardization (ISO) rated Solar Taurus 70 turbine/compressor unit and associated appurtenances; and
- one new bi-directional enclosed Compressor Station 11A in Jackson County, Texas, consisting of one 20,500-hp ISO rated Solar Titan 130 turbine/compressor unit and appurtenances.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups, including commenters; newspapers and libraries in the project area; and parties to this proceeding. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's Web site (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502–8371.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before June 26, 2017.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments with the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number (CP16–496–000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at 202–502–8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature located on the Commission's Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. This is an