

regard to natural gas storage injections, withdrawals, balances and reservoir capacities to assure stored natural gas is adequate.

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### Notice of Proposed Revisions, Extension of Forms and Solicitation of Comments.

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

**SUMMARY:** The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision and a three-year extension of approval for its electric power forms. These forms include: Form EIA-412, "Annual Report of Public Electric Utilities;" Form EIA-759, "Monthly Power Plant Report;" Form EIA-826, "Monthly Electric Utility Sales and Revenue Report with State Distributions;" Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report;" Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Utility Report;" and Form EIA-867 "Annual Nonutility Power Producer Report."

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 29, 1995. 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 John G. Colligan (EI-524), Energy Information Administration, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone (202) 254-5465, fax (202) 254-6233, Internet e-mail jcolliga@EIA.DOE.GOV.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to John Colligan at the address listed previously.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
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#### I. Background

In order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275) and the Department of Energy

Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91), the 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 resources, reserves, production, demand, and technology, and related economic and statistical information relevant to the adequacy of energy resources to meet demands in the near-term and long-term future for the Nation's economic and social needs. To meet this responsibility, as well as internal DOE requirements that are dependent on accurate data, the EIA conducts statistical surveys that encompass each significant source of electric power, distribution and consumption activity in the United States.

As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden (required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995), EIA conducts a pre-survey 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 ensures 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.

#### II. Current Actions

The EIA proposes the following changes and improvements:

- deleting data items no longer required;
- adding data items needed for analysis;
- improving the clarity of the instructions;
- improving the design and flow of the forms;
- merging two forms (Form EIA-861 and Form EIA-867);
- dropping confidentiality requirement (Form EIA-867);
- electronic filing (EIA-412);
- appointment of an agent for filing; and
- changing the due date for the annual forms (Forms EIA-412, 861, and 867) from prior due dates to April 1st of each year. (The Form EIA-860 will continue to be due February 15th each year.)

EIA proposes a three-year extension with changes to its existing collections. These changes reflect current industry operations and enable EIA to respond accurately to industry, Congressional, Federal and public data users

requirements. The proposed changes are summarized below:

#### 1. Form EIA-412

The EIA proposes the following:

a. In the "Identification Section" page one of the form, request the fax number and/or Internet e-mail address of the respondent contact person.

b. Schedule I: *Electric Utility Balance Sheet* separate "Plant Materials and Operating Supplies" (account 154) from the existing "Materials and Supplies" (accounts 153-163) and rename the remaining items as "Other Supplies" (account 153, 155-163).

c. Schedule III: *Statement of Cash Flows*, a new schedule will be required from the publicly owned electric utilities (existing schedules III through XII will be renumbered). The data collected on this schedule will provide policy and decisionmakers with data comparable to the investor-owned electric utilities. The new schedule will provide a uniform reporting layout and facilitate easier public use of the data. Additionally it will make reconciliation of net income to cash flow less difficult.

d. The instructions have been revised adding clarity and uniformity thus aiding the respondents in the completion and timely submission of the form.

e. In order to minimize the overall burden, reduce reporting errors and overall costs, all respondents will be required to submit the Form EIA-412 electronically. Requests for submission in hard copy format rather than electronic filing must be made in writing and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. All submissions should be made on or before April 1st of each year.

The Form EIA-412 electronic format is described below:

—The EIA will mail a 3.5-inch diskette by January 15, 1996, (thereafter 2 months following the end of the fiscal year with a filing date 4 months after the end of the fiscal year) containing the respondent's form and operative software for electronic media;

—The Form EIA-412 software operates in a PC-based user friendly environment;

—The software operates using DOS 3.3 or higher, and a Hewlett Packard Laser Jet Series II, III, or IV (or compatible) printer;

—Software integrity should be maintained; therefore, no inserts or deletions to accounts, columns, lines, etc., should be made;

—No format changes to the prescribed schedules should be made;

—A signed hard copy of page one, "Identification Section and Certification

Section," should be filed with each diskette;

—Resubmissions (of any part of the form) should include the entire Form EIA-412 diskette and signed hard copy certification;

—The software supports data entry onto screens that are identical to each schedule of the form;

—The system performs some edit checks as the data are entered and additional edits are provided to a respondent using the software;

—The software supports printing of a single page, or a series of pages with/without data, or copying to a diskette for filing with the EIA;

—There are no license restrictions on the number of copies to be installed by any one respondent; and

—The software is scheduled to be available in October 1995 and any respondent desiring to test the system should contact Roger Sacquety at (202) 254-5440.

#### *Form EIA-759*

The EIA is currently evaluating a proposal to revise the scope of its monthly data collection on the Form EIA-759, "Monthly Power Plant Report." The proposal consists of two alternatives described in a **Federal Register** notice published April 28, 1995 (60 FR 20985) that would allow for the collection of data on net generation, fuel consumption, and end-of-month fuels stocks from both electric utilities and nonutility power producers.

Alternative one: Collect monthly electric power data electronically from the 150 U.S. electric control areas. The control area operators gather information for the electric power industry (both electric utilities and independent power producers) in the United States. Adoption of this alternative would greatly reduce monthly respondent burden. The EIA would continue to use the Form EIA-759 until electric control area operators are filing monthly and the data have been validated for consistency.

Alternative two: Revise the coverage of the current Form EIA-759 and sample both utility and nonutility power producers. With the second alternative, nonutilities included in the sample would receive a monthly form to report generation provided to the electric grid, as well as, consumption and stocks of fuel. Implementation of this option would also reduce respondent burden, but not as much as in alternative one.

The alternative selected will be announced in the **Federal Register** notice submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for clearance

of the EIA Electric Power Program Package.

#### *3. Form EIA-826*

The EIA proposes the following changes:

a. include purchases of electricity by utilities from nonutilities at the utility/state level.

b. delete Schedule II, "Electric Energy Information by Company." The data collected on Schedule II are used by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis and are not used or published by EIA.

#### *4. Form EIA-860*

In order to remove duplicative reporting to both the EIA and the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) and reduce respondent burden, EIA proposes to change the method of data collection, revise some data elements, and clarify the instructions on the Form EIA-860 as follows:

a. Respondents will have the option to file the Form EIA-860 directly to EIA (the present method) or designate an agent(s) to file the form on their behalf;

b. Utilities can designate NERC as their agent. NERC will process the data filed on Form EIA-860 and deliver the generator data base to EIA annually;

c. Data reported will be "as of January 1st" of the reporting calendar year instead of "as of December 31st" of the year preceding the reporting calendar year, where the reporting calendar year is the year in which the report is filed;

d. Schedule II: Power Plant Site Information, Elevation and Cooling system codes (type of cooling) have been deleted. The term "Nonutility Use" is being changed to "Cogeneration" to more accurately describe the data being collected;

e. Schedule III: Generator Information, data terms (elements) have been deleted, added, and replaced as noted below:

—Deleted are: Service Type, First Electricity Date (existing generators), Start-up Fuels, (Third) Energy Source, Reasons for Delay/Cancellation, and Date of Cancellation;

—The more appropriate term, "Effective Date," replaced "First Electricity Date" to collect the same data related to proposed new generators and proposed changes to existing generators;

—Added data elements are: "Mode of Transportation of Fuels" and "Ownership of Generator."

f. Instructions have been revised as follows:

—Report multiple-proposed generator changes for the 10-year forecast period;

—Added instructions to allow grouping by prime mover and energy source generators with nameplate

capacity of less than 5 megawatts, provided aggregate capacity does not exceed 100 megawatts;

—Two codes are added to the choices for prime mover;

—Added a code to generically report future capacity plans without specific details, the other code facilitates the identification of "common-headered" steam generators;

—Five codes are added to expand the choices for reporting energy source; and

—Nine codes are either added, deleted and/or changed to improve the reporting status of planned new generators and/or changes to existing generators.

g. Schedule IV: Ownership of Generators Owned Jointly or by Others, the requirement to report leased generators, is deleted.

#### *5. Form EIA-861*

EIA proposes the following changes:

a. Consolidate the Form EIA-861 and the Form EIA-867, creating new Form EIA-899, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report." Please refer to proposed Form EIA-899.

#### *6. Form EIA-867*

EIA proposes the following changes:

a. Consolidate the Form EIA-867 and the Form EIA-861, creating new Form EIA-899, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report." Please refer to proposed Form EIA-899.

#### *7. Proposed Form EIA-899*

EIA proposes the creation of Form EIA-899:

a. Schedule I of Form EIA-899 is a modification of Schedule I of the Forms EIA-861 and EIA-867. This consolidated Schedule will collect the information common to both forms as follows: Identification, Certification, and Industry Classification. The Industry Classification section will determine the applicable schedules to be filed by each respondent. Added to Schedule I is the industry classification, "Power Marketers," and the respondent's e-mail address.

b. Prior Form EIA-861: All remaining schedules are intact and became part of the Form EIA-899 with the following modifications:

—Schedule II: General Information, Peak Demand, Energy Sources and Disposition,—added a line for Transmission by Others Losses;

—Schedule III: Electric Operating Revenue,—modified the instructions to clarify the treatment of taxes;

—Schedule IV: Electric Energy Information on Sales to Ultimate Consumers by State or U.S. Territory,—added sectors for transportation and agriculture;

—Schedule V: Demand-Side Management Information.—added a DSM contact person and telephone number; and

—Schedule VI: Nonutility Power Producer Information.—revised the title to “Independent Power Producer Information,” and changed the reporting requirements to include all independent power producers.

c. Prior Form EIA-867: All remaining Schedules have been renumbered, are intact and became part of the Form EIA-899.

—The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code designations are included in the instructions, the list of SIC codes has been enhanced to include sub-codes for SIC code 49 and include codes for SIC codes 91 and 97.

—The Form EIA-899 filing date is April 1st; and

—The Form EIA-899 collects information on electric generation including purchases and sales, electric capacity, and fuel consumption and will not be considered confidential. Data filed on the former Form EIA-867 have historically been treated as confidential. The EIA proposes that the data filed by all respondents in the electric power industry be considered public information consistent with similar data filed by other segments of the electric power industry on other EIA electric power forms. In addition, the industry is under a changing regulatory environment. Core data, as collected and published by the EIA, are needed by policy makers to develop regulations, and assess the impact of policies and regulations.

d. There is an option to file the Form EIA-899 electronically. The electronic filing option should reduce overall costs of the respondent and the government.

### 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. Please indicate to which form or forms your comment or comments apply.

General Issues: EIA is interested in receiving comments from persons regarding:

A. Whether the proposed collection(s) of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility and

B. What enhancements EIA can 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 instruction(s) require clarification?

B. Can the data be submitted using the definitions included in the instructions?

C. Can data be submitted in accordance with the response time specified in the instructions?

D. For each of the following forms, public reporting burden (hours per response) is estimated to average: EIA-412 = 33.2 hrs.; EIA-759 = 1.4 hrs.; EIA-826 = 1.8 hrs.; EIA-860 = 16.0 hrs.; EIA-899 total 9.35 hrs: (Utility Power Producers = 7.08 hrs.; and Nonutility Power Producers 2.27 hrs.) Burden is based on how much time, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Please comment on (1) the accuracy of our estimate and (2) efforts to minimize the burden of the collection of information through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

E. What is the estimated cost to complete the form, including direct and indirect costs associated with the data collection? Direct costs should include all costs, such as administrative costs, directly attributable to providing this information.

F. Please provide comments on the proposed change in confidentiality, and include specific reasons on how the release of specified data would likely cause substantial competitive harm to your company. If you have provided this information in response to the request for comments to the **Federal Register** notice published April 28, 1995 (60 FR 20985), there is no need to resubmit the information. Kindly advise us of the date of your submission, and we will include it in our comments.

G. 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 means of collection.

As a potential user:

A. Can you use data at the levels of detail indicated on the form?

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

C. Are there alternate sources of data and do you use them? 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, 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 forms. They also will become a matter of public record.

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### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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#### Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 1995 Line L Replacement Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

June 26, 1995.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or the Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) and operation of the facilities proposed in the 1995 Line L Replacement Project.<sup>1</sup> This EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether an environmental impact statement is required and whether or not to approve the project.

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) wants to construct and operate 5.8 miles of pipeline replacement to provide continued service to its existing customers. Columbia's proposed facilities would consist of 5.8 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline and appurtenances in 9 sections that replaces approximately 0.5 mile of 12-inch and 5.2 miles of 16-inch-diameter pipeline on Line L in Ashland, Medina, and Wayne Counties, Ohio.

The locations of these facilities are shown in appendix 1.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's application was filed with the Commission under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations.

<sup>2</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies are