

weekly over a ten-week period. Once activated, Form EIA-6 collects weekly coal production and stocks data from U.S. coal mining companies. Data are aggregated and reported at the state level. During disruptive events, Form EIA-20 collects available coal-fired capacity, generation, consumption, and stocks from coal-fired electric power generators.

The CMRS also collects coal market data. The data elements include production, consumption, receipts, stocks, sales, and prices. Information pertaining to the quality of the coal is also collected, including heat content, ash content, sulfur content and contents of mercury. Aggregates of this collection are used to support analysis on the effects of public policy on the coal industry, economic modeling, forecasting, coal supply and demand studies, and in guiding research and development programs. The data are included in EIA publications, such as the *Monthly Energy Review*, *Quarterly Coal Report*, *Quarterly Coal Distribution Report*, *Annual Coal Report*, and *Annual Coal Distribution Report*.

EIA also uses the data in short-term and long-term forecast models such as the Short-Term Integrated Forecasting System (STIFS) and the National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) Coal Market Module. The forecast data also appear in the *Short-Term Energy Outlook* and the *Annual Energy Outlook* publications.

(4a) *Proposed Changes*: EIA will be requesting a three-year extension of approval for all its coal surveys with the following changes:

Form EIA-3: Quarterly Survey of Industrial, Commercial, & Institutional Coal Users

- Revise the instructions to indicate only active users of coal need report. Currently, respondents are required to report if they've consumed more than 1,000 short tons in the past year. Respondents who switch from coal to gas are still required to file the EIA-3 for up to almost a year after they stop consuming coal. The proposed change will make it easier for respondents who permanently stop consuming coal to be removed from the survey frame, thereby reducing the reporting burden of this collection.

Form EIA-7A: Annual Survey of Coal Production and Preparation

- Revise the instructions to indicate all coal mining companies that owned a mining operation which produced 50,000 or more short tons of coal during the reporting year must submit the Form EIA-7A, except for anthracite mines. The current threshold for anthracite

mines of 10,000 short tons would remain the same. The proposed change in reporting threshold from 25,000 to 50,000 short tons will reduce the reporting burden of this collection while maintaining the utility and integrity of the data.

- Revise the instructions to remove the notes for Part 3 Question 10 advising respondents how to convert longitude and latitude, referencing an external document on EIA's website. These instructions are outdated and unnecessary.

Form EIA-8A: Annual Survey of Coal Stocks and Coal Exports

- Add an instruction to Part 2, Question 1 and Part 3 Question 1 to exclude stocks and exports already reported on the Form EIA-7A. Some respondents file both Forms EIA-7A and EIA-8A, especially companies with parent companies. The proposed change will avoid duplication of data collection, thereby reducing the reporting burden on Form EIA-8A respondents.

(5) Estimated Number of Survey Respondents: 833.

- Form EIA-3 will consist of 290 respondents;
- Form EIA-7A will consist of 480 respondents;
- Form EIA-8A will consist of 44 respondents;
- Form EIA-6 (standby) will consist of 10 respondents;
- Form EIA-20 (standby) will consist of 9 respondents.

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 1,830.

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 3,149.

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$262,564 (3,149 burden hours times \$83.38 per hour). EIA estimates that there are no additional costs to respondents associated with the surveys other than the costs associated with the burden hours since the information is maintained during normal course of business.

Comments are invited on whether or not: (a) The proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions, including whether the information will have a practical utility; (b) EIA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used, is accurate; (c) EIA can improve the quality, utility, and clarity of the information it will collect; and (d) EIA can minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, such as automated

collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Statutory Authority: 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 10th, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Proposed Extension

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: DOE invites public comment on the proposed collection of information, FE-746R "Natural Gas Imports and Exports", as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. DOE is requesting a three-year extension with changes of Form FE-746R, "Natural Gas Imports and Exports". The information collection request supports DOE's Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) in gathering critical information on the U.S. trade in natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG). The data are used to monitor natural gas trade, assess the adequacy of U.S. energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands, and support various market and regulatory analyses done by FECM.

DATES: DOE must receive all comments on this proposed information collection no later than March 14, 2023. If you anticipate any difficulties in submitting your comments by the deadline, contact the person listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically to Tu Tran at tu.tran@hq.doe.gov or mail comments to U.S. Energy Department (FE-34), Attn: Tu Tran, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you need additional information or copies of the information collection instrument, send your request to Tu Tran, (202) 235-5873, tu.tran@hq.doe.gov. Copies of the information collection instruments and instructions can also be viewed at: <https://>

www.energy.gov/fecm/articles/changes-fe-746-data-collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

(1) OMB No.: 1901–0294;
 (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* “Natural Gas Imports and Exports;”

(3) Renewal with changes;

(4) *Purpose:* The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require 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. Additionally, FECM is authorized to regulate natural gas imports and exports, including LNG, under 15 U.S.C. 717b. In order to carry out its statutory responsibilities, FECM requires anyone seeking to import or export natural gas to file an application and provide basic information on the scope and nature of the proposed import/export activity. Additionally, once an importer or exporter receives an authorization from FECM, they are required to submit monthly reports of all import and/or export transactions.

Specifically, the Form FE–746R requires the reporting of the following information by every holder of a DOE/FECM import or export authorization: the name of importer/exporter; country of origin/destination; international point of entry/exit; name of supplier; volume; price; transporters; U.S. geographic market(s) served; and duration of supply contract on a monthly basis. This information is used by both EIA and FECM to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands, and by FECM in the management of its natural gas regulatory program.

Data collected on Form FE–746R are published in *Natural Gas Imports and Exports, LNG Monthly Report*, and in EIA official statistics on U.S. natural gas supply and disposition. In addition, the data are used to monitor the North American natural gas trade, which, in turn, enables the Federal government to perform market and regulatory analyses; improve the capability of industry and the government to respond to any future energy-related supply problems; and keep the general public informed of international natural gas trade.

(4a) *Proposed Changes to Information Collection:* FECM will use the exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to protect prices

of LNG exports, but not other natural gas price data. Import and export prices for all forms of natural gas at the transaction level will be considered public information and may be publicly released in company identifiable form, excluding prices for domestically produced LNG exports. The data protection statement for information reported on Form FE–746R will read: “Information reported on Form FE–746R is considered public information and may be publicly released in company identifiable form, except that the following information will be protected and not disclosed to the public to the extent that it satisfies the criteria for exemption under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, as amended, and the Department of Energy (DOE) regulations, 10 CFR 1004.11, implementing the FOIA:

- LNG export prices;
- Name of the Specific Purchaser/End User for all forms of natural gas imports and exports, including LNG, for all modes of transportation except by pipeline; and
- Heat content for all forms of natural gas imported and exported.”

Published LNG export prices will be aggregated for all LNG cargoes by month at each point of export. Additionally, there may be some statistics that are based on data from fewer than three import or export transactions. In these cases, it may be possible for a knowledgeable person to closely estimate the information reported by a specific respondent.

Data protection methods will not be applied to the aggregate statistical data published from submissions on Form FE–746R.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 353.

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 4,236.

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 12,708.

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* The cost of the burden hours is estimated to be \$1,133,419. EIA estimates that respondents will have no additional costs associated with the surveys other than the burden hours and the maintenance of the information during the normal course of business.

Comments are invited on whether or not: (a) The proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions, including whether the information will have a practical utility; (b) EIA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and

assumptions used, is accurate; (c) EIA can improve the quality, utility, and clarity of the information it will collect; and (d) EIA can minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, such as automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Statutory Authority: 15 U.S.C. 772(b), 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*, 15 U.S.C. 717b.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 9, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP23–350–000.

Applicants: Gas Transmission Northwest LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Report of Refunds—Coyote Springs Lateral IT Revenue (Nov. 2021—Oct. 2022) to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 1/6/23.

Accession Number: 20230106–5106.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/18/23.

Docket Numbers: RP23–351–000.

Applicants: Rockies Express Pipeline LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: REX 2023–01–06 Negotiated Rate Agreement and Amendments to be effective 1/6/2023.

Filed Date: 1/6/23.

Accession Number: 20230106–5127.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/18/23.

Docket Numbers: RP23–352–000.

Applicants: Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Update to Non-Conforming and Negotiated Rate Agreements to be effective 2/10/2023.

Filed Date: 1/9/23.

Accession Number: 20230109–5039.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/23/23.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.