

the evidence that the State's water interests are substantially different in magnitude from those present in the United States generally. CEC and comments supporting the California Petition, however, failed to provide sufficient information to demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that the proposed State standard is preferable or necessary when compared to alternative approaches. Since CEC has established only one of the two elements necessary to show an unusual and compelling State interest, DOE denies the waiver request.

Third and finally, even if CEC had established by a preponderance of the evidence that California's water interests are unusual and compelling, DOE is denying the waiver request because interested parties have established by a preponderance of the evidence that the California regulation would likely result in the unavailability of top-loading residential clothes washers in California. Therefore, DOE is prohibited from prescribing a rule that would grant the California Petition.

#### VI. Approval of the Office of the Secretary

The Secretary of Energy has approved publication of this notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Agency information collection activities: submission for OMB Review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The EIA has submitted the Oil and Gas Reserves System Surveys to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and a three-year extension under section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). The EIA requests that the EIA-23P, "Oil and Gas Well Operator List Update Report" be discontinued, as it is no longer necessary.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by January 29, 2007. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within that period, you should contact the OMB Desk Officer for DOE listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Sarah P. Garman, OMB Desk Officer for DOE, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX (202-395-7285) or e-mail (*Sarah\_P\_Garman@omb.eop.gov*) is recommended. The mailing address is 726 Jackson Place NW., Washington, DC 20503. The OMB DOE Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-4650. (A copy of your comments should also be provided to EIA's Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Kara Norman. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX (202-287-1705) or e-mail (*kara.norman@eia.doe.gov*) is also recommended. The mailing address is Statistics and Methods Group (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0670. Kara Norman may be contacted by telephone at (202) 287-1902.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This section contains the following information about the energy information collection submitted to OMB for review: (1) The collection numbers and title; (2) the sponsor (i.e., the Department of Energy component); (3) the current OMB docket number (if applicable); (4) the type of request (i.e., new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); (5) response obligation (i.e., mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (6) a description of the need for and proposed use of the information; (7) a categorical description of the likely respondents; and (8) an estimate of the total annual reporting burden (i.e., the estimated number of likely respondents times the proposed frequency of response per year times the average hours per response).

1. Forms EIA-23L, 23S, and 64A, "Oil and Gas Reserves System Surveys"
2. Energy Information Administration
3. OMB Number 1905-0057
4. Three-year extension
5. Mandatory
6. EIA's Oil and Gas Reserves Systems Surveys collect data used to estimate reserves of crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids, and to determine the status and approximate levels of

production. Data are published by EIA and used by public and private analysts. Respondents are operators of oil wells, natural gas wells, and natural gas processing plants.

7. Business or other for-profit
8. 49,120 hours.

Please refer to the supporting statement as well as 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.

**Statutory Authority:** Section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq., at 3507(h)(1)).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER07-239-000]

#### BG Energy Merchants, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

December 19, 2006.

BG Energy Merchants, LLC (BG Energy) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying tariff. The proposed market-based rate tariff provides for the sale of energy, capacity and ancillary services at market-based rates. BG Energy also requested waivers of various Commission regulations. In particular, BG Energy requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by BG Energy.

On December 19, 2006, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Tariffs and Market Development—West, granted the requests for blanket approval under Part 34. The Director's order also stated that the Commission would publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** establishing a period of time for the filing of protests. Accordingly, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approvals of issuances of