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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### [Certification Notice-215]

#### Office Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Notice of Filings of Self-Certifications of Coal Capability Under the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act

**AGENCY:** Office Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Filings.

**SUMMARY:** On October 23, 2007, The WCM Group, Inc., on behalf of three owners and operators of new base load electric powerplants, submitted coal capability self-certifications to the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to section 201(d) of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended, and DOE regulations in 10 CFR 501.60, 61. Section 201(d) of FUA requires DOE to publish a notice of receipt of self-certifications in the *Federal Register*.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of coal capability self-certification filings are available for public inspection, upon request, in the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code OE-20, Room 8G-024, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Russell at (202) 586-9624.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title II of FUA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 8301 *et*

*seq.*), provides that no new base load electric powerplants may be constructed or operated without the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel as a primary energy source. Pursuant to FUA section 201(d), in order to meet the requirement of coal capability, the owner or operator of such facilities proposing to use natural gas or petroleum as its primary energy source shall certify to the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) prior to construction, or prior to operation as a base load electric powerplant, that such powerplant has the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel. Such certification establishes compliance with FUA section 201(a) as of the date it is filed with the Secretary. The Secretary is required to publish a notice in the *Federal Register* reciting that the certification has been filed.

The following owners of proposed new base load electric powerplants have filed self-certifications of coal-capability with DOE pursuant to FUA section 201(d) and in accordance with DOE regulations in 10 CFR 501.60, 61:

*Owner:* Nueces Bay WLE, LP

*Capacity:* 700 MW

*Plant Location:* Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas

*In-Service Date:* June, 2009

*Owner:* Laredo WLE, LP

*Capacity:* 200 MW

*Plant Location:* Laredo, Webb County, Texas

*In-Service Date:* June, 2008

*Owner:* Barney M. Davis, LP

*Capacity:* 700 MW

*Plant Location:* Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas

*In-Service Date:* June, 2009

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 3, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC08-725C-000]

#### Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

December 7, 2007.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Request for Office of Management and Budget Emergency Processing of proposed information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is providing notice of its request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency processing of a proposed collection of information in connection with steps being taken by the electric industry to address potential cyber vulnerabilities, and is soliciting public comment on that information collection.

**DATES:** The Commission and OMB must receive comments on or before January 14, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to:

(1) Nathan Frey, FERC Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Mr. Frey may be reached by telephone at (202) 395-7345.

(2) Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Mr. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415 and by e-mail at [michael.miller@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.miller@ferc.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jonathan First, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Mr. First may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8529 and by e-mail at [jonathan.first@ferc.gov](mailto:jonathan.first@ferc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A recent experiment conducted for the Department of Homeland Security by the Idaho National Laboratory demonstrated that under certain conditions energy infrastructure could be intentionally damaged through cyber attack. In that experiment, researchers caused a generator to malfunction through an experimental cyber attack. This potential cyber vulnerability, which was recently broadcast on CNN, was the subject of an October 17, 2007 hearing before the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, U.S. House of Representatives.

The Commission intends to immediately issue a directive that requires all generator owners, generator operators, transmission owners, and transmission operators that are registered by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and located in the United States to provide to NERC certain information related to actions they have taken or intend to take to protect against the potential cyber vulnerability discussed above. The Commission will also require NERC to make this information available for Commission review.