

Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290. The most current information concerning this meeting can be found on the Web site: <http://www.science.doe.gov/ober/berac/announce.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Meeting:* To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Biological and Environmental Research Program.

**Tentative Agenda**

- Report from the Office of Science.
- Report from the Office of Biological and Environmental Research.
- Presentation of Workshop Reports.
- News from the Biological Systems Science and Climate and Environmental Sciences Divisions.
- Update on Joint Genome Institute Strategic Planning.
- Report on the BER Climate Sciences Strategic Plan.
- BER Response to Life and Medical Sciences Division Committee of Visitors Report.
- BERAC Discussion of Strategy for Developing a 20-Year Planning Horizon for Biological and Environmental Research.
- New Business.
- Public Comment.

*Public Participation:* The day and a half meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact David Thomassen at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 45 days at the BERAC Web site: <http://www.science.doe.gov/ober/berac/Minutes.html>.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 29, 2009.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC)**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) was established under section 807 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT), Public Law No. 109-58; 119 Stat. 849. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, requires that agencies publish notice of an advisory committee meeting in the **Federal Register**. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements during the public comment period, please e-mail [HTAC@nrel.gov](mailto:HTAC@nrel.gov) at least 5 business days before the meeting. Please indicate if you will be attending the meeting both days or a specific day, if you want to make an oral statement on February 19, 2009, and what organization you represent (if appropriate).

**DATES:** Wednesday, February 18, 2009, from 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. and Thursday, February 19, 2009, from 9 a.m.–2:45 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** [HTAC@nrel.gov](mailto:HTAC@nrel.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Meeting:* To provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary on the program authorized by title VIII of EPACT.

Tentative Agenda (Subject to change; updates will be posted on <http://hydrogen.energy.gov> and copies of the final agenda will be available the date of the meeting).

*The following items will be covered on the agenda:*

- Perspectives on the Role of Hydrogen in the Obama Administration.
- Hydrogen Program Response to the GAO Comment on Technical Targets.
- Jobs in the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Industry.
- Draft and Discussion on the HTAC Annual Report.
- Hydrogen Policy Analysis by Argus Research.
- Progress in Low Platinum and No-Platinum Catalysts.
- Fuel Cell Investment Tax Credit.
- Open Discussion.
- Next Steps.

*Public Participation:* In keeping with procedures, members of the public are

welcome to observe the business of the meeting of HTAC and to make oral statements during the specified period for public comment. The public comment period will take place between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on February 19, 2009. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, e-mail [HTAC@nrel.gov](mailto:HTAC@nrel.gov) at least 5 business days before the meeting. Please indicate if you will be attending the meeting on both days or a particular day, if you want to make an oral statement, and what organization you represent (if appropriate). Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up for the public comment period. Oral comments should be limited to two minutes in length. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The chair of the committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties and to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the committee, you may do so either by submitting a hard copy at the meeting or by submitting an electronic copy to [HTAC@nrel.gov](mailto:HTAC@nrel.gov).

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review at <http://hydrogen.energy.gov>.

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**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC09-716-001]

**Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-716); Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review**

January 28, 2009.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB

and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to the **Federal Register** notice (73FR70988, 11/24/2008) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by March 11, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, *Attention:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, *c/o oira\_submission@omb.eop.gov* and include OMB Control No. 1902-0170 as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at 202-395-7345.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and should refer to Docket No. IC09-716-001. Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission submission guidelines. Complete filing instructions and acceptable filing formats are available at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide/electronic-media.asp>. To file the document electronically, access the Commission's website and click on Documents & Filing, E-Filing (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>), and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

For paper filings, an original and 2 copies of the comments should be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, and should refer to Docket No. IC09-716-001.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the "eLibrary" link. For user assistance, contact [fercolinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:fercolinesupport@ferc.gov) or

toll-free at (866) 208-3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at [michael.miller@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.miller@ferc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FERC is combining the requirements from both FERC-716 ("Good Faith Request for Transmission Service and Response by Transmitting Utility Under Sections 211(a) and 213(a) of the Federal Power Act" (OMB No. 1902-0170)) and FERC-716A ("Application for Transmission Services Under Section 211 of the Federal Power Act" (OMB No. 1902-0168)) for publication purposes into a single notice. In addition, the requirements will be labeled FERC-716 and consolidated into a single OMB control no. (OMB No. 1902-0170).

The information collected under the requirements of FERC-716 "Good Faith Request for Transmission Service and Response by Transmitting Utility Under Sections 211(a) and 213 (a) of the Federal Power Act" (existing/current OMB No. 1902-0170) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of sections 211 and 213 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) as amended and added by the Energy Policy Act 1992. For the initial process, the information is not filed with the Commission, however, the request and response may be analyzed as a part of a section 211 proceeding. This collection of information covers the information that must be contained in the request and in the response. Should the parties be unable to resolve outstanding issues, an application may be submitted to the FERC. The Commission may order transmission services under the authority of FPA 211.

The Energy Policy Act of 1992 amended section 211 of the FPA and expanded the Commission's authority to order transmission service. Under the revised section 211, the Commission may order transmission services if it finds that such action would be in the public interest, would not unreasonably impair the continued reliability of electric systems affected by the order, and would meet the requirements of amended section 211 of the FPA.

The Commission's policy statement under Public Law 93-3, Policy Statement Regarding Good Faith

Requests for Transmission Services and Responses by Transmitting Utilities Under Section 211(a) and 213(a) of the Federal Power Act, as Amended, implemented a data exchange between a transmission requester and a transmitting utility prior to the submission of a section 211 request with the Commission. Components of the data exchange are identified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 18 CFR 2.20. The general policy sets forth standards by which the Commission determines whether and when a valid good faith request for transmission has been made under section 211 of the FPA. In developing the standards, the Commission sought to encourage an open exchange of information with a reasonable degree of specificity and completeness between the party requesting transmission services and the transmitting utility. As a result, 18 CFR 2.20 identifies twelve components of a good faith estimate and five components of a reply to a good faith request.

Information in the data exchange is not filed as noted above with the Commission, unless negotiations between the transmission requestor and the transmitting utility have not been successful and the transmission requestor files a section 211 request (formerly FERC-716A, OMB No. 1902-0168, and incorporated herein) with the Commission.

When negotiations are unsuccessful, the information collected for the "Application for Transmission Services Under Section 211 of the Federal Power Act" is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of section 211 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) 16 U.S.C. (824) as amended by the Energy Policy Act 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486) 106 Stat. 2776. Under section 211, the Commission may order transmission services if it finds that such action would be in the public interest and would not unreasonably impair the continued reliability of systems affected by the order. The requirements are detailed in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 36.

**Action:** The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no change to the existing collection of data.

**Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

FERC Data collection—FERC-716	Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours <sup>1</sup>
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1) × (2) × (3)
Information exchange between parties .....	3	1	100	300

FERC Data collection—FERC-716	Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours <sup>1</sup> (1) × (2) × (3)
Application submitted to FERC if parties' negotiations are unsuccessful .....	3	1	2.5	8
<b>TOTAL<sup>1</sup></b> .....	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	.....	<b>308</b>

For the information exchange, the estimated cost burden<sup>1</sup> to respondents is \$18,228 (300 hours/2080<sup>2</sup> hours per year times \$126,384<sup>3</sup> per year average per employee = \$18,228). The cost per respondent is \$6,076. For the application to FERC, the estimated cost burden<sup>1</sup> to respondents is \$486 (8 hours/2080 hours per year times \$126,384 per year average per employee = \$486). The cost per respondent is \$162.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization, rather than any one particular function or activity.

*Comments are invited on:* (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the

methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Combined Notice of Filings**

January 16, 2009.

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

*Docket Numbers:* RP09-128-001.

*Applicants:* Texas Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* Texas Gas Transmission, LLC submits Third Revised Sheet 1801 et al. to FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume 1.

*Filed Date:* 01/14/2009.

*Accession Number:* 20090116-0108.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, January 26, 2009.

*Docket Numbers:* RP09-214-000.

*Applicants:* Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation.

*Description:* Gas Transmission Northwest Corp submits a refund report reflecting interruptible transportation revenue credits on their Coyote Springs Later for the period of 11/1/07-10/31/08.

*Filed Date:* 01/14/2009.

*Accession Number:* 20090116-0107.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, January 26, 2009.

*Docket Numbers:* CP06-459-002.

*Applicants:* Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC.

*Description:* Application of Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC to

amend initial incremental transportation rates for the Phoenix Expansion Project.

*Filed Date:* 01/07/2009.

*Accession Number:* 20090108-5014.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, January 21, 2009.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. It is not necessary to separately intervene again in a subdocket related to a compliance filing if you have previously intervened in the same docket. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. In reference to filings initiating a new proceeding, interventions or protests submitted on or before the comment deadline need not be served on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceedings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail

<sup>1</sup> The figures may not be exact, due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> Number of hours an employee works each year.

<sup>3</sup> Average annual salary per employee.