

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 Melea Baker via FAX at 301-903-4846 or via e-mail (*Melea.Baker@science.doe.gov*). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days prior to 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. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; 1G-033, Forrestal Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20585; between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 16, 2010.

**Rachel Samuel,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, October 13, 2010, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (CDT).

Thursday, October 14, 2010, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (CDT).

**ADDRESSES:** Wyndham Riverfront New Orleans, 701 Convention Center Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elena Melchert, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202-586-5600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Unconventional

Resources Technology Advisory Committee is to provide advice on development and implementation of programs related to onshore unconventional natural gas and other petroleum resources to the Secretary of Energy; and provide comments and recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy Annual Plan per requirements of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Title IX, Subtitle J, Section 999D.

*Tentative Agenda:*

**October 13:**

7:30 a.m. Registration.

8 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Welcome & Introductions, Opening Remarks, and Discussion of Subcommittee Reports, and Findings regarding *Draft 2011 Annual Plan*.

4:45 p.m. Public Comments.

5 p.m. Adjourn.

**October 14:**

7:30 a.m. Registration.

8 a.m.-12 p.m. Discussion of Recommendations regarding *Draft 2011 Annual Plan*.

12 p.m. Adjourn.

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. The Designated Federal Officer and the Chairman of the Committee will lead the meeting for the orderly conduct of business. 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 Elena Melchert at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least two business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the 5 minute rule.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, Room 1G-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

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**DATES:** Thursday, October 21, 2010, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (EDT).

**ADDRESSES:** IBM, 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW., Suite 1500, Washington, DC 20024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elena Melchert, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202-586-5600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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*Tentative Agenda:*

12:30 p.m. Registration.

1 p.m. Welcome and Roll Call;

Opening Remarks by the Committee Chair; Report by the Editing Subcommittee; Facilitated Discussion by the Members regarding Final Report; Approval of Committee Final Report.

2:45 p.m. Public Comments.

3 p.m. Adjourn.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC10-555-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-555); Comment Request; Extension

September 16, 2010.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A) (2006), (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the proposed information collection described below.

**DATES:** Comments in consideration of the collection of information are due November 22, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be filed either electronically (eFiled) or in paper format, and should refer to Docket No. IC10-555-000. Documents must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with Commission submission guidelines at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. eFiling instructions are available at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. First time users must follow eRegister instructions at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/eregistration.asp>, to establish a user

name and password before eFiling. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of eFiled comments. Commenters making an eFiling should not make a paper filing. Commenters that are not able to file electronically must send an original and two (2) paper copies of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket may do so through eSubscription at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>. In addition, all comments and FERC issuances may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely through FERC's eLibrary at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>, by searching on Docket No. IC10-555. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by e-mail at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** Ellen Brown may be reached by e-mail at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under the requirements of FERC-555, "Records Retention Requirements" (OMB No. 1902-0098), is used by the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of sections 301, 304 and 309 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 825, 825c and 825h), sections 8, 10 and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w), and section 20 of the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA, 49 U.S.C. 20).

The regulations for preservation of records establish retention periods, necessary guidelines, and requirements for retention of applicable records for the regulated public utilities, natural gas and oil pipeline companies subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. These records will be used by the regulated companies as the basis for their required rate filings and reports for the Commission. In addition, the records will be used by the Commission's audit staff during compliance reviews, by enforcement staff during investigations,

and for special analyses as deemed necessary by the Commission.

On January 8, 1999 the Commission issued AI99-2-000, an Accounting Issuance providing guidance on records storage media. Specifically, FERC gave each jurisdictional company the flexibility to select its own storage media. The storage media selected must have a life expectancy equal to the applicable record period unless the quality of the data transferred from one media to another with no loss of data would exceed the record period.

On January 27, 2000, FERC issued a final rule amending its records retention regulations for public utilities and licensees, and natural gas and oil pipeline companies. These changes included revising the general instructions, and shortening various records retention periods. The final rule's objective was to reduce or eliminate burdensome and unnecessary regulatory requirements.

It has been more than ten years since the issuance of the final rule and the accounting guidance, and, it is expected that jurisdictional companies have experienced more than sufficient time to implement these provisions. No additional changes have been made to the record retention requirements specified under FERC-555. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Parts 125, 225, and 356.

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

*Burden Statement:* In order to obtain a more accurate burden figure, Commission staff asked a small number of FERC-555 respondents to estimate the burden imposed by this data collection. The results show that the record retention requirements under FERC-555 were underestimated in the previous renewal of this information collection.<sup>1</sup> The following table portrays the updated burden estimate based on industry responses:

<sup>1</sup> The previous estimate reported average burden hours per response and total burden hours as 2,402 and 1,237,030 respectively (for the 515 respondents). Further, the previous estimate reported the average annual cost per respondent and total annual cost as \$141,045 and \$72,638,045 respectively.