

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Proposed Agency Information Collection**

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice and Request for OMB Review and Comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance, a proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection will be used to report the progress of participants in the DOE Better Buildings Challenge (BBC) program. The Better Buildings Challenge is a presidential leadership initiative intended to drive greater energy efficiency in the commercial and industrial marketplace to create cost savings and jobs. This will be accomplished by highlighting the ways participants overcome market barriers and persistent obstacles with replicable, marketplace solutions. The program will showcase real solutions and partner with industry leaders to better understand policy and technical opportunities. President Obama launched the Better Buildings Challenge on December 2, 2011.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before April 25, 2012. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4650.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

And to Monica Neukomm, 202-586-8177, monica.neukomm@ee.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Monica Neukomm, 202-586-8177, monica.neukomm@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. {"New"}; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Department of Energy Better Buildings Challenge Information Collection Request; (3) Type of Request: New collection; (4) Purpose: The collected information will be used to report the progress of participants in the DOE Better Buildings

Challenge (BBC) program; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 130; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 1,714; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 788; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Statutory Authority: Section 421 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17081); Section 911 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended (42 U.S.C. 16191).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**U.S. Energy Information Administration****Agency Information Collection Extension**

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

ACTION: Agency Information Collection Activities: Information Collection Extension; Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The EIA intends to extend for three years, Form EIA-851A "Domestic Uranium Production Report (Annual)," Form EIA-851Q "Domestic Uranium Production Report (Quarterly)," and Form EIA-858 "Uranium Marketing Annual Survey," with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 25, 2012. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting

comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Douglas Bonnar. The mailing address is Department of Energy, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Attn: Douglas Bonnar, EI-23, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by email (douglas.bonnar@eia.gov) is recommended. Alternatively, Douglas Bonnar may be contacted by telephone at 202-586-1085 or by fax at 202-586-3045.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the forms and instructions should be directed to Douglas Bonnar at the contact information given above. Forms and instructions are also available on the Internet at: <http://www.eia.gov/survey/#uranium>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

- (1) OMB No. 1905-0160;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Uranium Data Program;
- (3) *Type of Request:* Three-year extension;
- (4) *Purpose:*

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require the 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. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Any comments received help the EIA to prepare data requests that maximize the utility of the information collected, and to assess the burden of collection requirements on the public. The EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Section 3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Form EIA-851A collects annual data from the U.S. uranium industry on

uranium milling and processing, uranium feed sources, uranium mining, employment, drilling, expenditures, and uranium reserves. The data are used by Congress and the public. The data collected may appear in the following EIA publications: *Domestic Uranium Production Report—Annual*, <http://www.eia.gov/uranium/production/annual/>; *Domestic Uranium Production Report—Quarterly*, <http://www.eia.gov/uranium/production/quarterly/>; and *Annual Energy Review*, <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/annual/>.

Form EIA-851Q collects monthly data from the U.S. uranium industry on uranium production and sources (mines and other) on a quarterly basis. The data are used by Congress and the public. The data collected may appear in the following EIA publications: *Domestic Uranium Production Report—Quarterly*, <http://www.eia.gov/uranium/production/quarterly/>; *Domestic Uranium Production Report—Annual*, <http://www.eia.gov/uranium/production/annual/>; and *Annual Energy Review*, <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/annual/>.

Form EIA-858 collects annual data from the U.S. uranium market on uranium contracts, deliveries, inventories, enrichment services purchased, uranium use in fuel assemblies, feed deliveries to enrichers, and unfilled market requirements. Uranium deliveries, feed deliveries to enrichers, and unfilled market requirements are reported both for the current reporting year and for the following ten years. The data are used by Congress and the public. The data collected may appear in the following EIA publications: *Uranium Marketing Annual Report*, <http://www.eia.gov/uranium/marketing/>; *Domestic Uranium Production Report—Annual*, <http://www.eia.gov/uranium/production/annual/>; and *Annual Energy Review*, <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/annual/>.

(4a) Proposed Changes to Information Collection:

The EIA proposes the following changes:

For Form EIA-851A, EIA proposes two minor changes to clarify the instructions for Item 8, Reserve (Reasonably Assured Resource) Estimate. The proposed instructions are:

Item 8: Reserve (Reasonably Assured Resource) Estimate

For each property, provide:
State—Enter the State of the property.
Reserve (Reasonably Assured Resource) Estimates by Forward Cost Categories—Enter the reserve (reasonably assured resource) quantities

for ore, grade, and pounds U₃O₈ by cost categories. For reporting purposes, EIA considers reserves and reasonably assured resources to be functionally equivalent. Do not report inferred resources.

For Form EIA-851Q, EIA purposes to collect supervisor information in addition to the responding company, the parent company, and the contact/preparer information.

For Form EIA-858, EIA proposes changes to clarify the instructions for Item 5, Uranium Feed Deliveries to U.S. and Foreign Enrichers in the Survey Year. The proposed instructions are:

Item 5. Uranium Feed Deliveries to U.S. and Foreign Enrichers in the Survey Year: Enter the country origins and associated quantity of uranium feed shipped to enrichment plants, indicating each country where enrichment plant is located.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 160;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 205;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 1,450 hours;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$0. There are no additional costs to respondents associated with the survey other than the costs associated with the burden hours.

Statutory Authority: Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-275, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b).

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Stephanie Brown,

Director, Office of Survey Development and Statistical Integration, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2177-090]

Georgia Power Company; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2177-090.

c. *Date Filed:* February 10, 2012.

d. *Applicant:* Georgia Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Middle Chattahoochee Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Chattahoochee River in Harris and Muscogee Counties, Georgia, and Lee and Russell Counties, Alabama.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Stan Connally, Senior Vice-President and Senior Production Officer, Southern Company Generation, 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard NE., Bin 10240, Atlanta, Georgia 30308-3374, (404) 506-7033.

i. *FERC Contact:* Kelly Houff, (202) 502-6393, Kelly.Houff@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* April 19, 2012.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Application:* Georgia Power Company seeks approval to construct a 615-foot-long rock and concrete weir, with top elevation of 225.5 feet, in the existing tailrace of the North Highland Dam of the Middle Chattahoochee Project. The proposed weir will act to support the tailwater elevation required to continue operating the North Highlands Development once the downstream City Mills Dam licensed by Uptown Columbus is breached. In addition, Georgia Power Company also seeks to construct a permanent access road to the weir and a staging area reserved for future plant