

and Development Technical Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register**.

DATES:

August 22, 2012; 1:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
August 23, 2012; 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Renaissance DuPont Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elliott Levine, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-1476; Email: Elliott.Levine@ee.doe.gov or Roy Tiley at (410) 997-7778 ext. 220; Email: rtiley@bcs-hq.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda will include the following:

- Update on USDA Biomass R&D Activities
- Update on DOE Biomass R&D Activities
- Review of the recently awarded Biomass Research and Development Projects
- Review of Congressional Research Service Report—*Biofuels Incentives: A Summary of Federal Programs*

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you must contact Elliott Levine at (202) 586-1476; Email: Elliott.Levine@ee.doe.gov or Roy Tiley at (410) 997-7778 ext. 220; Email: rtiley@bcs-hq.com at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Co-chairs of the Committee will make efforts to hear the views of all interested parties. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. The Co-chairs will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying at the following Web site:

www.usbiomassboard.gov/committee/meetings.

Issued at Washington, DC, on July 31, 2012.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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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: Notice and request for OMB review and comment.

SUMMARY: EIA has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its Petroleum Marketing Program, OMB Control Number 1905-0174. The proposed collection will collect basic data necessary to meet EIA's legislative mandates as well as the needs of EIA's public and private customers. Data collected include costs, sales, prices, and distribution of crude oil and petroleum products. The data are used for analyses, publications, and multi-fuel reports. Respondents are refiners, first purchasers, gas plant operators, resellers/retailers, motor gasoline wholesalers, suppliers, distributors and importers. EIA intends to extend for three years the petroleum marketing survey forms listed below:

- EIA-14, "Refiners' Monthly Cost Report"
- EIA-182, "Domestic Crude Oil First Purchase Report"
- EIA-782A, "Refiners'/Gas Plant Operators' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report"
- EIA-782C, "Monthly Report of Prime Supplier Sales of Petroleum Products Sold for Local Consumption"
- EIA-821, "Annual Fuel Oil and Kerosene Sales Report"
- EIA-856, "Monthly Foreign Crude Oil Acquisition Report"
- EIA-863, "Petroleum Product Sales Identification Survey"
- EIA-877, "Winter Heating Fuels Telephone Survey"
- EIA-878, "Motor Gasoline Price Survey"
- EIA-888, "On-Highway Diesel Fuel Price Survey"

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before September 6, 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 202-395-4718.

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 Jason Worrall, Office of Survey Development and Statistical Integration, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0670, (202) 586-6075 (phone).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Jason Worrall at the contact information above. Alternatively Mr. Worrall may be emailed at, Jason.Worrall@eia.gov. Copies of the information collection instruments and instructions can also be viewed at <http://www.eia.gov/survey>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1905-0174; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Petroleum Marketing Program; (3) *Type of Request:* Renewal with Change; (4) *Purpose:* The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require 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.

EIA's petroleum marketing survey forms collect volumetric and price information needed for determining the supply of and demand for crude oil and refined petroleum products. These surveys provide a basic set of data pertaining to the structure, efficiency, and behavior of petroleum markets.

These data are published by EIA on its Web site, <http://www.eia.gov>, as well as in publications such as the *Monthly Energy Review* (<http://www.eia.gov/>)

totalenergy/data/monthly/), *Annual Energy Review* (<http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/annual/>), *Petroleum Marketing Monthly* (http://www.eia.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/petroleum_marketing_monthly/pmm.html), *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* (http://www.eia.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html), and the *International Energy Outlook* (<http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/ieo/>); (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 11,953; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 106,661; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 56,186; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: 0. EIA estimates that there are no additional costs to respondents associated with the surveys 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).

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 1, 2012.

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

[Docket No. IC12–14–000; (FERC–914)]

Commission Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collection FERC–914 (Cogeneration and Small Power Production—Tariff Filings) 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 issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 31342, 5/25/2012) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC–914 and is

making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by September 6, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902–0213, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oir_submission@omb.gov. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202–395–4718.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, identified by the Docket No. IC12–14–000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web Site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208–3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502–8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, by telephone at (202) 502–8663, and by fax at (202) 273–0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* FERC–914, Cogeneration and Small Power Production—Tariff Filings.

OMB Control No.: 1902–0213.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC–914 information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

Abstract: Section 205(c) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) requires that every public utility have all of its jurisdictional rates and tariffs on file with the Commission and make them available for public inspection, within such time and in such form as the Commission may designate. Section 205(d) of the FPA requires that every public utility must provide notice to the Commission and the public of any changes to its jurisdictional rates and tariffs, file such changes with the Commission, and make them available

for public inspection, in such manner as directed by the Commission. In addition, FPA section 206 requires the Commission, upon complaint or its own motion, to modify existing rates or services that are found to be unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential. FPA section 207 requires the Commission upon complaint by a state commission and a finding of insufficient interstate service, to order the rendering of adequate interstate service by public utilities, the rates for which would be filed in accordance with FPA sections 205 and 206.

In Orders Nos. 671 and 671–A,¹ the Commission revised its regulations that govern qualifying small power production and cogeneration facilities. Among other things, the Commission eliminated certain exemptions from rate regulation that were previously available to qualifying facilities (QFs). New qualifying facilities may need to make tariff filings if they do not meet the new exemption requirements.

FERC implemented the Congressional mandate of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005) to establish criteria for new qualifying cogeneration facilities by: (1) Amending the exemptions available to qualifying facilities from the FPA and from PUHCA [resulting in the burden imposed by FERC–914, the subject of this statement]; (2) ensuring that these facilities are using their thermal output in a productive and beneficial manner; that the electrical, thermal, chemical and mechanical output of new qualifying cogeneration facilities is used fundamentally for industrial, commercial, residential or industrial purposes; and there is continuing progress in the development of efficient electric energy generating technology; (3) amending the FERC Form 556² to reflect the criteria for new qualifying cogeneration facilities; and (4) eliminating ownership limitations for qualifying cogeneration and small power production facilities. The Commission satisfied the statutory mandate and its continuing obligation to review its policies encouraging cogeneration and small power production, energy conservation, efficient use of facilities and resources

¹ *Revised Regulations Governing Small Power Production and Cogeneration Facilities*, Order No. 671, 71 FR 7852 (2/15/2006), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,203 (2006); and *Revised Regulations Governing Small Power Production and Cogeneration Facilities*, Order 671–A, 71 FR 30585 (5/30/2006), in Docket No. RM05–36.

² The FERC–556 is cleared separately as OMB Control No. 1902–0075 and is not a subject of this notice.