

reliable operations, and we are unlikely to be able to fully address these issues for the foreseeable future.<sup>5</sup>

Notwithstanding the foregoing technical limitations and operational realities, the Commission believes there may be opportunities for RTOs/ISOs to improve the energy and ancillary service price formation process. To that end, the Commission directs staff to convene workshops as necessary to commence a discussion with industry on the existing market rules and operational practices related to the following topics:

- Use of uplift payments: Use of uplift payments can undermine the market's ability to send actionable price signals. Sustained patterns of specific resources receiving a large proportion of uplift payments over long periods of time raise additional concerns that those resources are providing a service that should be priced in the market or opened to competition.

- Offer price mitigation and offer price caps: All RTOs/ISOs have protocols that endeavor to identify resources with market power and ensure that such resources bid in a manner consistent with their marginal cost. As a backstop to offer price mitigation, RTOs/ISOs also employ offer price caps that are designed to be consistent with scarcity and shortage pricing rules. These protocols require that the RTO/ISO's measure of marginal cost be accurate and allow a resource to fully reflect its marginal cost in its bid. To the extent existing rules on marginal cost bidding do not provide for this, bids and resulting energy and ancillary service prices may be artificially low.

- Scarcity and shortage pricing: All RTOs/ISOs have tariff provisions governing operational actions (e.g., dispatching emergency demand response, voltage reductions, etc.) to manage operating reserves as they approach a reserve deficiency. These actions often are tied to administrative pricing rules designed to reflect degrees of scarcity in the energy and ancillary services markets. In addition, in the event of an operating reserve shortage, all RTOs/ISOs have adopted separate administrative pricing mechanisms designed to set prices that reflect the economic value of scarcity. To the extent that actions taken to avoid reserve deficiencies are not priced appropriately or not priced in a manner consistent with the prices set during a

reserve deficiency, the price signals sent when the system is tight will not incent appropriate short- and long-term actions by resources and loads.

- Operator actions that affect prices: RTO/ISO operators regularly commit resources that are not economic to address reliability issues or un-modeled system constraints. Some activity may be necessary to maintain system reliability and security. However, to the extent RTOs/ISOs regularly commit excess resources, such actions may artificially suppress energy and ancillary service prices or otherwise interfere with price formation.

The Commission directs its staff to engage in outreach and, as appropriate, convene workshops and technical conferences to explore improvements to market designs and operational practices in the areas identified above, as well as other topics raised in discussions with RTOs/ISOs and market participants. The Commission anticipates that the first workshop will explore the topic of uplift in detail, while also providing an opportunity to begin a discussion on the remaining topics identified above. Additional workshops will be announced in the coming months on other price formation topics. To the extent practicable, the Commission may release staff analysis of various topics to help guide the workshop discussions. Based on information gathered by staff, the Commission may take action regarding the foregoing or other issues in future orders.

For Further Information Please Contact Individuals Identified For Each Topic:

#### Use of Uplift

William Sauer, Office of Energy Policy and Innovation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-6639, [william.sauer@ferc.gov](mailto:william.sauer@ferc.gov).

#### Offer Price Mitigation, Offer Price Caps and Operator Actions

Emma Nicholson, Office of Energy Policy and Innovation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8846, [emma.nicholson@ferc.gov](mailto:emma.nicholson@ferc.gov).

#### Scarcity/Shortage Pricing

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Dated: June 19, 2014.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP14-500-000]

#### Arlington Storage Company, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on June 13, 2014, Arlington Storage Company, LLC (Arlington), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 2060, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in the above Docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, and 157.211 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct a new delivery point on a pipeline that is part of its Seneca Lake Storage Project in Schuyler County, New York, all as more fully set forth in the application. The application is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to James F. Bowe, Jr., King & Spalding LLP, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006, by telephone at (202) 626-9601, by facsimile at (202) 626-3737, or by email at [jbowe@kslaw.com](mailto:jbowe@kslaw.com).

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and

<sup>5</sup> Other efforts, like staff's annual meeting with RTO/ISO operations staff and the annual market software conference, are intended to make progress on these longer term issues. See <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/electric/indus-act/market-planning.asp>.

state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Any person may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission's staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the "e-Filing" link.

Dated: June 19, 2014.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9912-75-OEI]

### Agency Information Collection Activities OMB Responses

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) responses to Agency Clearance requests, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et. seq.). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Courtney Kerwin (202) 566-1669, or email at [kerwin.courtney@epa.gov](mailto:kerwin.courtney@epa.gov) and

please refer to the appropriate EPA Information Collection Request (ICR) Number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### OMB Responses to Agency Clearance Requests

#### OMB Approvals

EPA ICR Number 1249.10; Requirements for Certified Applicators Using 1080 Collars for Livestock Protection; was approved on 05/01/2014; OMB Number 2070-0074; expires on 05/31/2017; Approved without change.

EPA ICR Number 2274.04; NESHAP for Clay Ceramics Manufacturing, Glass Manufacturing and Secondary Nonferrous Metals Processing Area Sources; 40 CFR part 63, subparts RRRRRR, SSSSSS, and TTTTTT; was approved on 05/13/2014; OMB Number 2060-0606; expires on 05/31/2016; Approved without change.

EPA ICR Number 1811.09; NESHAP for Polyether Polyols Production; 40 CFR part 63 subpart PPP; was approved on 05/13/2014; OMB Number 2060-0415; expires on 05/31/2017; Approved without change.

EPA ICR Number 2364.04; Alternative Affirmative Defense Requirements for Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel (Renewal); 40 CFR part 80.613; was approved on 05/21/2014; OMB Number 2060-0639; expires on 05/31/2017; Approved without change.

EPA ICR Number 1907.06; Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements Regarding the Sulfur Content of Motor Vehicle Gasoline under the Tier 2 Rule; 40 CFR parts 80, subpart H, 80.210, 80.270, 80.330, 80.370, 80.340, 80.415, 80.400; and 80.380; was approved on 05/27/2014; OMB Number 2060-0437; expires on 05/31/2017; Approved without change.

EPA ICR Number 2398.03; Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: 2011 Renewable Fuel Standards—Petition for International Aggregate Compliance Approach; 40 CFR part 80; was approved on 05/28/2014; OMB Number 2060-0655; expires on 05/31/2017; Approved without change.

#### Comment Filed

EPA ICR Number 2491.01; Agricultural Worker Protection Standard Training and Notification (Proposed Rule Replacement ICR); 40 CFR parts 170, 170.103, 170.109, 170.11(a), 170.11(b), 170.13(f), 170.13(h), 170.13(i), 170.13(l), 170.203(b), 170.207(d)(8), 170.305(a), 170.305(b), 170.305(c), 170.307(d)(3), 170.309(c), 170.9(g), 170.9(i), and

170.9(k); OMB filed comment on 05/01/2014.

**Spencer W. Clark,**

Acting Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0617; FRL 9912-33-OEI]

### Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Experimental Use Permits for Pesticides (Renewal)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has submitted the following information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.): Experimental Use Permits (EUPs) for Pesticides (EPA ICR No. 0276.15, OMB Control No. 2070-0040). EPA did not receive any comments in response to the previously provided public review opportunity issued in the **Federal Register** on September 25, 2013 (78 FR 59014). With this submission, EPA is providing an additional 30 days for public comments. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 25, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to (1) EPA, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0617, online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method) or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB, addressed to "OMB Desk Officer for EPA" and referencing OMB Control No. 2070-0040, via email to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov).

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.