

soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-4718.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer: Brandon Debruhl, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. Email: Brandon_F_DeBruhl@omb.eop.gov; and to Tom Lorenz, Office of Energy Consumption and Efficiency Statistics, Forrestal Building, EI-22, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585 or by fax at (202) 586-9753, or by email at Thomas.Lorenz@eia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Tom Lorenz at the contact information given above or by email at Thomas.Lorenz@eia.gov. Form EIA-846 and its instructions are available on the internet at https://www.eia.gov/survey/form/eia_846/proposed/2018/form.pdf.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB No. 1905-0169;*
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title: Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey;*
- (3) *Type of Request: Three-year extension with changes;*
- (4) *Purpose:* Form EIA-846 is a self-administered sample survey designed to collect energy consumption and expenditures data from establishments in the manufacturing sector; *i.e.*, North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes 31-33. The previous MECS required respondents to complete multiple collection forms depending on an establishment's primary business activity classification under NAICS. The increased use of technology by means of an internet data collection system has allowed the MECS to eliminate the need to have multiple forms;

(4a) *Changes to Information Collection:*

- Questions about Tire-Derived Fuel: EIA will collect data about tire-derived fuel (TDF) in the Waste Oils and Tars, and Waste Byproduct Gases section of the questionnaire starting on page 35 of Form EIA-846A. The new questions will be inserted after questions 138-139, specifically from those industries, Paper (NAICS 322) and Nonmetallic Mineral Products (NAICS 327) that use TDF as an energy source. EIA currently asks respondents to report TDF on the MECS in a section titled, "Other." The change to report TDF as a separate category will reduce respondent uncertainty

regarding where to report this information. The questions on TDF are the same questions that have previously been asked about this energy source: Purchases; expenditures; transfers-in; amount produced on-site; whether it's a product/byproduct of another energy source consumed on-site; and fuel consumption. Over the past three MECS cycles, TDF has become a growing energy source within the "Other" section and accounts for over half of the energy consumed that is reported in that section. Previous data collection cycles may have undercounted the use of TDF because some establishments did not know where to report their TDF volumes. By directly asking for these data as a separate data element, EIA will improve the coverage and accuracy of the use of this energy source.

- Question 16 about electric generation with less than one-megawatt nameplate capacity was added. EIA will collect data about small-scale (less than one megawatt) distributed electricity generation occurring at U.S. manufacturing establishments. EIA will add a Yes/No question about distributed generation to the electricity section of the MECS to monitor manufacturing establishments that use non-renewable distributed generation. Distributed generation is a subset of "distributed energy resources" which are modular, moderately sized generation sources that are used to produce electricity, or combined heat and power (CHP), near the site of end use. EIA expects that generation from non-renewable, small-scale distributed generation (*e.g.*, micro turbines, fuel cells, natural gas generator sets, and diesel generator sets below one megawatt) will increase in the future. This increase in non-renewable, small-scale distributed generation is expected to continue because of a variety of factors, including increased demand for reliable and resilient power, deployment mandates (*e.g.*, renewable portfolio standards), improved technology and decreased cost of distributed generation, low natural gas prices, and high retail electricity rates.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15,000;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 3,750;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 34,565;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* The cost of the burden hours is estimated to be \$2,616,225 (34,565 burden hours times \$75.69 per hour). 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 as 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and the DOE Organization Act of 1977, Pub. L. 95-91, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 17, 2018.

Nanda Srinivasan,

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. EL18-186-000]

PATH Allegheny Transmission Company, LLC; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on July 23, 2018, pursuant to Rule 207 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207 (2017), PATH Allegheny Transmission Company, LLC and its subsidiaries, PATH Allegheny Virginia Transmission Corporation (PATH-VA) and PATH Allegheny Maryland Transmission Corporation (PATH-MD), (together, PATH AYE) filed a petition requesting the Commission issue a declaratory order determining that PATH AYE's distribution of paid-in capital to its ultimate parent company—FirstEnergy Corp., will not violate section 305(a) of the Federal Power Act,¹ as more fully explained in the petition.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies

¹ 16 U.S.C. 825d(a) (2012).

of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the website that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on August 22, 2018.

Dated: July 24, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt

of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable

proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are available for electronic review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website 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 or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

| Docket No. | File date | Presenter or requester |
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| Prohibited: 1. CP15-558-000 | 7-16-2018 | ¹ Mass Mailing |
| Exempt: 1. P-2809-034 | 7-10-2018 | State of Maine Department of Marine Resources |

¹ Twenty Seven letters have been sent to FERC Commissioners under this docket number.

Dated: July 24, 2018.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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