

information about the energy information collection submitted to OMB for review: (1) The collection numbers and title; (2) the sponsor (*i.e.*, the Department of Energy component); (3) the current OMB docket number (if applicable); (4) the type of request (*i.e.*, new, revision, extension, or reinstatement); (5) response obligation (*i.e.*, mandatory, voluntary, or required to obtain or retain benefits); (6) a description of the need for and proposed use of the information; (7) a categorical description of the likely respondents; and (8) an estimate of the total annual reporting burden (*i.e.*, the estimated number of likely respondents times the proposed frequency of response per year times the average hours per response).

1. ERA-766R.
2. General Counsel.
3. OMB Number 1903-0073.
4. Three-year approval requested.
5. Mandatory.

6. The ERA-766R is the recordkeeping requirements contained in 10 CFR 210.1 of DOE's General Allocation and Price Rules. The data are used to help DOE's General Counsel in its efforts to complete the enforcement program with respect to prior petroleum price and allocation regulations. No data are submitted; only maintenance of records is required.

7. Business or other for-profit.
8. 400 hours (100 respondents × 1 response per year × 4 hours per response).

**Statutory Authority:** Section 3507(h)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13)(44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Policy Statement; Energy Information Administration Policy for Release of the Weekly Petroleum Status Report; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Policy statement. Energy Information Administration Policy for release of the weekly petroleum status report; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments on a proposed change in the policy for the release time of EIA's Weekly Petroleum Status Report (WPSR). Under the proposed policy, the release time would be changed to coincide with normal New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) and International Petroleum Exchange (IPE) trading hours.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by January 2, 2003. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Ronald W. O'Neill. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX (202-586-5846) or e-mail ([ron.oneill@eia.doe.gov](mailto:ron.oneill@eia.doe.gov)) is recommended. The mailing address is Ronald W. O'Neill, M.S. EI-42, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-0640. Alternatively, Mr. O'Neill may be contacted by telephone at (202) 586-2991.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Ronald W. O'Neill at the address above. The WPSR is available on EIA's Internet site at [http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil\\_gas/petroleum/data\\_publications/weekly\\_petroleum\\_status\\_report/wpsr.html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

#### I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) requires that EIA 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 long term domestic demands.

EIA provides the public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by EIA. As appropriate, EIA also requests comments on important issues relevant to EIA's dissemination of energy information. Comments received help

EIA when preparing information collections and information products necessary to EIA's mission.

EIA's Weekly Petroleum Status Report (WPSR) provides timely information on supply and selected prices of crude oil and principal petroleum products. It serves the industry, the press, planners, policymakers, consumers, analysts, and State and local governments with a ready, reliable source of current information.

#### II. Current Actions

The WPSR data are based primarily on weekly company submissions of information as of 7 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) Friday. Weekly data are filed with EIA by 5 p.m. EST on the following Monday. Currently, the WPSR data are publicly released electronically at 9 a.m. each Wednesday, and the printed version is available on Friday. For weeks that include holidays, release of the WPSR may be delayed by one day.

The American Petroleum Institute (API) has released its version of the same data about 5 p.m. on Tuesday. As a result, the API release was the most closely watched and had the greatest impact on petroleum markets. More significantly, the Tuesday night release occurred when all major petroleum trading markets were closed. The API recently announced that, starting January 8, 2003, they would begin releasing their weekly data at 9 a.m. on Wednesdays.

With market focus now turning to both EIA and API data, EIA is soliciting public opinion on the best or most beneficial release time for the data. To the extent that the weekly supply data reflect current market conditions, and thereby facilitate market efficiency, EIA is considering moving its release time to 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday to coincide with normal NYMEX and IPE trading hours. However, public opinion is sought on alternative times as well.

#### III. Request for Comments

The public should comment on the actions discussed in item II concerning the proposed policy change in the WPSR release schedule.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be considered during final development of EIA's policy for scheduled releases of the WPSR. The comments will also become a matter of public record. After EIA has considered any comments and developed the final WPSR release policy, a Federal Register notice will be issued announcing the policy.

**Statutory Authority:** Section 52 of the Federal Energy Administration Act (Pub. L. No. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 790a).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC03-19-000, et al.]

#### El Paso Merchant Energy, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Filings

November 26, 2002.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

##### 1. El Paso Merchant Energy North America Company, Kenneth M. Pollock and Connie J. Pollock Rado, Mt. Carmel Cogen, Inc.

[Docket No. EC03-19-000]

Take notice that on November 21, 2002, El Paso Merchant Energy North America Company (EPME), Kenneth M. Pollock and Connie J. Pollock Rado (the Pollocks), and Mt. Carmel Cogen, Inc. (Mt. Carmel) (jointly Applicants) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application pursuant to section 203 of the Federal Power Act for authorization to effectuate a transfer of all shares of stock in Mt. Carmel (which constitutes an indirect change in control over Mt. Carmel's jurisdictional facilities) from EPME to the Pollocks. Mt. Carmel owns and operates a 45-MW generating facility in Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania. Applicants also request expedited consideration of this application and privileged treatment for certain exhibits pursuant to 18 CFR 33.9 and 388.112.

*Comment Date:* December 12, 2002.

##### 2. Prairie State Generating Company, LLC

[Docket No. EG02-21-000]

Take notice that on November 21, 2002, Prairie State Generating Company, LLC (Prairie State) with a principle place of business at 701 Market Street, Suite 900, St. Louis, MO 63101 filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to part 365 of the Commission regulations.

Prairie State states that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Peabody Energy Corporation, a private-sector coal company. Prairie State filed its application in conjunction with the proposed construction of two 750 MW mine-mouth pulverized coal generating units to be located in Washington County, Illinois.

*Comment Date:* December 16, 2002.

##### 3. TransCanada Power Marketing Ltd.

[Docket No. ER98-564-007]

Take notice that on November 21, 2002, TransCanada Power Marketing Ltd. (TCPM) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a notification of a change in status to reflect certain departures from the facts the Commission relied upon in granting market-based rate authority.

*Comment Date:* December 12, 2002.

##### 4. Idaho Power Company

[Docket No. ER03-66-001]

Take notice that on November 21, 2002, Idaho Power Company tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an amendment to its filing in the above-captioned docket.

*Comment Date:* December 12, 2002.

##### 5. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

[Docket No. ER03-77-000]

Take notice that on November 21, 2002, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL Electric Utilities) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a notice of withdrawal of its filing made on October 23, 2002, in the above-captioned proceeding.

The notice of the withdrawal has been served on Long Island Lighting Company.

*Comment Date:* December 12, 2002.

##### 6. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

[Docket No. ER03-79-000]

Take notice that on November 21, 2002, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (PPL Electric Utilities) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a notice of withdrawal of its October 23, 2002, filing in the above-captioned proceeding.

The notice of the withdrawal has been served on Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.

*Comment Date:* December 12, 2002.

##### 7. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

[Docket No. ER03-80-000]

Take notice that on November 21, 2002, PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

(PPL Electric Utilities) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a notice of withdrawal of its October 23, 2002, filing in the above-captioned proceeding.

The notice of the withdrawal has been served on Electric Clearinghouse, Inc.

*Comment Date:* December 12, 2002.

##### 8. Termoelectrica US, LLC

[Docket No. ER03-175-001]

Take notice that on November 19, 2002, Termoelectrica US, LLC (Termoelectrica US) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) an errata to its November 12, 2002, filing of a petition for waivers and blanket approvals under various regulations of the Commission and for an order accepting its proposed Rate Schedule FERC No. 1 authorizing Termoelectrica U.S. to make sales at market-based rates. The errata corrects an error in the header of the Rate Schedule.

Termoelectrica U.S. intends to sell electric power and ancillary services at wholesale. In transactions where Termoelectrica U.S. sells electric power or ancillary services it proposed to make such sales on rates, terms, and conditions to be mutually agreed to with the purchasing party. The Rate Schedule provides for the sale of energy and capacity and ancillary services at agreed prices.

Termoelectrica U.S. is requesting an effective date of November 13, 2002.

*Comment Date:* December 10, 2002.

##### 9. Pacific Gas and Electric Company

[Docket No. ER03-198-000]

Take notice that on November 20, 2002, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a petition requesting clarification that PG&E is authorized to make wholesale power sales outside the California Power Exchange at market-based rates by granting certain waivers and accepting for filing a proposed tariff governing sales of electric capacity, energy and certain ancillary services at market-based rates in the Western Interconnection pursuant to section 205 of the Federal Power Act.

*Comment Date:* December 11, 2002.

##### 10. New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

[Docket No. ER03-200-000]

Take notice that on November 18, 2002, the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO) filed a new attachment V of its Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) regarding