The Board members are selected to assure well-balanced representation in areas relating to energy policy, renewable energy, environmental science, economics, business expertise and broad public policy interests. Membership of the Board will continue to be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463) and implementing regulations.

The renewal of the Board has been determined to be in the public interest, important and vital to the conduct of the Department's business. The Board will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the General Services Administration Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, and other directives and instructions issued in implementation of those acts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rachel M. Samuel, U.S. Department of Energy, ME-75, FORS, Washington, DC 20585, telephone: (202) 586-3279.

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James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer. [FR Doc. 04–3431 Filed 2–17–04; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6450–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Energy Technology Laboratory; Notice of Availability of a Funding Opportunity Announcement

AGENCY: National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability of a Funding Opportunity Announcement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue Funding Opportunity Announcement No. DE-PS26-04NT42066 entitled "Epidemiology and Toxicology of Primary and Secondary Particulate Matter Emissions from Coal-Fired Power Plants." The DOE/NETL is seeking applications to conduct research that will provide greater insight into the human health effects that may result from inhaling primary or secondary fine particulate matter (PM2.5) from coal-fired electric power generating facilities.

DATES: The funding opportunity announcement will be available on the "Industry Interactive Procurement System" (IIPS) webpage located at http://e-center.doe.gov on or about February 13, 2004. Applicants can obtain access to the funding opportunity announcement from the address above

or through DOE/NETL's Web site at http://www.netl.doe.gov/business.

ADDRESSES: Questions and comments regarding the content of the announcement should be submitted through the "Submit Question" feature of IIPS at http://e-center.doe.gov. Locate the announcement on IIPS and then click on the "Submit Question" button. You will receive an electronic notification that your question has been answered. Responses to questions may be viewed through the "View Questions" feature. If no questions have been answered, a statement to that effect will appear. You should periodically check "View Questions" for new questions and answers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry D. Gillham, MS 921–107, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory, P.O. Box 10940, 626 Cochrans Mill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236–0940, E-mail Address: *Gillham@NETL.DOE.GOV*, Telephone Number: 412–386–5817.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Through this solicitation, NETL seeks applications in the following two (2) separate (*i.e.*, stand alone) Areas of Interest:

(1) Design and Feasibility Assessment of a Retrospective Epidemiology Study of Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5) and its Components in Metropolitan Pittsburgh, PA.

(2) Toxicological Assessment of Coal Plant PM Emissions Under Realistic Exposure Scenarios.

Applicants must select and target only one (1) Area of Interest per application. DOE anticipates the award of one costsharing cooperative agreement for Area of Interest 1 and approximately 2 to 5 cost-sharing cooperative agreements under Area of Interest. 2. Approximately \$4.8 to \$7.5 million of DOE funding is expected to be available for new awards under this announcement. A minimum of 20% cost share will be required for each award made under this announcement. Once released, the funding opportunity announcement will be available for downloading from the IIPS Internet page. At this Internet site you will also be able to register with IIPS, enabling you to submit an application. If you need technical assistance in registering or for any other IIPS function, call the IIPS Help Desk at (800) 683–0751 or e-mail the Help Desk personnel at IIPS_HelpDesk@ecenter.doe.gov. The funding opportunity announcement will only be made available in IIPS, no hard (paper) copies of the funding opportunity announcement and related documents will be made available. Telephone

requests, written requests, e-mail requests, or facsimile requests for a copy of the funding opportunity announcement will not be accepted and/or honored. Applications must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the instructions and forms contained in the announcement. The actual funding opportunity announcement document will allow for requests for explanation and/or interpretation.

Issued in Pittsburgh, PA, on February 4, 2004.

Dale A. Siciliano,

Director, Acquisition and Assistance Division. [FR Doc. 04–3430 Filed 2–17–04; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6450–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC03-577-001, FERC-577]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

February 11, 2004.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission. **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and extension of the current expiration date. 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 received no comments in response to an earlier Federal Register notice of October 6, 2003 (68 FR 57682-83), and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by March 17, 2004. ADDRESSES: Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, c/o Pamela_L._Beverly@omb.eop.gov and include the OMB Control No. as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at (202) 395–7856.