

business in Chula Vista, California. Intercom does not own or control any electric generation facilities, nor does it have a franchised electric power service area. The electric energy which Intercom proposes to export to Mexico would be purchased from electric utilities and other suppliers within the U.S.

Intercom proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Mexico over the international transmission facilities owned by San Diego Gas & Electric Company, El Paso Electric Company, Central Power and Light Company, and Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico. The construction of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by the applicants, as more fully described in the application, has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

#### Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the Intercom application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA-289. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Ernesto Pallares, Chief Executive Officer, Intercom Energy, Inc., 303 H Street, Suite 401, Chula Vista, CA 91910 and Jon L. Brunenkant, James W. Moeller, Brunenkant & Haskell, LLP, 805 15th Street, NW., Suite 1101, Washington, DC, 20005 and Daniel J. Morgin, The Morgin Law Firm, P.C., 110 Juniper Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select

“Regulatory Programs,” then “Pending Proceedings” from the options menus.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Science; Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, April 29, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, April 30, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Academy for Education Development (AED) Conference Center, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. David Thomassen ((301) 903-9817; [david.thomassen@science.doe.gov](mailto:david.thomassen@science.doe.gov)), or Ms. Shirley Derflinger ((301) 903-0044; [shirley.derflinger@science.doe.gov](mailto:shirley.derflinger@science.doe.gov)), Designated Federal Officers, Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC-70/ Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290. The most current information concerning this meeting can be found on the Web site: <http://www.science.doe.gov/ober/berac/announce.html>

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose of the Meeting:** To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Biological and Environmental Research Program.

#### Tentative Agenda:

Thursday, April 29, and Friday, April 30, 2004:

- Conflict of Interest and Federal Advisory Committee Act requirements and overview

- Comments from Dr. Raymond Orbach, Director, Office of Science

- Report by Dr. Ari Patrinos, Associate Director of Science for Biological and Environmental Research

- Discussion of BERAC reports on (1) need for additional sites for environmental remediation sciences research (2) review of the scientific basis for a proposed subsurface geosciences laboratory at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, (3) guidance to BER on how the Atmospheric Science Program should be reconfigured, (4) a Committee of Visitors review of the Climate Change Research Division's program management, and (5) radiochemistry program needs and opportunities.

- BERAC recommendations for BER to develop a roadmap for achieving and tracking its long term performance measures

- Status report on the development of a Genomics:GTL roadmap

- Coordination of common DOE and NIH research interests

- Discussion to define operating hours at BER facilities

- Science talk

- New Business

- Public comment (10 minute rule)

**Public Participation:** The day and a half meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact David Thomassen or Shirley Derflinger at the address or telephone numbers listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, IE-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Agency information collection activities: Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The EIA is soliciting comments on the proposed revisions and a three-year extension to the Forms:

- EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program Report,"
- EIA-412, "Annual Electric Industry Financial Report,"
- EIA-423, "Monthly Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants,"
- EIA-767, "Steam-Electric Plant Operation and Design Report,"
- EIA-826, "Monthly Electric Sales and Revenue with State Distributions Report,"
- EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report,"
- EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report,"
- EIA-906, "Power Plant Report," and
- EIA-920, "Combined Heat and Power Plant Report."

The EIA is also soliciting comments on a proposed new Form EIA-860M, "Monthly Update to the Annual Electric Generator Report" to be authorized for three years.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by June 1, 2004. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Charlene Harris-Russell. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by fax ((202) 287-1946) or e-mail [Charlene.Harris-Russell@eia.doe.gov](mailto:Charlene.Harris-Russell@eia.doe.gov) is recommended. The mailing address is Energy Information Administration, Electric Power Division, EI-53, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, Charlene Harris-Russell may be contacted by telephone at (202) 287-1747.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of any forms and instructions should be directed to Charlene Harris-Russell at the address listed above. To review the proposed forms and instructions, please visit: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/electricity/page/fednotice/formsandinstr.html>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

#### I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require the 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.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Any comments received help the EIA to prepare data requests that maximize the utility of the information collected, and to assess the impact of collection requirements on the public. Also, the EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under section 3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The EIA collects information about the electric power industry for use by government and private sector analysts. The survey information is disseminated in a variety of print publications, electronic products, and electronic data files. For details on EIA's electric power information program, please visit the electricity page of EIA's Web site at <http://www.eia.doe.gov/fuelelectric.html>.

Please refer to the proposed forms and instructions for more information about the purpose, who must report, when to report, where to submit, the elements to be reported, detailed instructions, provisions for confidentiality, and uses (including possible nonstatistical uses) of the information. For instructions on

obtaining materials, see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

#### II. Current Actions

EIA has completed an extensive review and update of the electric power survey collection instruments. The forms presented here are the result of that task which includes input from the electric power industry, other industrial users of the data, government agencies, consumer groups, and private sector analysts. Along with the forms changes, the EIA is proposing a revision to the commercially sensitive data elements collected on EIA's electric power forms that will be treated as confidential.

As a means of improving its electric power surveys to reflect the changing industry, EIA proposes the following changes:

Form EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program Report." The collection of this form is proposed to become mandatory subject to a revised memorandum of agreement with the North American Electric Reliability Council. Additional revisions include: (1) Reconcile differences between capacity totals reported to EIA by its respondents and the planning capacity data reported by the North American Electric Reliability Council, (2) transmission line outage data, and (3) distributed generation data. Specifically, a new Schedule 3, Reconciliation Between Total Generation Regional Capacity and Planned Regional Capacity Resources (Summer, Winter), collects 35 proposed data elements on generator capacity. This replaces the previous Schedule 3 that collected 115 data elements concerning capacity information by generator. A new Schedule 7, Annual Data for Transmission Line Outages for Extra High Voltage (EHV) Lines, will collect 13 new data elements on outages by voltage class. Schedule 2, Part A and B. Historical and Projected Demand and Capacity—Summer, Winter, will collect distributed generation data. Together, these represent a net decrease of 60 data elements on the Form EIA-411. The form and instructions will be modified to show these changes.

Form EIA-412 "Annual Electric Industry Financial Report." This form will now ask in the Identification Section, if an entity generates electricity. In addition, a new Schedule 9B, Electric Generating Plant Statistics, Unregulated Companies, will collect cost data from unregulated plants at a higher aggregated level than previously requested. As a result of these actions, the overall net change for the Form EIA-412 is a decrease of 10 data elements collected from unregulated plants.