occupational/vocational education institutions that have state authorization to grant the applied associate degree in specific vocational/occupational fields.) (Requested scope of recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidacy Status") throughout the United States of postsecondary occupational education institutions offering non-degree and applied associate degree programs in specific career and technical education fields, including institutions that offer programs via distance education.)

## Petitions for Renewal of Recognition

1. Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools, Accreditation Commission (Current and requested scope of recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Correspondent" and "Candidate") within the United States of advanced rabbinical and Talmudic schools.)

2. Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (Current and requested scope of recognition: The accreditation throughout the United States of graduate programs in health services administration.)

3. Liaison Committee on Medical Education (Current and requested scope of recognition: The accreditation of medical education programs within the United States leading to the M.D. degree.)

4. Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Higher Education (Current and requested scope of recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidacy status") of institutions of higher education in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, including distance education programs offered at those institutions.)

5. New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Technical and Career Institutions (Current and requested scope of recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate status") of secondary institutions with vocationaltechnical programs at the 13th and 14th grade level, postsecondary institutions, and institutions of higher education that provide primarily vocational/technical education at the certificate, associate, and baccalaureate degree levels in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. This recognition extends to the Board of Trustees of the Association jointly with the Commission for decisions involving preaccreditation,

initial accreditation, and adverse actions.)

6. New York State Board of Regents, and the Commissioner of Education (Current and requested scope of recognition: The accreditation of those degree-granting institutions of higher education in New York that designate the agency as their sole or primary nationally recognized accrediting agency for purposes of establishing eligibility to participate in HEA programs.)

Interim Reports (An interim report is a follow-up report on an accrediting agency's compliance with specific criteria for recognition.)

1. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education.

2. American Osteopathic Association, Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation.

3. American Podiatric Medical Association, Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

# State Agencies Recognized for the Approval of Nurse Education

Petition for Initial Recognition

1. Kansas State Board of Nursing

Petition for Renewal of Recognition

1. Missouri State Board of Nursing

# Federal Agency Seeking Degree-Granting Authority

In accordance with the Federal policy governing the granting of academic degrees by Federal agencies (approved by a letter from the Director, Bureau of the Budget, to the Secretary, Health, Education, and Welfare, dated December 23, 1954), the Secretary is required to establish a review committee to advise the Secretary concerning any legislation that may be proposed that would authorize the granting of degrees by a Federal agency. The review committee forwards its recommendation concerning a Federal agency's proposed degree-granting authority to the Secretary, who then forwards the committee's recommendation and the Secretary's recommendation to the Office of Management and Budget for review and transmittal to the Congress. The Secretary uses the Advisory Committee as the review committee required for this purpose. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee will review the following institution at this meeting:

## Proposed Master's Degree-Granting Authority

1. Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama (request to award a Master of Science in Flight Test Engineering Degree.)

## Where Can I Inspect Petitions and Third-Party Comments Before and After the Meeting?

All petitions and those third-party comments received in advance of the meeting will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, Room 7105, MS 8509, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, telephone (202) 219–7011 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, until May 2, 2007. They will be available again after the May 30– June 1, 2007 Advisory Committee meeting. An appointment must be made in advance of such inspection.

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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 new survey,

"Natural Gas Processing Plant Survey". When activated, this new survey will collect information on the status and operations of natural gas processing plants for use during periods of supply disruption in areas affected by an emergency, such as a hurricane.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by April 2, 2007. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Barbara Mariner-Volpe, Natural Gas Division, (EI–44), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585–0670. Ms. Mariner-Volpe may be contacted by telephone at (202) 586– 5878, FAX at (202) 586–4420, or e-mail at Barbara.MarinerVolpe@eia.doe.gov

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information

should be directed to Barbara Mariner-Volpe at the address listed above. 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.) 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. 3501, et seq.), 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 proposed form, "Survey of Natural Gas Processing Plants," will collect information from processing plant operators that will be used to monitor their operational status and

assess operations of processing plants during a period when natural gas supplies are disrupted. The activation, selection of respondents, and frequency of the survey collection will be determined based on the location and severity of the supply disruption. For those processing plants whose operations have been disrupted, information about plant damage and the anticipated schedule of plant recovery will be collected. The data collected will be aggregated and used to develop measures of current processing activity and expected plant recovery in the disrupted area. The aggregate statistics will be used to inform the public, industry, and the government about the status of supply and delivery activities in the area affected by the disruption.

The proposed form, "Survey of Natural Gas Processing Plants," will consist of two schedules: Schedule A is a "Baseline Report" and Schedule B is the "Emergency Status Report." The Baseline Report will collect information about processing plant characteristics and operator contact information, prior to any supply disruption. The information gathered in the Baseline Report, will be used to develop the sample of companies to survey using the Emergency Status Report. It is expected that information in the "Baseline Report" would be collected once to determine the baseline processing capacities of the processing plants. Depending upon the utility of the data and the availability of alternative data sources for updating the plant capacity measures, the baseline report may be collected once every three years. The Emergency Status Report will only be implemented if there is a supply disruption.

The information reported on both schedules of the proposed form "Survey of Natural Gas Processing Plants," will be protected and not disclosed to the public to the extent that it satisfies the criteria for exemption under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, the DOE regulations implementing the FOIA, 10 CFR 1004.11, and the Trade Secrets Act, 18 U.S.C. 1905. The EIA will protect the information in accordance with its confidentiality and security policies and procedures.

# **II. Current Actions**

EIA is proposing a new, mandatory survey, "Survey of Natural Gas Processing Plants," that will collect information from natural gas processing plants. The proposed form will consist of two schedules: Schedule A is the "Baseline Report" and Schedule B is the "Emergency Status Report." The

"Baseline Report" will collect information at least once from all natural gas processing plants about plant characteristics and operator contact information, and may continue to collect that information every three years. The "Emergency Status Report" will be a standby form that will only be activated during an energy emergency situation. EIA will notify OMB for approval prior to activating Schedule B and collecting any information. When Schedule B is activated, it is expected that the data collection on Schedule B will be temporary and the frequency of the data collection (e.g., daily or weekly) will be determined at that time based on a number of factors including the severity of the emergency and the number of plants affected.

Data will be used to monitor energy supply in the area(s) with outages to the natural gas processing plants. Respondents to Schedule B will be natural gas processing plants in the affected area(s) of the United States where a supply disruption occurred. Information collected will include: Plant characteristics and contact information, plant operation capacity and utilization (pre-event and current), plant operating constraints and plant restoration. The information may be collected by phone, fax, or e-mail, depending upon the preference of the respondent.

# **III. Request for Comments**

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of comments.

## General Issues

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility? Practical utility is defined as the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can be made to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information To Be collected?

## As a Potential Respondent to the Request for Information

A. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information to be collected?

B. Can the information be submitted during a supply disruption? With what frequency? C. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 0.5 hours for Schedule A and 1.5 hours for Schedule B. The estimated burden includes the total time necessary to provide the requested information. In your opinion, how accurate is this estimate?

D. The agency estimates that the only cost to a respondent is for the time it will take to complete the collection. Will a respondent incur any start-up costs for reporting, or any recurring annual costs for operation, maintenance, and purchase of services associated with the information collection?

E. What additional actions could be taken to minimize the burden of this collection of information? Such actions may involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

F. Does any other Federal, State, or local agency collect similar information? If so, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

## As a Potential User of the Information To Be Collected

A. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information disseminated?

B. Is the information useful at the levels of detail to be collected?

C. For what purpose(s) would the information be used? Be specific.

D. Are there alternate sources for the information and are they useful? If so, what are their weaknesses and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 3507(j)(1) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104–13).

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#### Jay H. Casselberry,

Agency Clearance Officer, Energy Information Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP07–62–000AES Sparrows Point LNG, LLC; Docket Nos. CP07–63–000, CP07–64–000, CP07–65–000, Mid-Atlantic Express, LLC]

## Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Section 3 Authorization

January 23, 2007.

Take notice that on January 8, 2007, AES Sparrows Point LNG, LLC, (AES Sparrows Point) filed an application in Docket No. CP07–62–000 pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Parts 153 and 380 of the Commission's regulations for authorization to site, construct and operate a liquefied natural gas (LNG) receiving terminal and associated facilities to be located in Baltimore County, Maryland as a place of entry for the importation of LNG.

Also take notice that on January 8, 2007, Mid-Atlantic Express, LLC, (Mid-Atlantic Express) filed pursuant to Section 7(c) of the NGA and the Commission's regulations; (1) an application in Docket No. CP07-53-000 for a certificate of public convenience and necessity; (i) authorizing Mid-Atlantic Express to construct, own and operate the Mid-Atlantic Express's pipeline under Part 157, Subpart A, (ii) approving the pro forma Tariff submitted as Exhibit P of the application, and (iii) approving the proposed initial rates for pipeline transportation services; (2) an application in Docket No. CP07-54-000, for a blanket certificate authorizing Mid-Atlantic Express to engage in certain self-implementing routine activities under Part 157, Subpart F; and (3) an application in Docket No. CP07-55-000, for a blanket certificate authorizing Mid-Atlantic Express to transport natural gas, on an open access and selfimplementing basis, under Part 284, Subpart G.

Any questions regarding these applications should be directed to Christopher H. Diez, AES Sparrows Point LNG, LLC & Mid-Atlantic Express, LLC, 140 Professional Parkway, Suite A, Lockport, New York 14094.

These filings are available for review at the Commission's Washington, DC offices or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http:// www.ferc.gov/* using the "e-Library" 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 Telephone: 202–502–6652; Toll-free: 1– 866–208–3676; or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

**AES Sparrows Point seeks** authorization to site, construct and operate a new LNG import terminal LNG Terminal, with an initial delivery capacity of 1.5 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas, to be located at the Sparrows Point industrial complex in Baltimore County, Maryland. AES Sparrows Point's proposed LNG Terminal would be located on an about 80 acre parcel located at the Sparrows Point industrial complex, which is situated on the Sparrows Point peninsula extending into the Chesapeake Bay east of the Port of Baltimore. The LNG Terminal would include facilities to receive LNG from ocean-going LNG ships, store the LNG onshore in full-containment tanks, revaporize the LNG, and then deliver pipeline quality natural gas to the Mid-Atlantic Express pipeline.

Mid-Atlantic Express seeks authorization to construct and operate an 88-mile natural gas pipeline that will transport regasified LNG from the Terminal to interconnections with three existing interstate pipelines in the vicinity of Eagle, Pennsylvania. Mid-Atlantic Express conducted an open season for firm transportation capacity on its proposed pipeline and AES Mid-Atlantic LNG Marketing, LLC, an affiliate of Mid-Atlantic Express, submitted a bid for the entire capacity of the Pipeline and was accepted as the sole customer of the project at this point. Mid-Atlantic Express estimates that the cost of its pipeline facilities will be about \$415 million. The details of Mid-Atlantic Express's proposed transportation services and the derivation of the initial recourse rates for those services are shown in Exhibit P of Mid-Atlantic Express's filing

AES Sparrows Point and Mid-Atlantic Express propose to commence service in late 2010. AES Sparrows Point and Mid-Atlantic Express request that the Commission issue a final order in these proceedings by November 1, 2007 to enable them to begin construction in a timely manner to achieve their proposed in-service date.

On April 3, 2006, the Commission staff granted AES Sparrows Point's and Mid-Atlantic Express's request to utilize the Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF06–22–000 to staff activities involving Sparrows Point LNG's and Mid-Atlantic Express's combined project. Now, as of the filing of Sparrows Point LNG's and Mid-Atlantic Express's applications on