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The U.S.-China Energy Efficiency Forum is an annual, invitation-only event at which the two sides discuss energy efficiency issues and develop initiatives for further collaboration. Over 200 senior private sector, NGO, and government stakeholders attend. This is the second year that DOE and NDRC have issued a request for recognition of U.S.-China EPC pilot projects at the Energy Efficiency Forum. In 2015, DOE and NDRC released their first call for U.S.-China EPC pilot project submissions for recognition. Three innovative pilot projects were recognized by senior U.S. and Chinese officials at the 6th Annual U.S.-China Energy Efficiency Forum (<http://energy.gov/eere/articles/win-win-opportunities-sixth-annual-us-china-energy-efficiency-forum>), as well as at the 2016 U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue.

Objective: This recognition program encourages U.S. and Chinese organizations to obtain real-world experience in each other's market using innovative, feasible business models alongside local practitioners. Recognized EPC projects will use integrated solutions to foster deep energy savings, demonstrating an optimal combination of project development and design, energy auditing, energy savings guarantees, third-party financing, contracting, and Measurement and Verification (M&V). For example, an innovative pilot project may consist of a bundle of short and long-payback measures for an attractive overall return on investment and deeper energy savings than shorter-payback measures, alone. The initiative aims to encourage as many noteworthy projects as practical in the public infrastructure, public and commercial buildings and industrial facilities sectors. All projects recognized should have participation from both Chinese and U.S. entities.

The list of 2016 Pilot Project Criteria has been vetted by both DOE and NDRC (http://www.globalchange.umd.edu/data/epc/Pilot_Project_Opportunity_2016_ENG_CHN_final.pdf). Applicants must complete the Chinese and English project submission template and draft a proposed MOU. The proposed MOU should memorialize the cooperation of U.S. and Chinese entities applying as a team, set out their intention to do an EPC project(s); and include all minimum U.S.-China EPC Pilot Project Program requirements. In order to meet requirements, applications should describe the facility that will undergo a retrofit under an EPC and who the

primary participants are. EPC pilot projects should include participation by both U.S. and Chinese stakeholders. The application should outline an integrated approach that will retrofit at least three systems and reduce energy consumption relative to baseline conditions. The EPC pilot project should utilize innovative financing, contracting and/or M&V and indicate how it is noteworthy relative to traditional EPCs in the market. Applicants agree to share project progress and data on energy savings quarterly. EPC pilot projects must start within nine months after signing the MOU. Refer to "The Pilot Project Criteria 2016" and "Appendix: Project Submission Template" in the link above for more requirement details. Failure to submit complete, bilingual project information may result in ineligibility.

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Robert L. Sandoli,

Director of International Programs, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[EERE-2016-WAP-GUID-001]

Updating Weatherization Health and Safety Guidance

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is updating Weatherization Health and Safety Guidance related to the implementation and installation of health and safety measures as part of the DOE Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). The draft guidance also provides required components for Grantees to include in their Health and Safety (H&S) Plans. This guidance will assist Grantee decision-making during H&S Plan development.

This notice also serves to inform the public of the availability of an online tool which provides notification of, and allows individuals to submit comments on, the draft guidance related to the DOE Weatherization Assistance Program. All future draft guidance releases will be made via the online tool. Individuals who wish to receive notification of draft guidance releases may receive that notification via the

online tool. For information on the web address of the online tool see the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: DOE will accept written comments until August 29, 2016. For more information on how to submit comments, please see the **ADDRESSES** and **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** sections of this notice.

ADDRESSES: DOE's draft Weatherization and Health and Safety Guidance is available via the online commenting tool at: <http://doe.civicomment.org/>. Interested parties are invited to submit comments on the guidance via this online tool.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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For legal issues, please contact Kavita Vaidyanathan; U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., GC-33, Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-0669; Kavita.Vaidyanathan@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is updating its Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Weatherization Health and Safety Guidance to clarify, update and provide additional information related to the implementation and installation of health and safety measures as part of the DOE WAP. This draft guidance also provides required components for Grantees to include in their Health and Safety (H&S) Plans. The guidance and attachments supersede the following:

WPN 11-6a, Supplemental Health and Safety Guidance
WPNs 11-6, Health and Safety Guidance
WPN 09-6, Lead Safe Weatherization (LSW) Additional Materials and Information
WPN 08-6, Interim Lead-Safe Weatherization Guidance
WPN 08-4, Space Heater Policy
WPNs 02-6, Weatherization Activities and Federal Lead-Based Paint Regulations
WPN 02-5, Health and Safety Guidance

It is DOE's aim that this guidance will better assist Grantee decision-making during H&S Plan development.

Grantees may create more stringent requirements as long as those requirements do not conflict with this guidance.

Submitting Comments on the Draft Weatherization Health and Safety Guidance

DOE will accept comments regarding the draft Weatherization Health and Safety Guidance no later than the date provided in the **DATES** section at the

beginning of this notice. Interested parties are invited to submit comments via the online tool as outlined in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

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AnnaMaria Garcia,

Director, Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC16-13-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-547); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-547 (Gas Pipeline Rates: Refund Report Requirements).

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due September 27, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC16-13-000) by either of the following methods:

- eFiling at Commission's Web site:

<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Gas Pipeline Rates: Refund Report Requirements.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0084.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-547 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The Commission uses FERC-547 (Gas Pipeline Rates: Refund Report Requirements) to implement the statutory refund provisions governed by Sections 4, 5 and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA).¹ Sections 4 and 5 authorize the Commission to order a refund (with interest) for any portion of a natural gas company's increased rate or charge found to be unjust or unreasonable. Refunds may also be instituted by a natural gas company as a stipulation to a Commission-approved settlement agreement or a provision under the company's tariff. Section 16 of the NGA authorizes the Commission to prescribe rules and regulations necessary to administer its refund mandates. The Commission's refund reporting requirements are located in 18 CFR 154.501 and 154.502.

The Commission uses the data to monitor refunds owed by natural gas companies to ensure that the flow-through of refunds owed by these companies are made as expeditiously as possible and to assure that refunds are made in compliance with the Commission's regulations.

Type of Respondents: Natural gas companies.

Estimate of Annual Burden:² The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

FERC-547: GAS PIPELINE RATES: REFUND REPORT REQUIREMENTS

Number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden & cost per response ⁵	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost	Cost per respondent (\$)	
	(1)	(2)	(1)×(2)=(3)	(4)	(3)×(4)=(5)	(5)÷(1)
Natural Gas Pipelines ..	11	1	11	75 hrs.; \$5,587.50	825 hrs.; \$61,462.50 ...	\$5,587.50

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of

the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: July 25, 2016.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP16-98-000; PF15-29-000]

Dominion Carolina Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Transco to Charleston Project

On March 9, 2016, Dominion Carolina Gas Transmission, LLC (Dominion) filed

¹ 15 U.S.C. 717-717w.

² The Commission defines burden as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or

provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

³ The cost is based on FERC's 2016 average cost (salary plus benefits) of \$74.50/hour. The Commission staff believes that the industry's level and skill set is comparable to FERC.