

station regulatory compliance costs and time for regulatory processing have been shown to be substantial. Courses-of-action may include areas such as: Identifying gaps in existing regulations, codes and standards; streamlining regulatory, permitting, and certification processes; reducing unneeded compliance actions; or consolidating regulatory requirements. The RFI [DE-FOA-0001948] is available at: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>.

Confidential Business Information

Because information received in response to this RFI may be used to structure future programs, funding and/or otherwise be made available to the public, respondents are strongly advised to not include any information in their responses that might be considered business sensitive, proprietary, or otherwise confidential. If, however, a respondent chooses to submit business sensitive, proprietary, or otherwise confidential information, it must be clearly and conspicuously marked as such in the response as detailed in the RFI [DE-FOA-0001948] at: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>.

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Sunita Satyapal,

Director, Fuel Cell Technologies Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its Procurement Collection, OMB Control Number 1910-4100. This information collection request covers information necessary to administer and manage DOE's procurement and acquisition programs.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before July 13, 2018. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-4650.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the: DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

If you wish access to the collection of information, without charge, contact the person listed as soon as possible. Sharon Archer, Procurement Analyst, MA-61/L'Enfant Plaza Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20024, Sharon.Archer@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Sharon Archer, by email: Sharon.Archer@hq.doe.gov, or by telephone at (202) 287-1739.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.* 1910-4100 (Renewal); (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Procurement Information Collection; (3) *Type of Request:* Renewal; (4) *Purpose:* Under 48 CFR part 952 and Subpart 970.52, DOE must collect certain types of information from those seeking to do business with the Department or those awarded contracts by the Department. This information collection is necessary for the solicitation, award, administration, and closeout of DOE procurement contracts. (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 7,387; (6) *Annual Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 666,082; (7) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$56,616,970.

Statutory Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2201.

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John Bashista,

Director, Office of Acquisition Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Proposed New Survey or Extension

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: EIA is requesting a three-year extension of EIA-882T, "Generic Clearance for Questionnaire Testing, Evaluation, and Research." EIA-882T

provides EIA with the authority to utilize qualitative and quantitative methodologies to pretest questionnaires and validate the quality of data collected on EIA's surveys. EIA uses EIA-882T to meet its obligation to publish, and otherwise make available independent, high-quality statistical data to federal government agencies, state and local governments, the energy industry, researchers, and the general public.

DATES: EIA must receive all comments on this proposed information collection no later than August 13, 2018. If you anticipate any difficulties in submitting your comments by the deadline, contact the person listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments to Brian Hewitt, U.S. Energy Information Administration, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, EI-21 Washington, DC 20585. If you prefer, you can email them to: brian.hewitt@eia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you need additional information, send your request to Brian Hewitt, U.S. Energy Information Administration, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, EI-21, Washington, DC 20585. If you prefer, you can email brian.hewitt@eia.gov or contact him by telephone at 202-586-5045.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

(1) *OMB No.:* 1905-0186;
(2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Generic Clearance for Questionnaire Testing, Evaluation, and Research;
(3) *Type of Request:* Renewal;

(4) *Purpose:* The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) is requesting a three-year approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to utilize qualitative and quantitative methodologies to pretest questionnaires and validate the quality of the data that is collected on EIA and DOE survey forms. Through the use of these methodologies, EIA will conduct research studies to improve the quality of energy data being collected, reduce or minimize survey respondent burden, and increase agency efficiency. This authority would also allow EIA to improve data collection in order to meet the needs of EIA's customers while also staying current in the evolving nature of the energy industry.

The specific methods proposed for the coverage by this clearance are described below. Also outlined is the legal authority for these voluntary information gathering activities.

The following methods are proposed:

Pilot Surveys. Pilot surveys conducted under this clearance will generally be methodological studies, and will always employ statistically representative samples. The pilot surveys will replicate all components of the methodological design, sampling procedures (where possible), and questionnaires of the full scale survey. Pilot surveys will normally be utilized when EIA undertakes a complete redesign of a particular data collection methodology or when EIA undertakes data collection in new energy areas, such as HGL production, alternative fueled motor vehicles, and other emerging areas of the energy sector where data collection would provide utility to EIA.

Cognitive Interviews. Cognitive interviews are typically one-on-one interviews in which the respondent is usually asked to “think aloud” or is asked “retrospective questions” as he or she answers questions, reads survey materials, defines terminology, or completes other activities as part of a typical survey process. A number of different techniques may be involved including, asking respondents what specific words or phrases mean or asking respondents probing questions to determine how they estimate, calculate, or determine specific data elements on a survey. The objectives of these cognitive interviews are to identify problems of ambiguity or misunderstanding, examine the process that respondents follow for reporting information, assess survey respondents’ ability to report new information, or identify other difficulties respondents have answering survey questions in order to reduce measurement error from estimates based on a survey.

Respondent Debriefings. Respondent debriefings conducted under this clearance will generally be methodological or cognitive research studies. The debriefing form is administered after a respondent completes a questionnaire either in paper format, electronically, or through in-person interviews. The debriefings contain probing questions to determine how respondents interpret the survey questions, how much time and effort was spent completing the questionnaire, and whether they have problems in completing the survey/questionnaire. Respondent debriefings also are useful in determining potential issues with data quality and in estimating respondent burden.

Usability Testing. Usability tests are similar to cognitive interviews in which a respondent is typically asked to “think aloud” or asked “retrospective questions” as he or she reviews an

electronic questionnaire, website, visual aid, or hard copy survey form. The objective of usability testing is to check that respondents can easily and intuitively navigate electronic survey collection programs, websites, and other survey instruments to submit their data to EIA.

Focus Groups. Focus groups, in person or online, involve group sessions guided by a moderator who follows a topic guide containing questions or subjects focused on a particular issue rather than adhering to a standardized cognitive interview protocol. Focus groups are useful for exploring issues concerning the design of a form and the meaning of terms from a specific group of respondents, data users, or other stakeholders of EIA data.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,870;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 1,870;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 1,915;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* There are no additional costs associated with these survey methods other than the burden hours. The information is maintained in the normal course of business. The annual cost in burden hours to the respondents is estimated to be \$144,946 (1,915 burden hours times \$75.69 per hour), which represents a reduction of 85 burden hours from the prior renewal of this collection. Therefore, other than the cost of burden hours, EIA estimates that there are no additional costs for generating, maintaining, and providing the information.

Comments are invited on whether or not: (a) The proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions, including whether the information will have a practical utility; (b) EIA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used, is accurate; (c) EIA can improve the quality, utility, and clarity of the information it will collect; and (d) EIA can minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, such as automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Statutory Authority: Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93–275, codified as 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and the DOE Organization Act of 1977, Pub. L. 95–91, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*

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Nanda Srinivasan,

Director, Office of Survey Development and Statistical Integration, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL18–171–000]

Notice of Complaint: Kathryn E. Leonard v. Deepwater Wind Block Island, LLC, Narragansett Electric Company, Inc., Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

Take notice that on June 7, 2018, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e and Rule 206 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206, Kathryn E. Leonard (Complainant) filed a formal complaint against Deepwater Wind Block Island, LLC (Deepwater Wind), Narragansett Electric Company, Inc., and Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (jointly Respondents) alleging that, Rhode Island Public Utility Commission on August 16, 2010, as directed by the Rhode Island General Assembly, approved a 20-year Purchase Power Agreement between Deepwater Wind and National Grid that appears to constitute a violation of the FPA, all as more fully explained in the complaint.

Complainant certifies that copies of the complaint were served on the contacts for the Rhode Island Public Utility Commission as listed on the Commission’s list of Corporate Officials, as well as contacts for National Grid and Deepwater Wind.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. The Respondent’s answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent’s answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.