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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Pacific Northwest Coordination Agreement (PNCA)

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: The Administrator and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BPA, acting for BPA, and, as Chairman of the United States Entity (the Administrator of BPA and the Division Engineer, North Pacific Division of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps)), acting on behalf of the United States Entity, has decided that the 1964 Pacific Northwest Coordination Agreement (PNCA) should be revised and retained.

To facilitate the implementation of the 1997 PNCA, BPA, the Regional Director of the Pacific Northwest Regional Office of the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), and the Division Engineer of the Northwestern Division (formerly the North Pacific Division) of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have decided to clarify each agency's role and responsibility under the 1997 PNCA in a Memorandum of Agreement.

This decision is consistent with the Columbia River System Operation Review (SOR) Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (DOE/EIS-0170, November 1995) which evaluated the potential impacts of five alternatives for regional coordination.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the SOR Final EIS, Appendix R of the EIS (which presents the environmental review for the PNCA), and complete copies of this ROD are available from BPA's Communications Office, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon 97212. Copies of the documents may also be obtained by calling BPA's toll-free document request line at: 1-800-622-4520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Phil Mesa—PGPL-DITT2, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621, phone number (360) 418-2152.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The current PNCA was executed in 1964 as an important component of regional plans to maximize the Northwest's hydro resource capability. Maximization also included the development of three storage projects on the Columbia River in Canada pursuant to the terms of the 1964 Columbia River Treaty between Canada and the United States (Treaty). These storage dams provide regulated streamflows that enable Federal and non-Federal hydroelectric projects downstream in the United States to produce additional power benefits. The Treaty requires the United States to deliver to Canada one-half of these downstream power benefits (known as the Canadian Entitlement). The non-Federal utilities of the region committed to provide a portion of the share of Treaty benefits required to be delivered to Canada. In return, the United States Government agreed to participate in coordinated operation. The Federal and non-Federal allocation was the subject of a separate ROD; the Canadian Entitlement Allocation Extension Agreement (CEAEA) ROD was issued on April 29, 1997.

The 1964 PNCA expires in 2003. The region's obligation to return Columbia River Treaty benefits continues, at a minimum, until 2024. The 1997 PNCA, which revises the 1964 PNCA, extends through 2024.

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Randall W. Hardy,

Administrator and CEO, Bonneville Power Administration, and Chairman, United States Entity.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, DOE.

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

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed

modifications and extensions of the following Electric Power Forms:

- EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program Report,"
- EIA-412, "Annual Report of Public Electric Utilities,"
- NN-417R, "Electric Power Systems Emergency Report,"
- EIA-759, "Monthly Power Plant Report,"
- EIA-826, "Monthly Electric Utility Sales and Revenue Report with State Distributions,"
- EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report,"
- EIA-861, "Annual Electric Utility Report,"
- EIA-867, "Annual Nonutility Power Producer Report," and
- EIA-900, "Monthly Nonutility Sales for Resale Report."

EIA is also requesting comments on a proposed new Form EIA-417A, "Annual Summary of Emergency Occurrences."

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 29, 1997. 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, you should advise the DOE contact listed below of your intention to do so as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to John G. Colligan, Energy Information Administration, Coal and Electric Data and Renewables Division, EI-524, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0650; telephone (202) 426-1174; e-mail jcolliga@eia.doe.gov; and FAX (202) 426-1311.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of forms and instruction sets should be directed to John Colligan at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

I. Background

In order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275) and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91), the EIA is obliged to carry out a central, comprehensive, and unified energy data and information program. As part of this program, EIA collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates data and information related to energy resource reserves, production, demand,

and technology, and related economic and statistical information relevant to the adequacy of energy resources to meet demands in the near and longer term future for the Nation's economic and social needs.

The EIA, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden (required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13)), conducts a presurvey consultation program to provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing reporting forms. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden is minimized, reporting forms are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Also, EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collections under Section 3507(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, Title 44, U.S.C. Chapter 35).

II. Current Actions

The EIA requests (a) a 3-year extension, through December 31, 2000, for all forms listed, and (b) modifications as well as time extension(s) to the specific forms as described below. The proposed changes the EIA is requesting through this action reflect the current state of the electric power industry. Additional changes may be required, prior to the new expiration date, in order to be up-to-date with the rapidly changing industry.

Form EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program," no change.

Form EIA-412, "Annual Report of Public Electric Utilities," no change.

Form EIA-417A, "Annual Summary of Emergency Occurrences," a new form will be added to the EIA electric power survey program. This collection will request statistical data on the type, duration, impact, and nature of electric emergency occurrences and power outages. The data will be reported annually by all entities operating/owning any portion of the integrated electrical system, and Alaska, Hawaii, and the trust territories. A simple check-off system technique of reporting will be available to respondents who (1) experienced no incidents and (2) were not impacted by external occurrences during the year.

Form NN-417R, "Electric Power Systems Emergency Report." The form number and name will be changed to the EIA-417R, "Electric Power Systems Emergency Report." The survey frame

and reporting schedule will remain unchanged.

EIA-759, "Monthly Power Plant Report," no change.

Form EIA-826, "Monthly Electric Utility Sales and Revenue Report with State Distributions." The form name will be changed to "Monthly Electric Industry Sales and Revenue Report with State Distributions," to more accurately define the survey respondent frame. This will permit reporting of sales and revenues by electric utilities and power marketers. The collection of these data is required as the retail marketing of electric power is growing under the restructuring of the electric power industry.

EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report," no change.

Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Utility Report." The form and instructions will be modified as delineated below.

(a) Change the form name to "Annual Electric Energy Industry Report," to more clearly identify the respondent population consisting of electric utilities and power marketers which constitutes the frame of this survey.

(b) Expand reporting to include generation (in megawatt-hours) in (1) the existing service territory and (2) in the marketing territory as well.

(c) Reduce the number of Demand-Side Management (DSM) questions, (Schedule V), to 1 page (eliminated 2 pages), and thereby reduce respondent reporting requirements and burden. The need for DSM data are diminishing as restructuring/unbundling throughout the industry takes place.

(d) Request more explicit identification of electric industry participants. Parent and subsidiary company relationships are essential as new and different types of electric energy entities come into being during the restructuring.

(e) Add questions regarding completed mergers and acquisitions. This is necessary to maintain the respondent universe control and to accurately purge the respondent list of organizations no longer having reporting responsibilities.

(f) Request reporting of service territories by State and County, once every three years. These data are needed to establish and maintain an accurate baseline of existing and expanding distribution systems.

(g) Request respondents with sales for resale under full power requirement contracts to record the highest firm required demand, and for full requirement, whose power is supplied by others under long term contract are asked to identify the ending dates of the

contract. The data will be used to analyze changes affecting reliability.

(h) Add questions to report sales for resale, and end use sales by NERC region.

Form EIA-867, "Annual Nonutility Power Producer Report." The form and instructions will be modified to convert Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes, the international standard of industrial classification. This conversion is necessary to sustain coherence and standardization of industry identification for both domestic and foreign sales and transfers of electric generation.

Form EIA-900, "Monthly Nonutility Sales for Resale Report." The form and instructions will be modified to: (a) Add a question to collect monthly gross generation. (b) Add a question to collect monthly sales to other end users.

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 responses. Please indicate to which form(s) your comments apply.

General Issues

A. Are the proposed collections of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency? 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 EIA make to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions require clarification?

B. Can data be submitted by the due date?

C. Public reporting burden estimates for each form collection are shown below. Burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide the information.

EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program Report,"—20.77 hrs. per response (no change from previous estimate).

EIA-412, "Annual Report of Public Electric Utilities,"—30.3 hrs. per

response (no change from previous estimate).

EIA-417R, "Electric Power Systems Emergency Report and Annual Summary of Emergency Occurrences,"—2.89 hrs. per response (no change from previous estimate). (Note: The frequency, magnitude, and duration of emergency occurrences are hard to predict, therefore making reporting times hard to predict.)

EIA-417A, "Annual Summary of Emergency Occurrences,"—3.0 hrs. per response (new form).

EIA-759, "Monthly Power Plant Report,"—1.4 hrs. per response (no change from previous estimate).

EIA-826, "Monthly Electric Utility Sales and Revenue Report with State Distributions,"—1.4 hrs. per response (previous estimate was 1.3 hrs.).

EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report,"—15.3 hrs. per response (no change from previous estimate).

EIA-861, "Annual Electric Energy Industry Report,"—7.9 hrs per response (previous estimate was 6.85 hrs.).

EIA-867, "Annual Nonutility Power Producer Report,"—2.12 hrs. per response (no change from previous estimate).

EIA-900, "Monthly Nonutility Sales for Resale Report,"—30 hrs. per response (previous estimate was .25 hrs.).

Please comment on (1) the accuracy of our estimates and (2) how the agency could minimize the burden of the collections of information, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

D. EIA estimates that respondents will incur no additional costs for reporting other than the hours required to complete the collections. What is the estimated: (1) total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs, and (2) recurring annual costs of operating and maintaining and purchasing service costs associated with these data collections?

E. Do you know of any other Federal, State, or local agency that collects similar data? If you do, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User

A. Can you use data at the levels of detail indicated on the forms?

B. For what purpose would you use the data? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources of data and do you use them? If so, what is their deficiencies 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 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-2758-000]

Advantage Energy, Inc.; Notice of Issuance of Order

July 23, 1997.

Advantage Energy, Inc. (Advantage Energy) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which Advantage Energy will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. Advantage Energy also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Advantage Energy that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Advantage Energy.

On July 14, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Advantage Energy should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, Advantage Energy is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Advantage Energy's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protest, as set forth above, is August 13, 1997. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-627-000]

Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

July 23, 1997.

Take notice that on July 10, 1997, Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company (Alabama-Tennessee), P.O. Box 3869, Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662-3869, filed in Docket No. CP97-627-000 a request pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) for authorization to construct and operate a delivery point in Morgan County, Alabama, for the delivery of natural gas to Worthington Steel of Decatur, LLC. (Worthington), under Alabama-Tennessee's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP85-359-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Alabama-Tennessee states that the estimated volumes to be delivered to Worthington are 4,000 MMBtu on a peak day and 1,460,000 MMBtu on an annual basis.

Alabama-Tennessee states further that the estimated cost to install the delivery point would be \$117,000.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a