

As required by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations, the CLWR EIS will also evaluate the No Action alternative. Under this alternative, the stockpile demand for tritium would have to be met by other means, such as constructing and operating an accelerator at the Savannah River Site.

Identification of Environmental and Other Issues

The Department has identified the following issues for analysis in the EIS. Additional issues may be identified as a result of the scoping process.

1. Public and Worker Safety, Health Risk Assessment: Radiological and nonradiological impacts, including projected effects on workers and the public from construction, operation and accident conditions associated with tritium production.
2. Impacts from releases to air, water, and soil associated with tritium production.
3. Impacts to plants, animals, and habitats, including threatened or endangered species and their habitats associated with tritium production.
4. The consumption of natural resources and energy associated with tritium production.
5. Socioeconomic impacts to affected communities from construction and operation associated with tritium production.
6. Environmental justice: Disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations associated with tritium production.
7. Impacts to cultural resources such as historic, archaeological, scientific, or

culturally important sites associated with tritium production.

8. Impacts associated with transportation of nuclear materials.

9. Status of compliance with all applicable Federal, state, and local statutes and regulations; required Federal and state environmental consultations and notifications; and DOE Orders on waste management, waste minimization, and environmental protection.

10. Cumulative impacts from the proposed action and other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable actions at the alternative sites.

11. Potential irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources associated with tritium production.

12. Pollution prevention and waste management practices, including characterization, storage, treatment and disposal of wastes associated with tritium production.

Public Scoping Process

To assist in defining the appropriate scope of the EIS and to identify significant environmental issues to be addressed, DOE will conduct public scoping meetings at the locations, dates, and times described above under DATES. DOE will begin each scoping meeting with an overview of the CLWR program. Following the initial presentation, DOE will answer questions and accept comments. Copies of handouts from the meetings will be available to those unable to attend, by contacting the DOE CLWR project described above under ADDRESSES.

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Peter N. Brush,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket Nos. 97-104-NG et al.]

TPC Corporation, et al.; Orders Granting and Transferring Blanket Authorizations To Import and/or Export Natural Gas

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued Orders granting and transferring various natural gas import and export authorizations. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix.

These Orders are available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Docket Room, 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on January 14, 1998.

John W. Glynn,

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APPENDIX—BLANKET IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED

[DOE/FE Authority]

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/Exporter FE Docket No.	Two-year maximum		Comments
			Import Volume Bcf	Export Volume Bcf	
1337	12/02/97	TPC Corporation, 97-104-NG	73		Import and export up to a combined total from and to Canada beginning January 1, 1998, through December 31, 1999.
1338	12/04/97	Phibro Inc., 97-106-NG	200	200	Import including LNG from Canada and, to export to Canada beginning on first delivery after December 31, 1997.
1339	12/04/97	Phibro Inc., 97-105-NG	200	200	Import including LNG from Canada and, to export to Canada beginning on first delivery after December 31, 1997.
1340	12/04/97	Puget Sound Energy, Inc., 97-103-NG	50	.....	Import from Canada beginning on first delivery after December 5, 1997.
1341	12/12/97	Direct Energy Marketing Inc., 97-111-NG	200	.....	Import from Canada beginning February 1, 1998, through January 31, 2000.
1342	12/12/97	UtiliCorp United Inc., 97-107-NG	400		Import and export up to a combined total from and to Canada beginning January 1, 1998, through December 31, 1999.

APPENDIX—BLANKET IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED—Continued
[DOE/FE Authority]

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/Exporter FE Docket No.	Two-year maximum		Comments
			Import Volume Bcf	Export Volume Bcf	
1240—A	12/12/97	CXY Energy Marketing (U.S.A.) Inc. (Formerly CanadianOxy Marketing (U.S.A.) Inc.), 97–06–NG.	.....	.....	Name change.
1343	12/17/97	Bay State Gas Company, 97–112–NG	40	.....	Import from Canada beginning on January 6, 1998 through January 5, 2000.
1344	12/18/97	Tenaska Washington Partners, L.P., 97–102–NG.	400	.....	Import and export up to a combined total from and to Canada and Mexico beginning December 31, 1997, through December 30, 1999.
1345	12/18/97	POCO Petroleum, Inc., 97–108–NG	250	.....	Import from Canada beginning January 21, 1998, through January 20, 2000.
1346	12/19/97	The Consumers' Gas Company Ltd., 97–110–NG.	.....	100	Export to Canada beginning January 1, 1998, through December 31, 1999.
1347	12/23/97	PanCanadian Petroleum Company, 97–114–NG.	250	Import and export up to a combined total from and to Canada beginning November 1, 1997, through October 31, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments (FERC–523)

January 14, 1998.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104–13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of September 15, 1997 (62 FR 48265) and made a notation in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if

received within 30 days of this notification.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Division of Information to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Division of Information Services, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208–1415, by fax at (202) 273–0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC–523 “Application for Authorization of the Issuance of Securities or the Assumption of Liabilities.”

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902–0043. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. There is no change to the reporting burden. These are mandatory collection requirements.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the

Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the provisions of the Federal Power Act (FPA). The information reported under Commission identifier FERC–523 is filed in accordance with Sections 19, 20, and 204, (FPA). Under the FPA a public utility or licensee must obtain Commission authorization for the issuance of securities or the assumption of liabilities. The information is used by the Commission to make a determination as to whether to accept and/or reject for granting authorization to public utilities or licensees to issue securities or assume an obligation or liability.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 60 applicants for an application for authorization of the issuance of securities or the assumption of liabilities.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 6,600 total burden hours, 60 respondents, 1 response annually, 110 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* 6,600 hours ÷ 2,088 hours per year × \$110,000 per year = \$378,928.

(Statutory Authority: Sections 19, 20, and 204 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. Sections 812 *et seq.*)

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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