DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection


ACTION: Notice and request for OMB review and comment.


DATES: Comments regarding this information collection must be received on or before July 17, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Berry at 202–586–5543 or by email at james.berry@eia.gov. The forms are available online at: http://www.eia.gov/survey/#eia-457.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

(1) OMB No.: 1905–0092;

(2) Information Collection Request Title: EIA–457A, D, E, F, G, 2020 Residential Energy Consumption Survey;

(3) Type of Request: Reinstatement with changes of a previously approved collection;

(4) Purpose: RECS collects information on energy use in housing units and includes a series of data collections from households and household energy suppliers. RECS data are used to generate official statistics about the energy characteristics, consumption, and expenditures of U.S. homes. EIA has conducted the RECS periodically since 1978 and the 2020 RECS will be the 15th data collection for the program.

Form EIA 457–A Household Survey collects information on the presence and characteristics of a wide range of energy consuming devices in homes, including heating and cooling equipment, appliances, and electronics. The Household Survey also asks respondents about key structural features and demographic characteristics that impact energy usage. Forms EIA 457–D, E, F, and G are Energy Supplier Surveys. These surveys collect monthly electricity and natural gas billing data from household survey respondent energy suppliers (e.g., utilities), and periodic propane and fuel oil delivery data from bulk fuel suppliers.

RECS is integral part of EIA’s mandate to collect and publish energy end-use consumption data, and the program represents the most comprehensive national and sub-national results available on energy consumption in homes. RECS is the only national and subnational data series that allows policy makers and program implementers in both public and private organizations to analyze trends in energy consumption for the residential sector. RECS fulfills planning, analyses, and decision-making needs of DOE, other Federal agencies, state governments, utilities, researchers, and energy analysts in the private sector.

(4a) Changes to Information Collection: EIA will use online questions via internet and mail hardcopy questionnaires as the two modes of collection for Form EIA 457–A Household Survey. This dual collection mode represents a change from prior collection cycles of RECS where computer assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) was the primary method for collecting household energy characteristics data. EIA piloted three tests using internet and mail questionnaires to determine the feasibility of using these alternative data collection methods. Based on extensive analysis of sample representativeness, nonresponse bias, and data quality, EIA determined that collecting this information via internet and by mail were viable modes for 2020 and future RECS data collections.
EIA will collect 2020 RECS Household Survey responses from approximately 20,000 households. The larger sample enables EIA to produce more precise estimates for key energy metrics, as well as produce some estimates for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

EIA revised Form EIA 457–A Household Survey to improve the quality of responses for traditional energy-consuming devices, collect information on changes in residential consumption patterns, and collect information on emerging technologies. The new questions collect the most relevant information necessary to estimate household energy use and to inform energy end-use modeling. For Forms EIA 457–D, E, F, and G Energy Supplier Surveys the number of customer (household) billing and delivery months requested increases from 20 to 24 months. The additional four months of energy data improves the practical utility of the energy data reported and enables EIA to analyze household energy consumption patterns before, during, and after COVID–19.

(5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,628.

(6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 5,628.

(7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 3,951.

(8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: EIA estimates that there are no capital and start-up costs associated with this data collection. The information is maintained in the normal course of business. For household respondents no additional record keeping or other burden is required outside the interview process. The annualized cost of burden hours to all household, and energy supplier respondents is estimated to be $316,633 (3,951 annual burden hours times the current hourly rate of $80.14). Other than the cost of burden hours, EIA estimates that there are no additional costs for generating, maintaining and providing the information.

Please refer to the supporting statements as well as the forms and instructions for more information about the purpose, who must report, when to report, where to submit, the elements to be reported, detailed instructions, provisions for confidentiality, and uses (including possible nonstatistical uses) of the information. For instructions on obtaining materials, see the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.


Thomas Leckey,

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the “eFiling” link at http://www.ferc.gov. Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 1, 2020.


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Deputy Secretary.

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Gorsich, Matthew; Notice of Filing


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[Docket No. ER20–2028–000]

Bitter Ridge Wind Farm, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request For Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced Bitter Ridge Wind Farm, LLC’s application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, notifying that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant’s request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is July 1, 2020.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at http://www.ferc.gov. To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor...