

business in Chula Vista, California. Intercom does not own or control any electric generation facilities, nor does it have a franchised electric power service area. The electric energy which Intercom proposes to export to Mexico would be purchased from electric utilities and other suppliers within the U.S.

Intercom proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Mexico over the international transmission facilities owned by San Diego Gas & Electric Company, El Paso Electric Company, Central Power and Light Company, and Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico. The construction of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by the applicants, as more fully described in the application, has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

#### Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the Intercom application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA-289. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Ernesto Pallares, Chief Executive Officer, Intercom Energy, Inc., 303 H Street, Suite 401, Chula Vista, CA 91910 and Jon L. Brunenkant, James W. Moeller, Brunenkant & Haskell, LLP, 805 15th Street, NW., Suite 1101, Washington, DC, 20005 and Daniel J. Morgan, The Morgan Law Firm, P.C., 110 Juniper Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select

"Regulatory Programs," then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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Ellen Russell,

*Acting Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Science; Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, April 29, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, April 30, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Academy for Education Development (AED) Conference Center, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. David Thomassen ((301) 903-9817; [david.thomassen@science.doe.gov](mailto:david.thomassen@science.doe.gov)), or Ms. Shirley Derflinger ((301) 903-0044; [shirley.derflinger@science.doe.gov](mailto:shirley.derflinger@science.doe.gov)), Designated Federal Officers, Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC-70/ Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290. The most current information concerning this meeting can be found on the Web site: <http://www.science.doe.gov/ober/berac/announce.html>

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose of the Meeting:** To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Biological and Environmental Research Program.

#### Tentative Agenda:

Thursday, April 29, and Friday, April 30, 2004:

- Conflict of Interest and Federal Advisory Committee Act requirements and overview

- Comments from Dr. Raymond Orbach, Director, Office of Science

- Report by Dr. Ari Patrinos, Associate Director of Science for Biological and Environmental Research

- Discussion of BERAC reports on (1) need for additional sites for environmental remediation sciences research (2) review of the scientific basis for a proposed subsurface geosciences laboratory at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, (3) guidance to BER on how the Atmospheric Science Program should be reconfigured, (4) a Committee of Visitors review of the Climate Change Research Division's program management, and (5) radiochemistry program needs and opportunities.

- BERAC recommendations for BER to develop a roadmap for achieving and tracking its long term performance measures

- Status report on the development of a Genomics:GTL roadmap

- Coordination of common DOE and NIH research interests

- Discussion to define operating hours at BER facilities

- Science talk

- New Business

- Public comment (10 minute rule)

**Public Participation:** The day and a half meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact David Thomassen or Shirley Derflinger at the address or telephone numbers listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, IE-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC on March 29, 2004.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**  
Deputy Advisory Committee, Management  
Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The EIA is soliciting  
comments on the proposed revisions  
and a three-year extension to the Forms:

- EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power  
Supply Program Report,"
- EIA-412, "Annual Electric Industry  
Financial Report,"
- EIA-423, "Monthly Cost and Quality of  
Fuels for Electric Plants,"
- EIA-767, "Steam-Electric Plant  
Operation and Design Report,"
- EIA-826, "Monthly Electric Sales and  
Revenue with State Distributions  
Report,"
- EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator  
Report,"
- EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power  
Industry Report,"
- EIA-906, "Power Plant Report," and  
EIA-920, "Combined Heat and Power  
Plant Report."

The EIA is also soliciting comments  
on a proposed new Form EIA-860M,  
"Monthly Update to the Annual Electric  
Generator Report" to be authorized for  
three years.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by June  
1, 2004. If you anticipate difficulty in  
submitting comments within that  
period, contact the person listed below  
as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Charlene  
Harris-Russell. To ensure receipt of the  
comments by the due date, submission  
by fax ((202) 287-1946) or e-mail  
[Charlene.Harris-Russell@eia.doe.gov](mailto:Charlene.Harris-Russell@eia.doe.gov) is  
recommended. The mailing address is  
Energy Information Administration,  
Electric Power Division, EI-53, Forrestal  
Building, U.S. Department of Energy,  
Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively,  
Charlene Harris-Russell may be  
contacted by telephone at (202) 287-  
1747.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or  
copies of any forms and instructions  
should be directed to Charlene Harris-  
Russell at the address listed above. To  
review the proposed forms and  
instructions, please visit: [http://  
www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/electricity/page/  
fednotice/formsandinstr.html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/electricity/page/fednotice/formsandinstr.html).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

#### I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration  
Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275, 15 U.S.C.  
761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization  
Act (Pub. L. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et  
seq.*) require the EIA to carry out a  
centralized, comprehensive, and unified  
energy information program. This  
program collects, evaluates, assembles,  
analyzes, and disseminates information  
on energy resource reserves, production,  
demand, technology, and related  
economic and statistical information.  
This information is used to assess the  
adequacy of energy resources to meet  
near and longer term domestic  
demands.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply  
with the Paperwork Reduction Act of  
1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter  
35), provides the general public and  
other Federal agencies with  
opportunities to comment on collections  
of energy information conducted by or  
in conjunction with the EIA. Any  
comments received help the EIA to  
prepare data requests that maximize the  
utility of the information collected, and  
to assess the impact of collection  
requirements on the public. Also, the  
EIA will later seek approval by the  
Office of Management and Budget  
(OMB) under section 3507(a) of the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The EIA collects information about  
the electric power industry for use by  
government and private sector analysts.  
The survey information is disseminated  
in a variety of print publications,  
electronic products, and electronic data  
files. For details on EIA's electric power  
information program, please visit the  
electricity page of EIA's Web site at  
[http://www.eia.doe.gov/  
fuelelectric.html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/fuelelectric.html).

Please refer to the proposed 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.

#### II. Current Actions

EIA has completed an extensive  
review and update of the electric power  
survey collection instruments. The  
forms presented here are the result of  
that task which includes input from the  
electric power industry, other industrial  
users of the data, government agencies,  
consumer groups, and private sector  
analysts. Along with the forms changes,  
the EIA is proposing a revision to the  
commercially sensitive data elements  
collected on EIA's electric power forms  
that will be treated as confidential.

As a means of improving its electric  
power surveys to reflect the changing  
industry, EIA proposes the following  
changes:

Form EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk  
Power Supply Program Report." The  
collection of this form is proposed to  
become mandatory subject to a revised  
memorandum of agreement with the  
North American Electric Reliability  
Council. Additional revisions include:  
(1) Reconcile differences between  
capacity totals reported to EIA by its  
respondents and the planning capacity  
data reported by the North American  
Electric Reliability Council, (2)  
transmission line outage data, and (3)  
distributed generation data. Specifically,  
a new Schedule 3, Reconciliation  
Between Total Generation Regional  
Capacity and Planned Regional Capacity  
Resources (Summer, Winter), collects 35  
proposed data elements on generator  
capacity. This replaces the previous  
Schedule 3 that collected 115 data  
elements concerning capacity  
information by generator. A new  
Schedule 7, Annual Data for  
Transmission Line Outages for Extra  
High Voltage (EHV) Lines, will collect  
13 new data elements on outages by  
voltage class. Schedule 2, Part A and B.  
Historical and Projected Demand and  
Capacity—Summer, Winter, will collect  
distributed generation data. Together,  
these represent a net decrease of 60 data  
elements on the Form EIA-411. The  
form and instructions will be modified  
to show these changes.

Form EIA-412 "Annual Electric  
Industry Financial Report." This form  
will now ask in the Identification  
Section, if an entity generates  
electricity. In addition, a new Schedule  
9B, Electric Generating Plant Statistics,  
Unregulated Companies, will collect  
cost data from unregulated plants at a  
higher aggregated level than previously  
requested. As a result of these actions,  
the overall net change for the Form EIA-  
412 is a decrease of 10 data elements  
collected from unregulated plants.