

information and ensure that its decision-making processes are consistent with NEPA as it relates to renewable energy and energy efficiency research and development and demonstration projects. Minor changes have been made to the Environmental Questionnaire that help to clarify certain questions, but do not change the meaning of the questions being asked. The average hours per response have increased from one hour to one and one half hours. The annual estimated number of burden hours increased from 300 to 443; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 300; (6) *Average Hours per Response*: 1.5; and (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 443. (8) There is no cost associated with reporting and recordkeeping.

Statutory Authority: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on October 28, 2020, by Matthew Blevins, Director, Environment, Safety and Health Office, Golden Field Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 29, 2020.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Extension With Changes

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: EIA invites public comment on the proposed three year extension, with changes, to Form EIA-846 Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey Report as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The report is part of EIA's comprehensive energy data program. Form EIA-846 Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey Report (Quadrennial) collects information on energy consumption, expenditures, and building characteristics from establishments in the manufacturing sector.

DATES: EIA must receive all comments on this proposed information collection no later than January 4, 2021. 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: Mail comments to Tom Lorenz, U.S Energy Information Administration, EI-22, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585. Submit comments electronically to Thomas.Lorenz@eia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Lorenz by phone at (202) 586-3442, or by email at Thomas.Lorenz@eia.gov. The forms and instructions of EIA-846 Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey are available on EIA's website at www.eia.gov/survey/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB No.*: 1905-0169.
 - (2) *Information Collection Request Title*: Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey (MECS).
 - (3) *Type of Request*: Extension with changes.
 - (4) *Purpose*: Form EIA-846, is a self-administered sample survey that collects energy consumption and expenditures data from establishments in the manufacturing sector; *i.e.*, North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) sector codes 31-33. The information from this survey is used to publish aggregate statistics on the energy consumption of the manufacturing sector including energy used for fuel and nonfuel purposes. The survey also gathers information on energy-related issues such as energy prices, on-site electricity generation, purchases of electricity from utilities and non-utilities, and fuel switching capabilities. MECS is also used to benchmark EIA's industry forecasting model and update changes in the energy intensity and greenhouse gases data series.
- (4a) *Proposed Changes to Information Collection*: EIA proposes making a

change to the survey collection cycle of Form EIA-846. EIA proposes to change the frequency of data collection for the MECS from a quadrennial collection cycle to a triennial collection cycle. The change in frequency is in response to the public and other users need for more timely EIA energy consumption data. Additionally, changing to a triennial collection cycle maximizes the efficiency of EIA's resource allocation.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 15,000.

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 5,000.

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 46,082.

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: EIA estimates that respondents will have no additional costs associated with the surveys other than burden hours.

Comments are invited 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: 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 29, 2020.

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Director, Office of Statistical Methods and Research, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Spire Storage West LLC; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on October 26, 2020, Spire Storage West LLC (Spire or Applicant) requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) grant an extension of time, until May 6, 2021, to complete construction of the Belle Butte Project (Project) at its Belle Butte Storage