

trout streams, and impaired water bodies.

9. Land use: The EIS will consider the potential effects of the installation and operation of the project on land uses, including agricultural lands, parks, recreational areas, and other public lands.

10. Visual resources: The EIS will consider the potential effects of the installation and operation of the project on visual resources, mainly from tower structures and conductors that could be viewed from residences and where recreational trails are either crossed or paralleled by route alternatives including, but not limited to, potential effects to recreational users of the Big Fork Canoe and Red Lake Canoe Trails in Koochiching County and Beltrami County, respectively, and Big Bog State Recreation Area in Beltrami County.

11. Noise: The EIS will consider the potential effects of the installation and operation of the project on noise levels at location(s) along the proposed line as well as at the location(s) of the 500-kV Blackberry Substation and the 500 kV Series Compensation Station.

12. Socioeconomics: This EIS will consider potential impacts on community services.

This list is not intended to be all inclusive or to imply any predetermination of impacts. DOE invites interested parties to suggest specific issues within these general categories, or other issues not included above, to be considered in the EIS.

Scoping Process

Interested parties are invited to participate in the scoping process, both to help define the environmental issues to be analyzed and to identify the range of reasonable alternatives. DOE invites interested agencies, organizations, Native American tribes, and members of the public to submit comments to assist in identifying significant environmental issues and in determining the appropriate scope of the EIS. Written and oral comments will be given equal weight. Public scoping meetings will be held at the locations, dates, and times as indicated below:

1. Roseau, MN: Roseau Civic Center, 121 Center Street East, Roseau, MN, 56751; Wednesday, July 16, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

2. Baudette, MN: Lake of the Woods School, 236 15th Ave. SW., Baudette, MN, 56623; Wednesday, July 16, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

3. Littlefork, MN: Littlefork Community Center, 220 Main Street, Littlefork, MN, 56653; Thursday, July 17, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

4. International Falls, MN: AmericInn, 1500 Highway 71, International Falls, MN, 56649; Thursday, July 17, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

5. Kelliher, MN: Kelliher Public School, 345 4th Street NW., Kelliher, MN, 56650; Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

6. Bigfork, MN: Bigfork School, 100 Huskie Boulevard, Bigfork, MN, 56628; Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

7. Grand Rapids, MN: Sawmill Inn, 2301 South Hwy 169, Grand Rapids, MN, 55744; Thursday, July 24, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

8. Grand Rapids, MN: Sawmill Inn, 2301 South Hwy 169, Grand Rapids, MN, 55744; Thursday, July 24, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

The scoping meetings will be structured in two parts: first, a “workshop” period with presentations on the proposed GNTL Project, and the state and federal decisions, followed by informal discussion that will not be recorded; and, second, the formal taking of comments with transcription by a court stenographer. The meetings will provide interested parties the opportunity to view proposed project exhibits, ask questions, and make comments. The Applicant, DOE, and MN DOC–EERA will be available to answer questions and provide additional information to attendees to the extent that additional information is available at this early stage of the proceedings.

Persons submitting comments during the scoping process, whether orally or in writing, will receive either paper or electronic copies of the draft EIS, according to their preference. Persons who do not wish to submit comments or suggestions at this time but who would like to receive a copy of the document for review and comment when it is issued should notify Julie Ann Smith as provided above, with their paper-or-electronic preference.

EIS Preparation and Schedule

In preparing the draft EIS, DOE will consider comments submitted during the scoping period. They can be submitted to Julie Ann Smith either electronically or by paper copy; if the latter, consider using a delivery service because materials submitted by regular mail are subject to security screening, which both causes extended delay and potential damage to the contents. DOE will summarize all comments received in a “Scoping Report” that will be available on a project EIS Web site, and will be distributed either electronically to all parties of record for whom we have an email address, or by mailing paper copies upon request. DOE and the

MN DOC–EERA expect to issue the draft GNTL EIS in February 2015 and the final EIS in July 2015.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 23, 2014.

Patricia A. Hoffman,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

[FR Doc. 2014–15070 Filed 6–26–14; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

New Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection of information relates to DOE’s Superior Energy Performance certification program. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before August 26, 2014. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Paul Scheihing, EE–5A/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, by fax at 202–586–9234, or by email at paul.scheihing@ee.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or

copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Paul Scheihing, EE-5A/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, by fax at 202-586-9234, or by email at paul.scheihing@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

(1) *OMB No.:* New.

(2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Department of Energy Superior Energy Performance™ Certification Program Information Collection Request.

(3) *Type of Request:* New.

(4) *Purpose:* This Information Collection Request applies to the Department of Energy (DOE) voluntary certification program for industrial facilities: Superior Energy Performance™ (SEP). The information being collected is needed so as to include participants in the DOE's SEP. SEP is an energy efficiency certification and recognition program for industrial facilities demonstrating energy management excellence and sustained energy savings. SEP builds on the ISO 50001 energy management system standard and provides a rigorous, internationally-recognized business process for companies to continually improve their energy performance. The SEP third-party verification of energy performance improvement is unique in the marketplace, and assists to differentiate certified companies from their competitors. This request for information consists of a voluntary data collection process for SEP participation: To enroll industrial facilities, manage and track certification cycles, and relay the costs and benefits of SEP certification to industry.

There are four types of information to be collected from primary participants: (1) Background data, including contact information and basic information about the facility's experience with energy management—collected in the SEP Enrollment Form; (2) Basic facility information about its energy use, energy consumption, and energy performance indicators—collected in the SEP Application Form; (3) Information on energy performance improvement in SEP-certified facilities—collected in the SEP Energy Performance Improvement Report; (4) Information on the costs and benefits of participating in SEP (optional; not required for SEP certification)—collected in the SEP Voluntary Costs/Benefits Form.

Background data will primarily be used to track basic information about SEP participants and identify opportunities to provide participants

with technical assistance. Basic information about a facility's energy use, energy consumption, and energy performance indicators will be used to administer the SEP program and determine readiness for SEP certification audit. Information on energy performance improvement will be used by DOE to manage and track certification cycles, and to track the results of SEP participation. Optional information on costs and benefits of SEP participation will be used to conduct and refine analysis on the costs and benefits of SEP participation, as called for in Executive Order 13624: Accelerating Investment in Industrial Energy Efficiency. Responses to the DOE's Information Collection Request will be voluntary.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 575.

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 475.

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 650.

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$31,295.

Statutory Authority: Accelerating Investment in Industrial Energy Efficiency. Executive Order 13624, 77 FR 54779 (Aug. 30, 2012); 42 U.S.C. 16191.

Paul Scheihing,

Technology Manager, Advanced Manufacturing Office.

[FR Doc. 2014-15065 Filed 6-26-14; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6450-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD14-4-000]

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) invites public comment in Docket No. RD14-4-000 on a proposed collection of information that the Commission is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate

of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before August 26, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments, identified by docket number, may be filed in the following ways:

- Electronic Filing through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Documents created electronically using word processing software should be filed in native applications or print-to-PDF format and not in a scanned format.

- Mail/Hand Delivery: Those unable to file electronically may mail or hand-deliver an original of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed information collection in Docket No. RD14-4-000 relates to a proposed revision to the Interchange Scheduling and Coordination (INT) group of Reliability Standards, developed by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), and submitted to the Commission for approval. The proposed revision modifies the Interchange Scheduling and Coordination Reliability Standards in response to Commission directives in Order No. 693,¹ as well as some other clarifying revisions relating to the ten revised definitions and four new definitions to be added to the NERC Glossary of Terms Used in NERC Reliability Standards (NERC Glossary). The information collection requirements contained in the Interchange Scheduling and Coordination group of Reliability Standards are contained in FERC-725A (OMB Control Number 1902-0244).

On March 16, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 693, approving 83 of the 107 Reliability Standards and

¹ *Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk Power System*, Order No. 693, 72 FR 16416 (Apr. 4, 2007), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,242, at PP 819, 821, 843, 848, 872, 875 & 887, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 693-A, 120 FERC ¶ 61,053 (2007).