

Supporting Statement for Import and Export of Natural Gas (Form FE-746R)

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Part B: Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

This form collects price and volume data on natural gas imports and exports, and this is a statistical information collection. The trade data are used extensively by other offices within DOE (e.g., Energy Information Administration, Office of Policy, and Emergency Planning), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), other Federal agencies (i.e. Treasury, State, Commerce, Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Trade Commission, and Department of Homeland Security), State public service commissions, Congress, industry, trade publications, and investment/financial groups. It is applicable to all firms that wish to import or export natural gas. Firms receiving import/export approval are currently required to file monthly reports of activities.

1. Describe potential respondent universe and any sampling selection method to be used.

The respondent universe is all U.S. importers and exporters of natural gas. These firms report import/export activity on a monthly basis.

2. Describe procedures for collecting information, including statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection, estimation procedures, degree of accuracy needed, and less than annual periodic data cycles.

There are no procedures for collecting information, including statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection, estimation procedures, degree of accuracy needed, and less than annual periodic data cycles.

3. Describe methods to maximize response rate.

Non-respondents are contacted throughout the 30 day follow-up period via e-mail message or phone call to directly obtain the status of their submission.

4. Describe tests of procedures or methods.

Fossil Energy has the opportunity to discuss with representatives of firms that use Form FE-746R any user reporting issues.

5. Provide name and telephone number of individuals who were consulted on statistical aspects of the information collection and who will actually collect and/or analyze the information.

There were no individuals consulted on statistical aspects of this information collection. Questions on this information collection should be directed to the collection manager, Benjamin Nussdorf at 202-586-7893. General questions about the agency's clearance process for energy information and statistical collections should be directed to Alethea Jennings at 202-586-5879.