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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Damm, Contracting Officer, via facsimile to (303) 275-4788 or electronically to h2storage@go.doe.gov. Solicitation questions must be submitted through IIPS per the instructions contained in the Solicitation. Responses to questions will be posted on the IIPS web site. Further information on DOE's Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, and Infrastructure Technologies Program can be viewed at <http://www.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under this Solicitation, DOE is issuing a "Grand Challenge" to the scientific community by soliciting Applications for research, development and demonstration of hydrogen storage materials and technologies. In addition to applied research and development, Applications can include substantial basic research aimed at improving the understanding of the fundamental mechanisms of hydrogen storage in materials. This solicitation requests applications in two Categories.

Category 1, Research and development to be conducted by virtual Centers of Excellence led by DOE national laboratories and including universities, industry, and/or other federal/national laboratories as partners. Focus areas are Metal hydrides, Chemical hydrides, and Carbon-based hydrogen storage materials. Only DOE national laboratories may submit joint application packages in response to Category 1. The proposed university and industry efforts must be part of those application packages.

Category 2, Research and development through cooperative agreements in the following areas: New materials or technologies for hydrogen storage; Compressed and liquid hydrogen tank technologies; and Off-board hydrogen storage systems. Category 2 is open to Applicants from universities and industry; federal or national laboratories may be partners.

Awards under this Solicitation will be Cooperative Agreements with terms of three to five years beginning in fiscal year 2004. DOE anticipates selecting 15 to 20 Applications for negotiation of Award. Subject to the availability of annual congressional appropriations, the total cumulative DOE funding available under this Solicitation for all projects is anticipated to be between \$95 million and \$125 million over the five-year period. The minimum required cost share varies with the type of Applicant and type of proposed project and is

specified in the Solicitation along with specific application instructions.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on July 25, 2003.

Jerry L. Zimmer,

Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC03-567-001, FERC-567]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

July 29, 2003.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and extension of the current expiration date. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier *Federal Register* notice of May 16, 2003 (68 FR 26589-90) and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by August 26, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may be reached by fax at 202-395-7285 or by e-mail at pamelabevery@oirasubmission@omb.eop.gov. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, such comments should be submitted to the

Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE. Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC03-567-001.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> and click on "Make an E-filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's E-mail address upon receipt of comments. User assistance for electronic filings is available at 202-502-8258 or by e-mail to efiling@ferc.gov. Comments should not be submitted to the e-mail address.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the FERRIS link. User assistance for FERRIS and the FERC's Web site during business hours by contacting, FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, for TTY (202)502-8659 or the Public Reference at (202)-8371 or by e-mail to public.reference.room@ferc.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The information collection submitted for OMB review contains the following:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-567 "Gas Pipeline Certificates: Annual Reports of System Flow Diagrams and System Capacity."
2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
3. *Control No.:* 1902-0005.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. The information filed with the Commission is mandatory.

4. *Necessity of the Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10(a) and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)(Pub. L. 75-688), and Title III, Sections 301(a)(1), 303(a), 304(d), Title IV, Sections 401 and 402, Title V,