

January 6, 2020

Mr. James Berry  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20585

RE: *Federal Register* notice of November 20, 2019, for the Residential Energy Consumption Survey, Forms EIA-457 A-G (OMB Number: 1905-0092)

Dear Mr. Berry:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) on the Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS), Forms EIA-457 A-G. This important survey is our only data source for several key components of BEA's economic statistics.

Information from forms EIA-457 A-G is critical in preparing the benchmark and annual estimates of personal consumption expenditures for tenant-occupied nonfarm permanent-site housing in the national income and product accounts and the input-output accounts. RECS data are used to estimate, and remove from reported contract rents, the utilities billed with rents. A list of items used by BEA is provided in the attachment below.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to this survey. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the survey approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Tiffany Burrell, Source Data Coordinator, on 301-278-9618 or by e-mail at [Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov](mailto:Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov). Should you need assistance in justifying this survey to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,



Dennis J. Fixler  
Chief Economist

Attachment

### ATTACHMENT- BEA's Use of Forms EIA-457A-G

Form	Data Used	How Used
<u>Form EIA-457A</u> Household Questionnaire	Type of unit, fuel used, method of payment, and fuel cost	Estimation of personal consumption expenditures (PCE) – non-farm housing services and contracted rents; Input-output accounts use the resulting PCE estimates.
<u>Form EIA-457C</u> Rental Agent Form	Type of unit, fuel used, and method of payment.	Estimation of personal consumption expenditures (PCE) – non-farm housing services and contracted rents; Input-output accounts use the resulting PCE estimates.
<u>Form EIA-457D</u> Liquefied Petroleum Gas Usage	Liquefied petroleum gas usage and classification of account	Estimation of personal consumption expenditures (PCE) – non-farm housing services and contracted rents; Input-output accounts use the resulting PCE estimates.
<u>Form EIA-457E</u> Electricity Usage	Electricity usage and total dollar amount of cost	Estimation of personal consumption expenditures (PCE) – non-farm housing services and contracted rents; Input-output accounts use the resulting PCE estimates.
<u>Form EIA-457F</u> Natural Gas Usage	Natural gas usage	Estimation of personal consumption expenditures (PCE) – non-farm housing services and contracted rents; Input-output accounts use the resulting PCE estimates.
<u>Form EIA-457G</u> Fuel Oil or Kerosene Usage	Fuel oil and kerosene usage	Estimation of personal consumption expenditures (PCE) – non-farm housing services and contracted rents; Input-output accounts use the resulting PCE estimates.

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Thank you and we always appreciate this level of support from BEA.

-Chip

### Chip Berry

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Good afternoon Mr. Berry,

On behalf of Dr. Dennis Fixler (BEA's Chief Economist), I am forwarding you a signed letter of support for the for ID156 2020 Letter EIA Residential Energy Consumption Survey 2020 (OMB Number: 1905- 0092).

Please consider this BEA's formal response to the Federal Register notice of November 20, 2019.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Best Regards,

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