

COMMENTS RECEIVED from the NOVEMBER 17, 2021 FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE  
TO EXTEND DATA COLLECTION of the EIA OIL and GAS RESERVES SYSTEM

(1) OMB No. 1905-0057;

(2) Information Collection Request Title: Oil and Gas Reserves System

(3) Type of Request: Three-year extension [With changes]; Revision of the currently approved Form EIA-23L; extension without changes of Form EIA-64A; and continued suspension of collection of the currently approved Form EIA-23S.

Comments were received via email from three (3) persons:

11/17/21:

Professor Andrew Reamer, George Washington University Institute for Public Policy

12/10/21:

Mr. Mark Finley, Fellow, Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy

1/13/22:

Dr. Dale M. Nesbitt, President, ArrowHead Economics

**From:** Mark Finley [mailto:mjf13@rice.edu]

**Sent:** Friday, December 10, 2021 1:31 PM

**To:** Aloulou, Faouzi <Faouzi.Aloulou@eia.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: EIA workshop on financial and physical energy market linkages: Global natural gas and LNG, November 16 2021

BTW, can you (or somebody else) give me a brief summary of what's being continued (or paused) in this request for comment? Thanks again!

—M.

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**From:** [Grape, Steven](#)  
**To:** [Mark Finley](#)  
**Cc:** [Aloulou, Faouzi](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: EIA workshop on financial and physical energy market linkages: Global natural gas and LNG, November 16 2021  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 7:37:00 PM

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Dear Mark,

To be brief, EIA wishes to renew (as it is required to do every 3 years with the Office of Management and Budget) certain forms for collecting annual data from operators of crude oil wells, natural gas wells, and natural gas processing plants in the United States.

These data are collected annually on Form EIA-23L (Annual Report of Domestic Oil and Gas Proved Reserves, County Level Version) and EIA-64A (Annual Report of the Origin of Natural Gas Liquids Production).

Three years ago, some changes were made to Form EIA-64A, but for this approval cycle, no changes have been proposed for the existing Forms. We seek to renew them as-is. Feedback from the personnel tasked to complete these forms annually is helpful to us, which is what we are seeking during this 60-day comment period.

Data from Form EIA-23L is used to generate the annual proved reserves report. Link to our last reserves report:

<https://www.eia.gov/naturalgas/crudeoilreserves/>

Data from Form EIA-64A is used to estimate the yield of NGLs that would come from our estimated total of all natural gas proved reserves.

If you have further questions, please let me or Aloulou know!

Sincerely,  
Steven Grape  
Office of Energy Statistics

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**From:** Aloulou, Faouzi  
**Sent:** Monday, December 13, 2021 10:47 AM  
**To:** Grape, Steven <Steven.Grape@eia.gov>  
**Cc:** Mark Finley <mjf13@rice.edu>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: EIA workshop on financial and physical energy market linkages: Global natural gas and LNG, November 16 2021

Hi Steve,

Would like to brief Mark Finley, former BP manager who used to manage the BP team that produces the Annual World Energy Statistics Report (that includes reserves by country) on the 60 Day FRN public comments to renew the collection of EIA-23L with no changes.

Thank you,

**From:** [Mark Finley](#)  
**To:** [Grape, Steven](#)  
**Cc:** [Aloulou, Faouzi](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] EIA workshop on financial and physical energy market linkages: Global natural gas and LNG, November 16 2021  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 5:05:07 PM

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Thanks, Steven.

I have never filled out these forms, but as Aloulou notes I frequently used EIA's estimates of proved oil & gas reserves in the preparation of the BP Statistical Review of World Energy. (I directed the Review's preparation for 12 years; I retired from BP in 2019 and am now affiliated with the Baker Institute for Public Policy @ Rice University.

Also, I should note that only used the US national aggregates in BP's work, and so am not familiar with the county-level reporting.

Based on that, I would be happy to comment if you think it would be helpful.

Kind regards & thanks for the invaluable public service provided by you & all of your colleagues @ EIA,

—Mark

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On Dec 13, 2021, at 6:37 PM, Grape, Steven <[Steven.Grape@eia.gov](mailto:Steven.Grape@eia.gov)> wrote:

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