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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on OMB No. 1901-0294; 88 FR 2350, FE-746R "Natural Gas Imports and Exports"
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Dear Tu Tran,

Public Citizen, Inc. submits comments on the collection of information reported on Form FE-746R.

Information reported on Form FE-746R is considered public information and may be publicly released in company identifiable form, except for certain exemptions, including:

Name of the Specific Purchaser/End User for all forms of natural gas imports and exports, including LNG, for all modes of transportation except by pipeline.

We ask that *Name of the Specific Purchaser/End User for all forms of natural gas imports and exports, including LNG, for all modes of transportation except by pipeline* be subject to public release in company identifiable form. There is public interest benefit from releasing such information, as the U.S. Department of Energy relies upon a global energy security assessment to determine whether exports are consistent with the public interest. Public identification of the name of specific purchasers of LNG exports is essential for the public and policymakers to ascertain whether exports are consistent with the public interest. Many companies already report specific purchaser information, and releasing such information in no way will harm or disrupt companies engaged in LNG exports.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

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From: [Tran, Tu](#)
To: [Tyson Slocum](#)
Subject: DOE Response to Public Citizen's Comments on Form FE-746R, Agency Information Collection Extension, 88 Fed. Reg. 2350
Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 4:32:00 PM

Dear Tyson Slocum,

Thank you for submitting comments on behalf of Public Citizen, Inc. (Public Citizen) in response to the January 13, 2023 notice issued by the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management. The notice announced changes to Form FE-746R, OMB Control Number 1901-0294. DOE published this notice in the Federal Register on January 13, 2023 at 88 Fed. Reg. 2350 and received Public Citizen's comments by email on March 11, 2023.

DOE uses Form FE-746R to collect critical information on U.S. natural gas trade from authorized importers and exporters of natural gas, including importers and exporters of liquefied natural gas (LNG). The notice proposes to change the confidentiality policy for select information reported on Form FE-746R using the exemption under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to protect certain price information reported on Form FE-746R, LNG export prices, and for all other price information reported on Form FE-746R to be considered public information.

Public Citizen requests that the Name of the Specific Purchaser/End User for all forms of natural gas imports and exports, including LNG, for all modes of transportation except by pipeline be subject to public release in company identifiable form.

DOE appreciates Public Citizen's comments. Based on comments filed in support of the protection of individual submissions of price data submitted on Form FE-746R, DOE's final proposal does not make changes to the existing data collection. DOE will use the exemptions under the FOIA to maintain the protection of transaction-level price data for all forms of natural gas imported and exported, including LNG, to the extent that it satisfies the criteria for exemption under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 USC §552, as amended, and the Department of Energy (DOE) regulations, 10 CFR §1004.11, implementing the FOIA. Price data will not be published at a transaction level for all forms of natural gas imported and exported, including LNG. DOE will also continue to protect the name of the specific purchaser/end user for all forms of natural gas imports and exports, including LNG for all modes of transportation, except by pipeline. DOE does not currently collect and is not proposing to collect purchaser/end user data for pipeline imports and exports. The final proposal balances the public interest to be served by publishing significant amounts of aggregate price data but retaining protection for transaction-level data that would cause competitive harm to natural gas importers and exporters.

A Federal Register Notice will be published in the near future when Form FE-746R is submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for their review.

If you have further questions or concern regarding Form FE-746R, please feel free to contact me.
Sincerely,

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