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Subject: RE: ID153 2024 Letter of Support EIA Natural Gas Program 2023 (OMB Number: 1905-0175)
Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 7:14:00 PM

Thank you, Jasmine. We will enter BEA's comments into the record.

In response to the suggestion about including adjustments on Form EIA-857, I'll share that we actually do collect and publish adjustments and revisions every month, just not as a standalone series. During the monthly data quality review process, we solicit explanations and/or revisions to submitted data. As revisions come in, we review and publish them with each [Natural Gas Monthly](#) publication. Revisions are denoted with the superscript R in the PDF publication. Take a look at Table 14, for example, and you'll see R's on the vast majority of values, due to benchmarking with our annual survey, Form EIA-176, which was released the end of September:

https://www.eia.gov/naturalgas/monthly/pdf/table_14.pdf If you were to just look at our data via the website Navigator, you would have no way of knowing when and if values are revised:

https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/ng_cons_sum_dcu_nus_m.htm

Regarding comments on Form EIA-895, it sounds like you are aware of this, but that "form" is not part of this package. However, I will share your letter with them to let them know its importance to the BEA. I put the word "form" in quotes because it is not actually a survey form, but rather a family of data series that EIA employees scrape from state data agency websites.

Thank you for your comments and you are invited to comment again when the 30-Day FRN is released.

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Good morning Mr. Kopalek,

On behalf of Dr. Dennis Fixler (BEA's Chief Economist), I am forwarding you a signed letter of support for the ID153 2024 Letter EIA Natural Gas Program 2023 (OMB Number: 1905-0175).

Please consider this BEA's formal response to the Federal Register notice of September 14, 2023.

If there are any questions, please let me know.

Best Regards,

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October 17, 2023

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RE: *Federal Register notice* of September 14, 2023, for the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) Natural Gas Data Collection Program, Forms 176, 191, 757, 857, 910, and 912 (OMB Number: 1905-0175)

Dear Mr. Kopalek:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the Energy Information Administration for the forms referenced in the Federal Register notice.

BEA uses the information collected on these forms to prepare the benchmark and annual input-output (I-O) accounts. The information from these forms also provides data for the estimates of gross domestic product (GDP), GDP by industry, GDP by state, and national personal income accounts. The accompanying table lists the items from the various surveys used by BEA.

The Federal Register notice (FRN) indicates the possibility of beginning to collect information on form EIA-857 that captures any adjustments to prior periods in the current monthly report. This information will be valuable in improving the accuracy of actual consumption for every period. BEA would use the added information from this survey to improve the process of calculating quarterly GDP by industry as well as benchmark and annual I-O.

In addition to the surveys mentioned in the FRN, BEA relies heavily on data once collected on form EIA-895, "Annual Quantity and Value of Natural Gas Production Report." BEA uses this information to prepare estimates of gross national output and product by state. Specifically, the data are used in the benchmark and annual I-O, as well as the GDP by state and GDP by industry.

Please keep BEA informed about any modifications to these forms. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the forms' 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. Should you need assistance in justifying these forms to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Fixler
Chief Economist

Attachment

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Use of Natural Gas Program Package by BEA

EIA-176: Part VI -- Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply for the Report State

| Item | Use | BEA Program |
|--|---|---|
| Residential sales (10.1, 11.1) Commercial sales (10.2, 11.2) Industrial sales (10.3, 11.3) Electric utility sales (10.4, 11.4) Natural gas used as vehicle fuel (10.5, 11.5) | Used to prepare estimates of gross output, final consumption, intermediate consumption, and price deflators | Benchmark input-output (I-O) GDP by state Annual I-O GDP by industry |

EIA-191: Monthly Underground Gas Storage Reports

| Item | Use | BEA Program |
|----------------------------|---|-------------|
| Injections and withdrawals | Used to prepare change in private inventory estimates | GDP |

EIA-857: Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers

| Item | Use | BEA Program |
|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Natural gas purchases and deliveries to consumers | Used to prepare personal consumption expenditure estimates | GDP |
| Residential sales Commercial sales Industrial sales | Used to prepare estimates of gross output, final consumption, intermediate consumption, and price deflators | Annual I-O GDP by industry |

EIA-910M: Monthly Natural Gas Marketer Survey

| Item | Use | BEA Program |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Natural gas sales | Used to prepare industry deflators | GDP |