

projects on (or changes to existing projects located within) lands owned by the United States to provide a description of the applicable U.S. land. Additionally, the FPA requires the notification of the Commission and Secretary of the Interior of the hydropower proposal. FERC-587 consolidates the information required and identifies hydropower project

boundary maps associated with the applicable U.S. land.

The information consolidated by the Form No. 587 verifies the accuracy of the information provided for the FERC-587 to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Department of the Interior (DOI). Moreover, this information ensures that U.S. lands can be reserved as hydropower sites and withdrawn from other uses.

Type of Respondents: Applicants proposing hydropower projects on (or changes to existing projects located within) lands owned by the United States.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*³ The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

FERC-587 (IC12-7-000): LAND DESCRIPTION (PUBLIC LAND STATES/NON-PUBLIC LAND STATES [RECTANGULAR OR NON-RECTANGULAR SURVEY SYSTEM LANDS IN PUBLIC LAND STATES])

| | Number of respondents (A) | Number of responses per respondent (B) | Total number of responses (A) × (B) = (C) | Average burden hours per response (D) | Estimated total annual burden (C) × (D) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Hydropower Project Applicants | 250 | 1 | 250 | 1 | 250 |

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$17,252 [250 hours ÷ 2,080⁴ hours/year = 0.12019 * \$143,540/year⁵ = \$17,252].

The estimated annual cost of filing the FERC-587 per response is \$69 [\$17,252 ÷ 250 responses = \$69/response].

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC12-6-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-585, Reporting of Electric Energy shortages and Contingency Plans under PURPA.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due April 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC12-6-000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web Site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.
- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:*

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission->

guide.asp. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-585, Reporting of Electric Energy shortages and Contingency Plans under PURPA.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0138.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-585 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-585, "Reporting of Electric Energy Shortages and Contingency Plans under PURPA", is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of section 206 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1979 (PURPA) Public Law 95-617, 92 Stat. 3117. Section 206 of PURPA amended the Federal Power Act (FPA) by adding a new subsection (g) to section 202, under which the Commission by rule, was to require each public utility to (1) report to the Commission and appropriate state regulatory authorities

³ Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further

explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

⁴ 2,080 hours = 40 hours/week * 52 weeks (1 year).

⁵ Average annual salary per employee in 2012.

of any anticipated shortages of electric energy or capacity which would affect the utility's capability to serve its wholesale customers; and (2) report to the Commission and any appropriate state regulatory authority contingency plan that would outline what circumstances might give rise to such occurrences.

In Order No. 575,¹ the Commission modified the reporting requirements in 18 CFR 294.101(b) to provide that, if a public utility includes in its rates schedule, provisions that: (a) During electric energy and capacity shortages it will treat firm power wholesale customers without undue discrimination or preference; and (b) it will report any modifications to its contingency plan for accommodating shortages within 15 days to the appropriate state regulatory agency and

to the affected wholesale customers, then the utility need not file with the Commission an additional statement of contingency plan for accommodating such shortages. This revision merely changed the reporting mechanism; the public utility's contingency plan would be located in its filed rate rather than in a separate document.

In Order No. 659,² the Commission modified the reporting requirements in 18 CFR 294.101(e) to provide that the means by which public utilities must comply with the requirements to report shortages and anticipated shortages is to submit this information electronically using the Office of Electric Reliability's pager system at *emergency@ferc.gov* in lieu of submitting an original and two copies with the Secretary of the Commission.

The Commission uses the information to evaluate and formulate an appropriate option for action in the event an unanticipated shortage is reported and/or materializes. Without this information, the Commission and State agencies would be unable to: (1) Examine and approve or modify utility actions, (2) prepare a response to anticipated disruptions in electric energy, and (3) ensure equitable treatment of all public utility customers under the shortage situations. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR part 294.

Type of Respondents: Public utilities.

*Estimate of Annual Burden*³: The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

FERC-585 (IC12-6-000): REPORTING OF ELECTRIC ENERGY SHORTAGES AND CONTINGENCY PLANS UNDER PURPA

| | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Total number of responses | Average burden hours per response | Estimated total annual burden |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | (A) | (B) | (A) × (B) = (C) | (D) | (C) × (D) |
| Contingency Plan | 1 | 1 | 1 | 73 | 73 |
| Capacity Shortage | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| Total | N/A ⁴ | N/A ⁴ | 2 | N/A ⁴ | 73.25 |

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$5,054 [73.25 hours ÷ 2,080⁵ hours/year = 0.03521 * \$143,540/year⁶ = \$5,054].

The estimated annual cost of filing the FERC-585 per response is \$2,527.02 [\$5,054 ÷ 2 responses = \$2,527/response].

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC12-8-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is soliciting public comment on the currently

approved information collection, FERC-567, Gas Pipeline Certificates: Annual Reports of System Flow Diagrams and System Capacity.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due April 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC12-8-000) by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

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¹ 60 FR 4859 (25 Jan 1995).

² 70 FR 35028 (16 Jun 2005).

³ Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to

generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3(b)(1).

⁴ Not applicable.

⁵ 2080 hours = 40 hours/week * 52 weeks (1 year).

⁶ Average annual salary per employee in 2012.