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For the Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC12-16-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-715); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission.

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, Annual Transmission
Planning and Evaluation Report.

DATES: Comments on the collection of
information are due November 5, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments
(identified by Docket No. IC12-16-000)
by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web Site:*
[http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/
efiling.asp](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
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[www.ferc.gov/help/submission-
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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
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comments and issuances in this docket
may do so at [http://www.ferc.gov/docs-
filing/docs-filing.asp](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-715: Annual
Transmission Planning and Evaluation
Report.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0171.

Type of Request: Three-year extension
of the FERC-715 information collection
requirements with no changes to the
current reporting requirements.

Abstract: Acting under FPA Section
213,¹ FERC requires each transmitting
utility that operates integrated
transmission system facilities rated
above 100 kilovolts (kV) to submit
annually:

- Contact information for the FERC-
715;
- Base case power flow data (if it does
not participate in the development and
use of regional power flow data);
- Transmission system maps and
diagrams used by the respondent for
transmission planning;
- A detailed description of the
transmission planning reliability criteria
used to evaluate system performance for
time frames and planning horizons used
in regional and corporate planning;
- A detailed description of the
respondent's transmission planning
assessment practices (including, but not

limited to, how reliability criteria are
applied and the steps taken in
performing transmission planning
studies); and

- A detailed evaluation of the
respondent's anticipated system
performance as measured against its
stated reliability criteria using its stated
assessment practices.

The FERC-715 enables the
Commission to use the information as
part of their regulatory oversight
functions which includes:

- The review of rates and charges;
- The disposition of jurisdictional
facilities;
- The consolidation and mergers;
- The adequacy of supply and;
- Reliability of nation's transmission
grid.

The FERC-715 enables the
Commission to facilitate and resolve
transmission disputes. Additionally, the
Office of Electric Reliability (OER) uses
the FERC-715 data to help protect and
improve the reliability and security of
the nation's bulk power system. OER
oversees the development and review of
mandatory reliability and security
standards and ensures compliance with
the approved standards by the users,
owners, and operators of the bulk power
system. OER also monitors and
addresses issues concerning the nation's
bulk power system including
assessments of resource adequacy and
reliability.

Without the FERC-715 data, the
Commission would be unable to
evaluate planned projects or requests
related to transmission.

Type of Respondents: Integrated
transmission system facilities rated at or
above 100 kilovolts (kV).

Estimate of Annual Burden²: The
Commission estimates the total Public
Reporting Burden for this information
collection as:

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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)
110	1	110	160	17,600

The total estimated annual cost
burden to respondents is \$1,214,569.23
[17,600 hours ÷ 2080 hours per year =
8.46153 * \$143,540/year =
\$1,214,569.23]

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;

¹ 16 U.S.C. 824l.

² The Commission defines burden 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.

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. IC12-17-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-714); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 USC 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, Annual Electric Balancing Authority Area and Planning Area Report.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due November 5, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. [IC12-17-000]) 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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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: 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-714: Annual Electric Balancing Authority Area and Planning Area Report.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0140.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-714 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The Federal Power Act authorizes the Commission to collect information from electric utility balancing authorities and planning areas in the United States. 18 CFR 141.51 mandates the data collection.

The Commission uses the collected data to analyze power system operations along with its regulatory functions. These analyses estimate the effect of changes in power system operations resulting from the installation of a new generating unit or plant, transmission facilities, energy transfers between systems, and/or new points of interconnections. Also, these analyses serve to correlate rates and charges, assess reliability and other operating attributes in regulatory proceedings, monitor market trends and behaviors, and determine the competitive impacts of proposed mergers, acquisitions, and dispositions.

Type of Respondents: Electric utilities operating balancing authority areas and planning areas with annual peak demand over 200 MW.

Estimate of Annual Burden¹: The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

FERC-714 (IC12-17-000)—ANNUAL ELECTRIC BALANCING AUTHORITY AREA AND PLANNING AREA REPORT

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)
219	1	219	87	19,053

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$1,314,839.32 [19,053 hours ÷ 2080 hours/year² = 9.16009 * \$143,540/year³ = \$1,314,839.32]

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.

Dated: August 28, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14447-000]

L.S. Starrett Company; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Exemption from Licensing.

² 2080 hours = 52 weeks * 40 hours per week (i.e. 1 year of full-time employment).

³ Average salary plus benefits per full-time equivalent employee.