

at the headquarters of the IEA, 9, rue de la Fédération 75015 Paris, France, and in the UIC Building, 16 rue Jean Rey, 75015 Paris, France. The purpose of this notice is to permit participation in ERE6 by U.S. company members of the IAB.

DATES: November 26–28, 2012.

ADDRESSES: 9, rue de la Fédération, Paris, France and 16, rue Jean Rey, Paris.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diana D. Clark, Assistant General for International and National Security Programs, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, 202–586–3417.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 252(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6272(c)(1)(A)(i)) (EPCA), the following notice of meeting is provided:

The ERE6 sessions will be held from 2:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m. on November 26, from 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. on November 27, and from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. on November 28. The purpose of ERE6 is to train IEA Government delegates in the use of IEA emergency response procedures by reacting to a hypothetical oil supply disruption scenario.

The agenda for ERE6 is under the control of the IEA. ERE6 will involve break-out groups, the constitution of which is under the control of the IEA. The IEA anticipates that individual break-out groups will not include multiple IAB or IEA Reporting Company representatives that would qualify them as separate “meetings” within the meaning of the Voluntary Agreement and Plan of Action to Implement the International Energy Program. It is expected that the IEA will adopt the following agenda:

I. Training Session for New SEQ Participants and Selected IEA non-Member Countries
IEA Headquarters, 9, rue de la Fédération, 75015 Paris

November 26, 2012, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

1. Welcome to the IEA
2. IEA Emergency Response Policies, Market Assessment, Industry Perspective
3. IEA Oil Data Systems and Emergency Data Collection
4. Media Perspective
5. Introduction of ERE6 Disruption Simulation Exercise
- II. Disruption Simulation Exercise
Union Internationale des Chemins de Fer, 16 rue Jean Rey, 75015 Paris

November 27–28, 2012, beginning each day at 9:00 a.m.

Day 1

1. Welcome and Introduction (plenary)
2. Simulation (breakout groups)
3. Discussion (plenary)
4. Simulation (breakout groups)

5. Discussion (plenary)

Day 2

6. Introduction (plenary)
7. Simulation (breakout groups)
8. Discussion (plenary)
9. Simulation (breakout groups)
10. Conclusion and Wrap-up (plenary)

As provided in section 252(c)(1)(A)(ii) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6272(c)(1)(A)(ii)), the meeting of the IAB is open to representatives of members of the IAB and their counsel; representatives of members of the IEA’s Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ) and the IEA’s Standing Group on the Oil Markets (SOM); representatives of the Departments of Energy, Justice, and State, the Federal Trade Commission, the General Accounting Office, Committees of Congress, the IEA, and the European Commission; and invitees of the IAB, the SEQ, the SOM, or the IEA.

Issued in Washington, DC, November 14, 2012.

Diana D. Clark,

Assistant General Counsel for International and National Security Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC12–17–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–714); Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collection FERC–714 (Annual Electric Balancing Authority Area and Planning Area Report) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 53878, 9/4/2012) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC–714 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by December 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902–0140, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oir_submission@omb.gov. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202–395–4718.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, identified by the 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.

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, by telephone at (202) 502–8663, and by 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 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 Burden:*¹ The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

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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)
219	1	219	87	19,053

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$2,995,016 [19,053 hours ÷ 2,080² hours/year = 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: November 14, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC12-16-000]

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

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or

FERC) is submitting the information collection FERC-715 (Annual Transmission Planning and Evaluation Report) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 53877, 9/4/2012) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-715 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by December 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0171, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oira_submission@omb.gov. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202-395-4718.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, identified by the 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>.

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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 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

¹ 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.

² 2080 hours/year = 40 hours/week * 52 weeks/year.

³ Average annual salary per employee in 2012.

¹ 16 U.S.C. 8241.