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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC12-19-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-732); 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-732 (Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs: Long-Term Firm Transmission Rights in Organized Electricity Markets) 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 58116, 9/19/2012) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-732 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by January 10, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0245, 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. IC12-19-000, 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-732, Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs: Long-Term Firm Transmission Rights in Organized Electricity Markets.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0245.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-732 information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

Abstract: 18 CFR Part 42 provides the reporting requirements of FERC-732 as they pertain to long-term transmission rights. To implement section 1233 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005),¹ the Commission requires each transmission organization that is a public utility with one or more organized electricity markets to make available long-term firm transmission

rights that satisfy each of the Commission's guidelines.

The FERC-732 regulations require that transmission organizations (that are public utilities with one or more organized electricity markets) choose one of two ways to file:

- File tariff sheets making long-term firm transmission rights available that are consistent with each of the guidelines established by FERC.
- File an explanation describing how their existing tariffs already provide long-term firm transmission rights that are consistent with the guidelines.

Additionally, the Commission requires each transmission organization to make its transmission planning and expansion procedures and plans available to the public.

FERC-732 enables the Commission to exercise its wholesale electric rate and electric power transmission oversight and enforcement responsibilities in accordance with the FPA, the Department of Energy Organization Act (DOE Act), and EPA 2005.

The Commission intends to include the FERC-732 and all of its applicable requirements within FERC-516 (OMB Control No. 1902-0096). The Commission will ensure complete renewal (to include publishing all public notifications and receiving Office of Management and Budget approval) of FERC-732 information collection. After the collection is renewed, the Commission will seek to incorporate administratively FERC-732 information collection requirements into FERC-516. Finally, the Commission will discontinue the vacant FERC-732 information collection.

Type of Respondents: Public utility with one or more organized electricity markets.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*² The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

² 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.

¹ Public Law 109-58.

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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)
Public utility with 1 or more organized electricity markets ..	1	1	1	1,180	1,180

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$81,431.68 [1,180 hours ÷ 2080 hours per year = 0.56731 * \$143,540/years = \$81,431.68].

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 28, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC12-18-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-500 and FERC-505); Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 USC 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collections Application for License/Relicense for Water Projects with Greater than 5 Megawatt Capacity (FERC-500), and Application for License/Relicense for Water Projects with 5 Megawatt or Less Capacity (FERC-505) 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 56636, 09/13/2012) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-500 and FERC-505 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due by January 10, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control Nos. 1902-0058 (FERC-500) and/or 1902-0114 (FERC-505), 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. IC12-18-000, by one of the following methods:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles: FERC-500: Application for License/Relicense for Water Projects with Greater than 5 Megawatt Capacity; FERC-505: Application for License/Relicense for Water Projects with 5 Megawatt or Less Capacity.

OMB Control Nos.: FERC-500 (1902-0058); FERC-505 (1902-0114).

Type of Request: 16 U.S.C. 797(e) authorizes the Commission to issue licenses to citizens of the United States for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining dams, across, along, from, or within waterways over which Congress has jurisdiction. The Electric Consumers Protection Act amended the Federal Power Act to provide the Commission with the responsibility of issuing licenses for non-federal hydroelectric plants. 16 U.S.C. 797(e) also requires the Commission to give equal consideration to preserving energy conservation, the protection, mitigation of damage to, and enhancement of, fish and wildlife, the protection of recreational opportunities, and the preservation of other aspects of environmental quality when approving licenses. Finally, 16 U.S.C. 799 stipulates conditions upon which the Commission issues hydroelectric licenses.

The Commission requires all hydroelectric license applications to address a variety of environmental concerns. Many of these concerns address environmental requirements developed by other agencies. The applicants must provide facts in order for the Commission to understand and resolve potential environmental problems associated with the application in the interests of the United States public.

Types of Respondents: Non-federal hydroelectric plants greater than 5 megawatt capacity (FERC-500); non-federal hydroelectric plants less than 5 megawatts capacity (FERC-505).

*Estimate of Annual Burden*¹: The Commission estimates the total Public

¹ 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