

(4) *Purpose:* The DOE-887, "DOE Customer Surveys," data collection involves contacting users of The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) products or other services, and individuals or businesses in partnership agreements with DOE. These customers are contacted to determine their needs and also the methods by which DOE can improve its products and services to better meet these needs. DOE customer surveys are conducted by EIA primarily using Web-based questionnaires to collect the customer feedback data.

Customer information is needed to make DOE products and services more effective, efficient, and less costly. Data from some customer surveys may also help develop benchmarks to evaluate DOE customer service performance.

Both quantitative and qualitative studies are developed by EIA. Quantitative studies classify and count questionnaire response items and examine the statistical significance of response types in attempting to explain what is observed. EIA conducts quantitative studies in asking questions concerning satisfaction with timeliness, courtesy, accuracy and other particular aspects of the agency's operations. Qualitative studies seek to find patterns in the words and actions of study participants and involve these participants providing detailed descriptions, in their own words. Examples of qualitative studies conducted by EIA include a focus group of customers assembled to discuss a specific set of questions, and a cognitive laboratory experiment that asks volunteer subjects to describe their opinions regarding a product or service;

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50,000;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 50,000;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 12,500 hours (50,000 respondents times 1 response per year, times .25 hours per response);

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* There are not any anticipated reporting or recordkeeping costs for these surveys;

**Statutory Authority:** Executive Order 12862 § 1, 58 FR 48257 (Sept. 11, 1993).

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 14, 2012.

**Stephanie Brown,**

*Director, Office of Survey Development and Statistical Integration, Energy Information Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC12-20-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-912); 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, FERC-912, Cogeneration and Small Power Production, PURPA Section 210(m) Regulations for Termination or Reinstatement of Obligation to Purchase or Sell.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due November 19, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC12-20-000) 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](mailto: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](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* FERC-912, Cogeneration and Small Power Production, PURPA Section 210(m) Regulations for Termination or Reinstatement of Obligation to Purchase or Sell  
*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0237

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-912 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* On 8/8/2005, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct 2005)<sup>1</sup> was signed into law. Section 1253(a) of EPAAct 2005 amends Section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) by adding subsection "(m)" that provides for the termination and reinstatement of an electric utility's obligation to purchase and sell energy and capacity. 18 CFR 292.309-292.313 are the implementing regulations that provide procedures for:

- An electric utility to file an application for the termination of its obligation to purchase energy from a Qualifying Facility (QF)<sup>2</sup>;
- An affected entity or person to apply to the Commission for an order reinstating the electric utility's obligation to purchase energy from a QF<sup>3</sup>;
- An electric utility to file an application for the termination of its obligation to sell energy and capacity to QFs<sup>4</sup>; and
- An affected entity or person to apply to the Commission for an order reinstating the electric utility's obligation to sell energy and capacity to QFs<sup>5</sup>.

*Type of Respondents:* FERC-jurisdictional electric utilities.

*Estimate of Annual Burden*<sup>6</sup>: The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

<sup>1</sup> Public Law 109-58, 119 Stat. 594 (2005)

<sup>2</sup> Contained within 18 CFR 292.310.

<sup>3</sup> Contained within 18 CFR 292.311.

<sup>4</sup> Contained within 18 CFR 292.312.

<sup>5</sup> Contained within 18 CFR 292.313.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

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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)
Termination of obligation to purchase <sup>2</sup> .....	5	1	5	12	60
Reinstatement of obligation to purchase <sup>3</sup> .....	1	1	1	13	13
Termination of obligation to sell <sup>4</sup> .....	1	1	1	12	12
Reinstatement of obligation to sell <sup>5</sup> .....	1	1	1	13	13
<b>Total</b> .....					<b>98</b>

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$6762.94 [98 hours ÷ 2080<sup>7</sup> hours per year = 0.047 \* 143,540/years<sup>8</sup> = \$6762.94]

*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: September 14, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 460-066]

**Tacoma Power; Errata Notice**

On September 11, 2012, the Commission issued a *Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests* for the Cushman Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 460-066). The notice of application is now revised to read as follows:

(1.) The heading is changed to read: Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests.

<sup>7</sup> 2080 hours/year = 40 hours/week \* 52 weeks/year.

<sup>8</sup> Average annual salary per employee in 2012.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. CP12-519-000; CP12-520-000]

**Dominion South Pipeline Company, L.P.; Gulf Shore Energy Partners, LP; Notice of Applications**

Take notice that on September 11, 2012, Dominion South Pipeline Company, L.P. (Dominion South), 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23113, filed an application in Docket No. CP12-519-000 pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting authorization to abandon by sale to Gulf Shore Energy Partners, LP (Gulf Shore) certain facilities in Matagorday County, Texas. Also on September 11, 2012, Gulf Shore, 333 Clay Street, Suite 4500, Houston, Texas 77002, file an application in Docket No. CP12-520-000 pursuant to section 7(c) of the NGA and Parts 157 and 284 of the Commission's regulations to acquire the subject facilities from Dominion South and to install certain compression facilities. Gulf Shore additionally requests a Part 157 blanket certificate and a Part 284 blanket certificate, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call

toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning Dominion South's application may be directed to David P. Kohler, Manager, Business Development, Dominion South Pipeline Company, L.P., 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23113, by telephone at (804) 771-4470 or by email at [David.P.Kohler@Dom.com](mailto:David.P.Kohler@Dom.com). Any questions concerning Gulf Shore's application may be directed to Mark W. Fuqua, President, Gulf Shore Energy Partners, LP, 333 Clay Street, Houston, Texas 77002, by telephone at (713) 308-8117 or by email at [MFuqua@GulfShoreEnergy.com](mailto:MFuqua@GulfShoreEnergy.com).

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 7 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be