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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-607: Report on Decision or

Action on Request for Federal Authorization.

*OMB Control No.:*1902-0240.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-607 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The FERC-607 information collection requires agencies (Federal agency or officer, or State agency or officer acting pursuant to delegated Federal authority, responsible for a Federal authorization) to submit to the Commission a copy of a decision or action on a request for Federal authorization and an accompanying index to the documents and materials relied on in reaching a conclusion. The Commission authorizes the construction and operation of proposed natural gas projects under Natural Gas Act Sections 3 and 7; however, the Commission does not have jurisdiction over every aspect of each natural gas project. Hence, for a

natural gas project to go forward, in addition to Commission approval, several different agencies must typically reach favorable findings regarding other aspects of the project. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005) modified FERC's role in order to better coordinate the activities of the separate agencies with varying responsibilities over proposed natural gas projects. Section 313 of EPAct 2005¹ directs FERC to compile a record of each agency's decision along with the record of the Commission's decision. The Commission compiles this record in order to serve as a consolidated record for the purpose of appeal or review (including judicial review).

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

FERC-607 (IC13-7-000): REPORT ON DECISION OR ACTION ON REQUEST FOR FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION

	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden
	(A)	(B)	(A)x(B)=(C)	(D)	(C)x(D)
Natural Gas Pipelines	1	1	1	6	6

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$414.06 [6 hours ÷ 2080 hours/year³ * \$143,540/year⁴ = \$414.06]

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: December 19, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC13-6-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-606); 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-606: Notification of Request for Federal Authorization and Requests for Further Information.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due February 25, 2013.

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.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC13-6-000) 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.

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¹ Amended 15 USC 717n (Section 15)

² The Commission defines burden as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or

³ 2080 hours = 52 weeks * 40 hours per week (i.e. 1 year of full-time employment)

⁴ Average salary plus benefits per full-time equivalent employee

at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: FERC-606: Notification of Request for Federal Authorization and Requests for Further Information.

*OMB Control No.:*1902-0241.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-606 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The FERC-606 information collection requires agencies (Federal agency or officer, or State agency or officer acting pursuant to delegated Federal authority, responsible for a Federal authorization) responsible for

issuing, conditioning, or denying requests for Federal authorizations for a proposed natural gas project to report regarding the status of an authorization request. This reporting requirement is intended to allow agencies to assist the Commission to make better informed decisions in establishing due dates for agencies' decisions. The Commission authorizes the construction and operation of proposed natural gas projects under NGA sections 3 and 7. However, the Commission does not have jurisdiction over every aspect of each natural gas project. For a natural gas project to progress the Commission must approve and several different

agencies must typically reach favorable findings regarding other aspects of the project. To coordinate better the activities of the separate agencies with varying responsibilities over proposed natural gas projects, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct 2005) modified FERC's role. Section 313 of EPAAct 2005¹ directs FERC: (1) to establish a schedule for agencies to review requests for federal authorizations required for a project.

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

FERC-606 (IC13-6-000): NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION AND REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total Number of responses	Average Burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden
Natural Gas Pipelines	(A) 1	(B) 1	(A)x(B)=(C) 1	(D) 4	(C)x(D) 4

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$276.03 [4 hours ÷ 2080 hours/year³ * \$143,540/year⁴ = \$276.04]

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14463-000]

City of Avenal, California; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, Protests, Recommendations, and Terms and Conditions

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Conduit Exemption.
- b. *Project No.:* 14463-000.
- c. *Date filed:* October 22, 2012.
- d. *Applicant:* City of Avenal.
- e. *Name of Project:* Tank 4 In-Conduit Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* The proposed Tank 4 In-Conduit Hydroelectric Project would be located along the conduit that delivers drinking water to the City of Avenal in Kings County, California. The land on which all the project structures are located is owned by the applicant.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Rick Cunningham, Utilities Supervisor, City of Avenal, 919 Skyline Boulevard,

Avenal, CA 93204,
rcunningham@cityofavenal.com, (559) 386-5766.

i. *FERC Contact:* Linda Jemison, (202) 502-6363, *linda.jemison@ferc.gov*.

j. *Status of Environmental Analysis:* This application is ready for environmental analysis at this time, and the Commission is requesting comments, reply comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions.

k. *Deadline for filing responsive documents:* Due to the small size of the proposed project, as well as the resource agency consultation letters filed with the application, the 60-day timeframe specified in 18 CFR 4.34(b) for filing all comments, motions to intervene, protests, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions is shortened to 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. All reply comments filed in response to comments submitted by any resource agency, Indian tribe, or person, must be filed with the Commission within 45 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

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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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