

associated structures, and other environmental information) has been utilized as the basis for the evaluation contained in the Draft ULP PEIS.

For the Draft ULP PEIS, DOE is complying with Executive Order (E.O.) 13175 and with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act by engaging in consultation on a government-to-government basis with Native American tribes and with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, respectively.

### Alternatives

Five alternatives are analyzed in the Draft ULP PEIS as follows: (1) *Alternative 1*: DOE would terminate all leases, and all operations would be reclaimed by lessees. DOE would continue to manage the withdrawn lands, without leasing, in accordance with applicable requirements; (2) *Alternative 2*: Same as Alternative 1, except once reclamation was completed by lessees, DOE would relinquish the lands in accordance with 43 CFR part 2370. If DOI/BLM determines, in accordance with that same part of the CFR, the lands were suitable to be managed as public domain lands, they would be managed by BLM under its multiple use policies. DOE's uranium leasing program would end; (3) *Alternative 3*: DOE would continue the ULP as it existed before July 2007 with the 13 then-active leases, for the next 10-year period or for another reasonable period, and DOE would terminate the remaining leases; (4) *Alternative 4*: DOE would continue the ULP with the 31 lease tracts for the next 10-year period or for another reasonable period; and (5) *Alternative 5*: This is the No Action Alternative, under which DOE would continue the ULP with the 31 lease tracts for the remainder of the 10-year period, as the leases were when they were issued in 2008.

DOE's preferred alternative is Alternative 4. That is, DOE would continue the ULP with the 31 lease tracts for the next 10-year period or for another reasonable period.

### Public Hearings and Invitation to Comment

DOE will hold four public hearings on the Draft ULP PEIS at the following locations, dates, and locations:

- Grand Junction, Colorado, April 22, 2013 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Colorado Mesa University, University Center Ballroom, 1455 N. 12th St., Grand Junction, Co.
- Montrose, Colorado, April 23, 2013 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Johnson Elementary School, 13820 67.00 Road, Montrose, CO.

- Telluride, Colorado, April 24, 2013 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Telluride Middle/High School, 725 W Colorado Avenue, Telluride, Co.

- Naturita, Colorado, April 25, 2013 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Naturita School, 141 W Main St., Naturita, Co.

The public hearings will begin with an open-house format with subject matter experts from DOE available to answer questions on the ULP and Draft ULP PEIS. The public hearing portion of the meeting will run from 7 p.m. through 9 p.m. Individuals who would like to present comments orally at these hearings should register upon arrival at the hearing or register via the internet at <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/> before the public hearing dates. Members of the general public are invited to attend the hearings at their convenience any time during hearing hours and submit their comments in writing, or in person to a court reporter. Written comments on the Draft ULP PEIS may also be submitted to the address shown above under **ADDRESSES** or on the Internet at <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

The Draft ULP PEIS is also available for review on the ULP PEIS Web site at <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/> or the DOE NEPA Web site at <http://www.energy.gov/nepa> and at the following reading rooms:

- Nucla Public Library, 544 Z Rd., Nucla, CO 81424-0129, (970) 864-2166.
- Montrose Regional Library, 320 S. 2nd St., Montrose, CO 81401, (970) 249-9656.
- Naturita Public Library, 411 West Second Ave., Naturita, CO 81422, (970) 865-2848.
- Blanding Branch Library, 25 West 300 South, Blanding, UT 84511, (435) 978-2335.
- Mesa County Public Library, 655 N. 1st St., Grand Junction, CO 81501, (970) 683-2449.
- Norwood Public Library, 1110 Lucerne St., Norwood, CO 81423, (970) 327-4833.
- Dolores County Public Library, 525 N Main St., Dove Creek, CO 81324, (970) 677-2356.
- Wilkinson Public Library, 100 W Pacific Ave., Telluride, CO 81435, (970) 728-4519.
- Grand County Public Library, 257 East Center St., Moab, UT 84532, (435) 259-1111.
- San Juan County Library, 80 North Main St., Monticello, UT 84535-0066, (435) 587-2281.

Following the end of the public comment period on the Draft ULP PEIS described above, DOE will consider and respond to comments received during the comment period in the *Final Uranium Leasing Program Programmatic Environmental Impact*

*Statement*. Comments received after the end of the comment period will be considered to the extent practicable. DOE decision-makers will consider the environmental impact analyses presented in the Final document, including public comments and other information, in making decisions related to the Final ULP PEIS.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 5, 2013.

**David W. Geiser,**

*Director, Office of Legacy Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC13-7-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-607); 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 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collection, FERC-607 (Report on Decision or Action on Request for Federal Authorization.), 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 76015, December 26, 2012) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-607 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by April 15, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0240, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: [oir\\_submission@omb.gov](mailto: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. IC13-7-000, 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), by

telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by 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 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 (EPAAct 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 EPAAct 2005<sup>1</sup> 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).

*Type of Respondents:* Government agencies responsible for issuing authorizations for proposed natural gas projects.

*Estimate of Annual Burden*<sup>2</sup>: 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)
1	1	1	6	6

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$414 [6 hours ÷ 2080 hours/year<sup>3</sup> \* \$143,540/year<sup>4</sup> = \$414]

*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: March 11, 2013.

**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**

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**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-606 (Notification of Request for Federal Authorization and Requests for Further Information), 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 76016, 12/26/2012) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-606 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by April 15, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments filed with OMB (identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0241) should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: [oir\\_submission@omb.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.gov). Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory

<sup>1</sup> Amended 15 U.S.C. 717n (Section 15).

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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

<sup>4</sup> Average salary plus benefits per full-time equivalent employee.