

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. IC24–20–000]

**Commission Information Collection Activities FERC–917 and FERC–918; Consolidated Comment Request; Extension**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collections and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collections, FERC–917 (Electric Transmission Facilities) and FERC–918 (Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities), both under OMB Control No. 1902–0233. The Commission will submit this request for comment to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. No comments were received on the 60 day notice.

**DATES:** Comments on the collections of information are due September 16, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC24–20–000 and the specific FERC collection number (FERC–917 and/or FERC–918) by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through <http://www.ferc.gov>, is preferred.

- **Electronic Filing:** Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.

- *For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:*

- *Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:*

Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- *Hand (including courier) delivery:*

Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

**Instructions:** OMB submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Using the search function under the “Currently Under Review” field, select Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; click “submit,” and select “comment” to the right of the subject collection.

**FERC submissions** must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <https://www.ferc.gov>. 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).

**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 <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Doug Reimel may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502–6461.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** FERC–917, Electric Transmission Facilities and FERC–918, Standards for Business Practices and Communication Protocols for Public Utilities.

**OMB Control No.:** 1902–0233.

**Type of Request:** Three-year extension of the FERC–917 and FERC–918

information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

**Type of Respondents:** Public utilities transmission providers.

**Abstract:** The information collection requirements in the FERC 917 and 918 include posting requirements in compliance with Federal Power Act sections 206. Furthermore, the requirements for posting are described in the Commission’s pro forma Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) that is prescribed by 18 CFR 35.28 to ensure non-discriminatory practices in electric energy systems and markets. Additionally, the specifications to posting information and standards that must be followed are outlined in 18 CFR part 37 (Open Access Same Time Information System (OASIS)) and part 38 (Standards for Public Utility Business Operations and Communications) of the Commission’s regulations.

The FERC 917 and 918 information collections specifically contain the burden related to gathering and posting information (on OASIS) as specified in the OATT<sup>1</sup> and the burden related to complying with standards that are described by the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB).<sup>2</sup>

This notice and information collection request pertains to the extension of the existing requirements with no change to the reporting requirements.<sup>3</sup>

**Estimate of Annual Burden:**<sup>4</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection to remain consistent with the previous estimate. However, the Commission has updated the number of respondents with a more current estimate.

**FERC–917 (ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES) AND FERC–918 (STANDARDS FOR BUSINESS PRACTICES AND COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES)**

	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Annual number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average annual burden hrs. & cost <sup>5</sup> per response (\$) (4)	Total average annual burden hours & total annual cost <sup>5</sup> (\$) (3) * (4) = (5)	Average annual cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1) = (6)
<b>FERC–917 &amp; FERC–918</b>						
Non-Discriminatory Open Access Transmission Tariff (reporting).	162	1	162	566 hrs.; \$56,600 .....	91,692 hrs.; \$9,169,200 ...	\$56,600
Open Access Transmission Tariff (record keeping).	162	1	162	10 hrs.; \$1,000 .....	1,620 hrs.; \$162,000 .....	1,000

<sup>1</sup> The requirements for OASIS were established in FERC order 888 and 889. Later, in FERC Order 1000–A, the FERC Information Collection under OMB control no. 1902–0233 was created.

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR part 38

<sup>3</sup> There is a separate docket no. (RM21–17) that is revising the OATT at this time. To reduce confusion between the revision and the extension, the Commission is issuing this notice for the extension to requirements that are not being revised in the separate rulemaking effort.

<sup>4</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, refer to 5 CFR part 1320.

FERC-917 (ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES) AND FERC-918 (STANDARDS FOR BUSINESS PRACTICES AND COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES)—Continued

	Number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Annual number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average annual burden hrs. & cost <sup>5</sup> per response (\$) (4)	Total average annual burden hours & total annual cost <sup>5</sup> (\$) (3) * (4) = (5)	Average annual cost per respondent (\$) (5) ÷ (1) = (6)
Information to be posted on the OASIS and Auditing Transmission service (reporting).	162	1	162	376 hrs.; \$37,600 .....	60,912 hrs.; \$6,091,200 ...	37,600
Information to be posted on the OASIS and Auditing Transmission service (record keeping).	162	1	162	45 hrs.; \$4,500 .....	7,290 hrs.; \$729,000 .....	4,500
Total .....					161,514 hrs.; \$16,151,400 .....	

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collections 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 collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: August 9, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2020-0415; FRL-12116-01-OAR]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Implementation of the 8-Hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone (Renewal)**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR),

Implementation of the 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone (Renewal) (EPA ICR Number: 2347.05, OMB Control Number: 2060-0695) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Before doing so, the EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described later. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through January 31, 2025. This document allows 60 days for public comments.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 15, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2020-0415, to EPA online using <https://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method) or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Francis Oggeri, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, C504-05, 109 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; telephone number: (919) 541-3255; email address: [oggeri.francis@epa.gov](mailto:oggeri.francis@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through January 31, 2025. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and a person is not required to respond to

it unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

This document allows 60 days for public comments. Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at <https://www.regulations.gov> or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is (202) 566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, the EPA is soliciting comments and information to enable it to: (i) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate forms of information technology. The EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval. At that time, the EPA will issue another **Federal Register** document to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

*Abstract:* The original ozone ICR No. 2347.01 that applied to the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS was issued after the ozone NAAQS was revised in 2012. The original ICR was renewed as No.

<sup>5</sup> The Commission staff estimates that the average respondent for this collection is similarly situated to the Commission, in terms of salary plus benefits. Based on FERC's 2024 annual average of \$207,786 (for salary plus benefits), the average hourly cost is \$100/hour.