

Supporting Statement  
**FERC-550, Oil Pipeline Rates- Tariff Filings and Depreciation Studies**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) requests that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve FERC-550, Oil Pipeline Rates – Tariff Filings and Depreciation Studies, for a three-year period. FERC-550 (OMB Control No. 1902-0089) is an existing Commission data collection, with no changes to the reporting requirements.

**1. CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAKE THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION NECESSARY**

The Commission's regulatory jurisdiction<sup>1</sup> over oil pipelines includes:

- the regulation of rates and practices of oil pipeline companies engaged in interstate transportation;
- the establishment of equal service conditions to provide shippers with equal access to pipeline transportation; and
- the establishment of reasonable rates for transporting petroleum and petroleum products by pipeline.

The filing requirements for oil pipeline tariffs and rates<sup>2</sup> under the FERC-550 data collection provide the Commission with the information it needs to analyze the rates, practices, and service conditions of oil pipelines. As a result, the Commission can implement statutory directives for the federal regulation of these carriers. Major statutory and rate-making milestones in the Commission's regulation of oil pipelines rates ("*Historical Background of Oil Pipeline Ratemaking*") are included in [reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov) and ROCIS under "Supplementary Documents" and posted at <https://www.ferc.gov/federal-statutes>.

**2. HOW, BY WHOM, AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE THE INFORMATION IS TO BE USED AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT COLLECTING THE INFORMATION**

The Commission uses information provided through the FERC-550 collection to analyze proposed changes to: tariffs, rates, fares, and charges of oil pipelines and other carriers in connection with the transportation of crude oil and petroleum products.

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<sup>1</sup> In 1977, Congress transferred regulatory authority over oil pipelines to FERC. Section 402 of the Department of Energy Organization Act transferred the ICC's (Interstate Commerce Commission) oil pipeline jurisdiction to FERC. Department of Energy Organization Act, Pub. L. No. 95-91, 91 Stat. 565, 584 (1977) (codified at 42 U.S.C. § 7172(b)), effectuated, Exec. Order No. 12,009, 42 Fed. Reg. 161,377 240 7-18-85 46,267 (Sept. 13, 1977), implemented, 42 Fed. Reg. 55,534 (Oct. 17, 1977).

<sup>2</sup> 18 Code of Federal Requirements (CFR) Parts 341-348.

The Commission uses this information to determine whether the proposed tariffs and rates are just and reasonable. If the FERC-550 information were not collected, the Commission could not determine whether the proposed rates of oil pipelines are just and reasonable.

**3. DESCRIBE ANY CONSIDERATION OF THE USE OF IMPROVED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE THE BURDEN AND TECHNICAL OR LEGAL OBSTACLES TO REDUCING BURDEN**

FERC-550 applicants use the eFiling system to submit the required information to the Commission. Applicants should visit the eFiling website (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>) to find information on what file formats are acceptable.

**4. DESCRIBE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DUPLICATION AND SHOW SPECIFICALLY WHY ANY SIMILAR INFORMATION ALREADY AVAILABLE CANNOT BE USED OR MODIFIED FOR USE FOR THE PURPOSE(S) DESCRIBED IN INSTRUCTION NO. 2**

Filing requirements are periodically reviewed as OMB review dates arise or as the Commission deems necessary in carrying out its regulatory responsibilities under the Act to alleviate duplication. All Commission information collections are subject to analysis by Commission staff and are examined for redundancy.

**5. METHODS USED TO MINIMIZE THE BURDEN IN COLLECTION OF INFORMATION INVOLVING SMALL ENTITIES**

None of the oil pipeline companies required to file the FERC-550 qualify for the Small Business Administration definition of “small entity.”

**6. CONSEQUENCE TO FEDERAL PROGRAM IF COLLECTION WERE CONDUCTED LESS FREQUENTLY**

The Commission collects the FERC-550 information when oil pipelines propose to change or establish tariffs and rates. There is no set timeframe or filing cycle for submittal of the FERC-550. The information arrives when a pipeline seeks Commission review of proposed tariffs and rates. As described previously, the Commission needs the FERC-550 data for its oil ratemaking work. If the FERC-550 data were not collected as part of a rate change filing, the Commission would be unable review oil rates and tariffs, which is part of the Commissions statutory mandate.

**7. EXPLAIN ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO THE INFORMATION COLLECTION**

There are no special circumstances.

**8. DESCRIBE EFFORTS TO CONSULT OUTSIDE THE AGENCY: SUMMARIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE AGENCY'S RESPONSE**

In accordance with OMB requirements,<sup>3</sup> the Commission published a 60-day notice (91 FR 3168, January 26, 2026) and a 30-day notice (91 FR 19125, April 4, 2026) to the public regarding this information collection. FERC also published a correction to the 30-day notice in the Federal Register (91 FR 20995, April 20, 2026). Within the public notices, the Commission noted that it would be requesting a three-year extension of the public reporting burden with no change to the existing requirements concerning the collection of data. No comments were received.

**9. EXPLAIN ANY PAYMENT OR GIFTS TO RESPONDENTS**

The Commission makes no payments or gifts to respondents as part of this collection.

**10. DESCRIBE ANY ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY PROVIDED TO RESPONDENTS**

The Commission does not consider the information collected in FERC-550 filings to be confidential. However, an applicant may request non-public treatment of privileged information or Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII) that meets the specified criteria at 18 CFR 388.112 and 388.113.

**11. PROVIDE ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION FOR ANY QUESTIONS OF A SENSITIVE NATURE, SUCH AS SEXUAL BEHAVIOR AND ATTITUDES, RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE COMMONLY CONSIDERED PRIVATE**

The Commission does not consider any of the questions within the FERC-550 to be private.

**12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF COLLECTION OF INFORMATION**

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<sup>3</sup> 5 CFR 1320.8(d)

The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden<sup>4</sup> and cost<sup>5</sup> for the FERC-550 information collection as follows:

	<b>Number of Respondents (1)</b>	<b>Annual Number of Responses per Respondent (2)</b>	<b>Total Number of Responses<sup>6</sup> (1)*(2)=(3)</b>	<b>Average Burden Hrs. &amp; Cost (\$) Per Response (4)</b>	<b>Total Annual Burden Hours &amp; Total Annual Cost (\$) (3)*(4)=(5)</b>	<b>Cost per Respondent (\$) (5)÷(1)</b>
Oil Rates and Tariff Filings	261	3	783	7 hrs.; \$721	5,481 hrs.; \$564,543	\$2,163
Depreciation Studies	15	1	15	40 hrs.; \$4,120	600 hrs.; \$61,800	\$4,120
Project Area Labor Wages	7	1	7	15 hrs.; \$1,545	105 hrs.; \$10,815	\$1,545
Total	283		805		6,186 hrs.; \$637,158	

### 13. ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

There are no non-labor start-up costs. All costs are related to burden hours and are addressed in Questions #12 and #15.

### 14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

<sup>4</sup> “Burden” is 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 § 1320.3.

<sup>5</sup> FERC staff estimates that industry costs for salary plus benefits are similar to Commission costs. The cost figure is the FY2025 FERC average annual salary plus benefits (\$214,093/year or \$103/hour)

<sup>6</sup> This figure is rounded.

The estimate of the cost for ‘analysis and processing of filings’ is based on salaries and benefits for professional and clerical support.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) Administrative Cost is the average annual FERC cost associated with preparing, issuing, and submitting materials necessary to comply with the PRA for rulemakings, orders, or any other vehicle used to create, modify, extend, or discontinue an information collection. It also includes the cost of publishing the necessary notices in the Federal Register.

The estimated annualized cost to the Federal Government is as follows:

Table 2: Estimated Annual Cost to the Federal Government of FERC-550

	<b>Number of Employees (FTEs)</b>	<b>Estimated Annual Federal Cost</b>
Analysis and Processing of Filings <sup>7</sup>	8	\$1,712,744
PRA <sup>8</sup> Administrative Cost		\$7,978
<b>FERC Total</b>		<b>\$1,720,722</b>

## 15. REASONS FOR CHANGES IN BURDEN INCLUDING THE NEED FOR ANY INCREASE

The reporting requirements have not changed. The adjustments in the number of responses and burden are due to changes in the number of respondents for the various submission types.

Table 3: Change in Responses and Burden Hours from Previous Collection

<b>FERC-550</b>	<b>Total Request</b>	<b>Previously Approved</b>	<b>Change due to Adjustment in Estimate</b>	<b>Change Due to Agency Discretion</b>
Annual Number of Responses	805	803	+2	0
Annual Time Burden (Hr.)	6,186	6,403	-217	0
Annual Cost Burden (\$)	0	0	0	0

## 16. TIME SCHEDULE FOR PUBLICATION OF DATA

<sup>7</sup> The cost figure is calculated using the FY2025 FERC average annual salary plus benefits (\$214,093/year).

<sup>8</sup> Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA)

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The Commission does not publish data associated with this collection. Tariff filings are available publicly through the Commission's eTariff system.

#### **17. DISPLAY OF EXPIRATION DATE**

The OMB expiration dates are posted on ferc.gov at [Information Collections | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission \(ferc.gov\)](#)

#### **18. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

There are no exceptions.