

Supporting Statement for
FERC-730 (Report of Transmission Investment Activity, OMB Control No. 1902-0239)

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) requests that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and renew the information collection requirements in FERC-730 (Report of Transmission Investment Activity, OMB Control No. 1902-0239).¹

1. CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAKE THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION NECESSARY

This collection of information assists the Commission in implementing section 219 of the Federal Power Act (FPA)² and 18 CFR 35.35. FPA section 219 pertains to incentive-based rates for electric transmission for the purposes of ensuring reliability and reducing transmission congestion (thereby reducing the cost of delivered power).

To ensure that existing and proposed incentives are successfully meeting the objectives of FPA section 219, by ensuring reliability and economic efficiency benefits to ratepayers, the Commission needs industry data, projections, and related information that detail the level of investment and the costs and benefits of transmission projects.

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

FERC-730 is necessary for the Commission to evaluate its incentive rates policies and to demonstrate the effectiveness of these policies. Without it, the Commission would have difficulty tracking the progress of electric transmission projects granted incentive-based rates, and would have difficulty assessing the state of the industry with respect to transmission investment and tracking whether incentive rates are effective in encouraging the development of appropriate transmission infrastructure.

FERC-730 tracks data such as incremental investment costs for each of the succeeding five (5) calendar years as defined within 18 CFR Part 101 Accounts 350-359. These capital investments could incorporate explicit costs as applicable to land/land rights in connection to transmission operations, any structure/improvements used in connection

¹ We are now seeking renewal of the “active” information collection in FERC-730.

² 16 U.S.C. 824s.

with transmission operations, or other investments made to change or improve transmission operations. Information regarding expected project status and completion date is also included within FERC-730 data. The data must be filed by April 18 of the year following issuance of the applicable incentive-based rate. Subsequent filings are due each April 18 thereafter.

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

FERC-730 is filed electronically.

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.

The Commission periodically reviews filing requirements concurrent with OMB review or as the Commission deems necessary to eliminate duplicative filings and to minimize the filing burden. This collection of information pertains to the Commission's unique jurisdiction under the FPA. Therefore, the Commission is the only entity requiring this information. The Commission is unaware of any other source of this information.

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

The six Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators (SPP, MISO, PJM, ISO New England, NYISO, and CAISO) each employ more than 500 employees and are not considered small under the standards of the Small Business Administration at 13 CFR 131.201. We estimate that 64 transmission owners and six planning authorities are also affected by FERC-730. As stated above, FERC-730 is filed electronically. Electronic filing minimizes the burden on small entities.

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

To ensure that existing and proposed incentives are successfully meeting the objectives of FPA section 219, the Commission needs industry data, projections, and related information that detail the level of investment and the costs and benefits of transmission

projects. Without collecting this information, the Commission would be unable to evaluate the effectiveness of its incentive program.

7. EXPLAIN ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO THE INFORMATION COLLECTION

The FERC-730 information collection has no special circumstances.

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

The Commission published a 60-day notice in the Federal Register (91 FR 7473) on February 18, 2026, No comments were received in response to the 60-day notice. On June 30, 2026 the Commission published a 30-day notice in the Federal Register (91 FR 39609).

9. EXPLAIN ANY PAYMENT OR GIFTS TO RESPONDENTS

No payments or gifts are made to respondents.

10. DESCRIBE ANY ASSURANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY PROVIDED TO RESPONDENTS

The Commission does not provide any general assurance of confidentiality in this collection of information. However, filers may submit specific requests for confidential treatment to the extent permitted by law, as set forth in 18 CFR section 388.112.

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 collections do not contain any questions of a sensitive nature.

12. ESTIMATED BURDEN OF COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

The Commission estimates that FERC-730 involves the following burden³ and cost.⁴

A. Number of Respondents	B. Annual Number of Responses per Respondent	C. Total Number of Responses (Column A x Column B)	D. Average Burden & Cost Per Response⁵	E. Total Annual Burden Hours & Total Annual Cost (Column C x Column D)	F. Cost per Responde nt (\$) (Column E ÷ Column A)
64	1	64	30 hours; \$3,060	1,920 hours; \$195,840	\$3,060
Totals		64			

13. ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL ANNUAL COST BURDEN TO RESPONDENTS

There are no start-up or other non-labor costs.

Total Capital and Start-up cost: \$0

Total Operation, Maintenance, and Purchase of Services: \$0

All of the costs associated with this collection of information are associated with burden hours (labor) and described in Questions #12 and #15 in this supporting statement.

14. ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

³ “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.

⁴ Commission staff estimates that respondents’ hourly wages plus benefits are comparable to 2026 wages and benefits of FERC employees. Therefore, the hourly cost used in this analysis is \$102.00.

⁵ The Commission staff estimates that the industry’s hourly cost for wages plus benefits is similar to the Commission’s \$102.00 (\$213,003 annually) FY 2026 average hourly cost for wages and benefits.

The estimates of the cost for analysis and processing of filings are based on salaries and benefits for professional and clerical support. The estimated cost represents staff analysis, decision-making, and review of any actual filings submitted in response to the information collection.⁶

The PRA Administrative Cost is a Federal Cost associated with preparing, issuing, and submitting materials necessary to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) for rulemakings, orders, or any other vehicle used to create, modify, extend, or discontinue an information collection. This average annual cost includes requests for extensions, all associated rulemakings, other changes to the collection, and publications in the Federal Register.

The federal costs are summarized in the following table.

	Number of Employees (Full-Time Equivalents [FTE])	Estimated Annual Federal Cost
Analysis and Processing of Filings for FERC-730	0.35	\$66,122.70
PRA ⁷ Administrative Cost ⁸		\$8,404
FERC Total		\$74,526.70

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

An increase in burden of one burden response due to normal fluctuations.

16. TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF DATA

⁶ The FERC 2026 average salary plus benefits for one FERC full-time equivalent (FTE) is \$213,003/year (or \$102.00/hour).

⁷ Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

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There are no publication plans for the collections of information.

17. DISPLAY OF THE EXPIRATION DATE

The OMB expiration date of the FERC-730 is also posted on the form and will be updated on [Information Collections | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission](#) .

18. EXCEPTIONS TO THE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

There are no exceptions.