UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. IC26-42-000]

COMMISSION INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES (FERC-510); COMMENT REQUEST; EXTENSION

(November 13, 2026)

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of information collection 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 submitting its information collection, FERC-510 Application for Surrender of Hydropower License (OMB No 1902-0068), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. There are no proposed changes to the reporting requirements.

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due [**INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER**].

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on FERC-510 to OMB through https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRA/icrPublicCommentRequest?ref_nbr=202609-1902-001. You can also visit https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain and use the drop-down under "Currently under Review" to select the "Federal Energy Regulatory Commission" where you can see the open opportunities to provide comments. Comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice.

- Please submit a copy of your comments to the Commission via email to DataClearance@FERC.gov. You must specify the Docket No. (IC26-42-000) and the FERC Information Collection number (FERC-510) in your email. If you are unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:
- Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.
- All other delivery methods: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Docket: To view comments and issuances in this docket, please visit https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-510, Application for Surrender of a Hydropower License

OMB Control No.: 1902-0068

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-510 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: FERC-510 includes the information collection burden pursuant to sections 4(e), 6, and 13 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. sections 797(e), 799 and 806). Section 4(e) gives the Commission authority to issue licenses for the purposes of constructing, operating and maintaining dams, water conduits, reservoirs, powerhouses,

transmission lines or other power project works necessary or convenient for developing and improving navigation, transmission and utilization of power using bodies of water over which Congress has jurisdiction. Section 6 gives the Commission the authority to prescribe the conditions of licenses including the revocation or surrender of the license. Section 13 defines the Commission's authority to delegate time periods for when a license must be terminated if project construction has not begun. Surrender of a license may be desired by a licensee when a licensed project is retired or not constructed, natural catastrophes have damaged or destroyed the project facilities, or a licensee otherwise no longer wishes to hold a license.

FERC-510 is the application for the surrender of a hydropower license.[1] The information is used by Commission staff to determine the broad impact of such surrender. The Commission will issue a notice soliciting comments from the public and other agencies and conduct a review of the application before issuing an order for surrender of a license. The order is the result of an analysis of the information produced (i.e., dam safety, public safety, and environmental concerns, etc.), which is examined to determine whether any conditions must be satisfied before granting the surrender. The order implements the existing regulations and applies to surrender of any type of hydropower authorization issued by FERC and its predecessor, the Federal Power Commission.

Type of Respondents: Non-Federal (Private or Municipal) Hydropower Licensees.

[1] 18 CFR 6.1 – 6.4.

Estimate of Annual Burden[2]*:* The Commission estimates the total annual burden and cost[3] for this information collection as follows:

Number of Respondents (1)	Annual Number of Responses per Respondent (2)	Total Number of Responses (1)*(2)=(3)	Average Burden Hrs. & Cost ($) Per Response (4)	Total Annual Burden Hrs. & Total Annual Cost ($) (3)*(4)=(5)	Cost per Respondent ($) (5)÷(1)
10	1	10	80 hrs.; $8,160	800 hrs.; $81,600	$8,160

Comment Received on 60 Day Comment Period

The Commission received one comment from American Whitewater with suggestions for expanding the information required as part of the surrender application process.[4] The information requirements related to the FERC-510 are governed by the regulations at 18 CFR 6.1 which describe the content and scope of the collection. In this information collection renewal proceeding, the Commission is not currently proposing changes to these regulations. Because American Whitewater's comment proposes changes to the information collection requirements, its comments are outside of the scope of this information collection renewal process.

30 Day Notice Comments

[2] The Commission defines burden 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 CFR 1320.3.

[3] FERC estimates that industry hourly costs are similar to the Commission FY 2026 average salary plus benefits of $213,003 per year (or $102/hour).

[4] This comment is available to the public through FERC's eLibrary system by searching for the docket ID IC26-42-000.

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.

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Secretary.