

for the standby Forms EIA-857S and EIA-191S.

Significant changes proposed for the Form EIA-176 include:

(1) Changing the filing date from April 1 to March 1 following the end of the report year.

(2) Changing the extension-for-filing date from May 15 to April 1.

(3) Simplifying and clarifying the instructions, reporting requirements, and definitions of terms.

(4) Eliminating the requirement to distinguish between firm and interruptible deliveries, whether sold and delivered directly to consumers (Part V, line 5.4.1 through 5.4.6) or transported and delivered to consumers for the account of others (Part V, lines 7.4.1 through 7.4.6).

(5) Eliminating the requirement to distinguish between gas volumes delivered to commercial or industrial consumers having nonutility generation of electricity from those not generating electricity, whether sold and delivered directly to consumers (Part V, lines 5.4.2 and 5.4.3) or transported and delivered to consumers for the account of others (Part V, lines 7.4.2 and 7.4.3).

(6) Adding a requirement to report the cost or revenue for data items in Part V, 7.4.1 through 7.4.6, "Transported and delivered to consumers for the account of others," and

(7) Eliminating the short form version of the EIA-176.

Significant proposed changes to the Form EIA-857 include:

(1) Simplifying and clarifying the instructions, reporting requirements, and definitions of terms.

(2) Eliminating the requirement for respondents to distinguish between gas volumes delivered to commercial or industrial consumers having nonutility generation of electricity, whether sold and delivered directly to consumers (lines 7 through 10) or transported and delivered by consumers for the account of others (lines 14 through 17), and

(3) Adding a requirement to report revenues for all volumes of gas transported and delivered for the account of others to residential, commercial, or industrial consumers (lines 13 through 18).

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested persons are invited to comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of comments. Please indicate to which form(s) your comments apply.

General Issues

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper

performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility? Practical utility is defined as the actual usefulness of information to or for an agency, taking into account its accuracy, adequacy, reliability, timeliness, and the agency's ability to process the information it collects.

B. What enhancements can be made to the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

As a Potential Respondent

A. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions require clarification?

B. Can information be submitted by the due date?

C. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 20 hours for the annual EIA-176, 2 hours per month for the EIA-191, 3 hours per month for the EIA-857, and ½ hour per month for the EIA-895. Burden estimates for the Forms EIA-857S and EIA-191S would be determined and reported to the Office of Management and Budget at such time as the need to collect those data were invoked by the Administrator. The estimated burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide the information.

Please comment on (1) the accuracy of the agency's estimate and (2) how the agency could minimize the burden of the collecting this information, including the use of information technology.

D. The agency estimates respondents will incur no additional costs for reporting other than the hours required to complete the collection. What is the estimated: (1) Total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs; and (2) recurring annual costs of operation and maintenance, and purchase of services associated with this data collection?

E. Does any other Federal, State, or local agency collect similar information? If so, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User

A. Is the information useful at the levels of detail indicated on the form?

B. For what purpose(s) would the information be used? Be specific.

C. Are there alternate sources for the information and are they useful? If so, what are their deficiencies and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB

approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Sec. 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-519-000; FERC-519]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

March 23, 1999.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comments on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before May 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTRACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 208-2425 and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-519 (OMB No. 1902-0082) "Application for Sale, Lease or Other Docket No. IC99-519-000 Disposition, Merger or Consolidation of Facilities, or for Purchase or Acquisition of Securities of a Public Utility" is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Sections 203 and 318 of Part II of the Federal Power Act. Section 203 provides that the Commission's approval is required for transactions in which a public utility disposes of

jurisdictional facilities, merges such facilities with jurisdictional facilities owned by another person, or acquires the securities of another public utility. Under the statute, the Commission must find that a proposed transaction will be consistent with the public interest before it may approve such transaction.

Section 318 exempts certain persons from the requirements of Section 203 that would otherwise concurrently apply under the Public Utility Holding Act of 1935. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 33.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually (1)	Number of responses per respondent (2)	Average burden hours per response (3)	Total annual burden hours (1)×(2)×(3)
125	1	80 hours	10,000 hours.

The Commission anticipates a minor increase in the burden hours to be reported for FERC-519. This is a result of an increase in the Docket No. IC99-519-000 number of mergers and the disposition of electric utility generation and transmission facilities as a result of restructuring of the electric industry.

Estimated total cost burden to respondents: 10,000 hours/2,080 hours per year × \$109,889 per year = \$528,313. The cost per respondent is equal to \$4,227.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondent is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are cost incurred by an organization in support of Docket No. IC99-519-000 its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed 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 of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

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Abstract: The information collected under the requirements of FERC-520 "Application for Authority to Hold Interlocking Directorate Positions" (OMB No. 1902-0083) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act. Section 305(b) makes the holding of certain defined interlocking corporate positions unlawful unless the Commission has authorized the interlocks to be held, and requires the applicant to show in a form and manner as prescribed by the Commission, that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by the holding of the position. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Part 45.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as: