

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 726 Jackson Place N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to the Statistics and Methods Group at the address below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Herbert Miller, Statistics and Methods Group, (EI-70), Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585. Mr. Miller may be telephoned at (202) 426-1103, FAX (202) 426-1081, or e-mail at hmiller@eia.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review was:

1. EIA-882T, "Generic Clearance of Questionnaire Testing, Evaluation and Research.

2. Energy Information Administration; OMB No. 1905-0186; Extension of a Currently Approved Collection; Voluntary.

3. The EIA-882T is used to conduct pretest/pilot surveys (personal visit or face-to-face interviews, telephone interviews, mail questionnaires), focus groups, and cognitive interviews. Data are used to modify questionnaires to improve the quality of data. Samples of respondents are selected to participate.

4. Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

5. 1,000 hours (4,000 respondents \times 1 response per year \times .25 hours per response).

Statutory Authority: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-516-001, FERC-516]

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

June 7, 1999.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of January 28, 1999 (64 FR 4402) and has made this notification in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection of information are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-516 "Electric Rate Schedule Filings"
2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
3. *Control No.:* OMB No. 1902-0173.

The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection. There are decreases to the reporting burden as a result of the implementation of Order No. 888 and an increase in the number of tariff service agreements which have reduce the preparation time for filings. This a mandatory information collection requirements and the Commission does not consider the information to be confidential.

a. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in implementing the statutory provisions of Part 1, Sections 15, 19, 20, 205 and 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 808, 812, 813, 824d-f). A public utility must obtain Commission authorization for all rates and charges made, related contracts and service conditions, and for wholesale sales and transmission of energy in interstate commerce. The Commission is authorize to investigate the rates charges by public utilities subject to its jurisdiction. If after investigation the Commission determines that the rates, terms or conditions are "unjust and unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory or unduly preferential," it is authorized to determine and prescribe the just and reasonable rates, terms or conditions. Either full or abbreviated cost data is required to support the proposed rate levels as part of the justification for the complete electric rate schedules. Submission of the information is necessary because of the complexity of the electric industry and the controversial nature of many of the elements of a utility's cost to provide service. Sufficient detail must be obtained for the Commission to make informed and equitable decisions concerning the appropriate level of rates, and to aid customers and other parties who wish to challenge the rate proposed by the utility. Failure to issue these requirements would mean the Commission is not meeting its statutory obligations. The Commission implements these filing requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 18 CFR Parts 35 and 292.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average 858 companies subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 536,800 total burden hours, 858 respondents, 3.42 responses annually, 183 hours per response (average).

7. *Estimated Cost Burden to Respondents:* \$28,359,815 (536,800 hours \times \$109,889 (salary + benefits) \div 2080 work hours per year).

Authority: Sections 15, 19, 20, 205 and 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), (16 U.S.C. 808, 812, 813, 824d-f).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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